

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOHN GRISHAM.

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN;

I, John Grisham, of the County of _____, South Carolina, being in good health and of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding for which I desire to be thankful to the God of all grace - I know that it is appointed for all men to die, therefore do make this my last will and testament in manner following.

And first I recommend my soul to God who gave it in full assurance of a glorious resurrection through the merits and atonement of my gracious Redeemer Jesus Christ. My body to be decently buried without any pomp at the discretion of my Executors hereinafter named.

1st. I give and devise to my wife Elizabeth Grisham my house and tract of land whereon I now live except the field on the west side of Mile Creek, during her natural life if she lives on it but not to be rented by her. I also give and bequeath to my said wife during her life or widowhood, my mare, one cow and calf, two beds with furniture & bedstead, and kitchen and household furniture & plantation tools to the amount of Fifty dollars of such as she may select. The devise and bequest above to be taken in lieu of dower - or in case she prefers her dower in my lands then I give her her wearing apparel and nothing else as that alone is worth more than what she brought into my Estate.

2d. I give and bequeath to my wife's Grand daughter named Sarah Hix the orphan child of Airy Watson - the legacy due to the said Airy Watson from me as Administrator of Thomas Watson in case the other children of Thomas Watson do not claim Airy's part to be divided between them, and the amount of said legacy I desire may be made out of my estate and by my Executors put out to interest till call'd for but I do not expect to pay any interest on the legacy as I have raised and educated the said Airy & have raised the orphan child Sarah Hix.

3d. I give, devise and bequeath to my beloved children

all the residue and remainder of my Estates both real and personal of every kind and in every place - I have given my four daughters each something and my four sons very little and some of them nothing, but as the daughters are more feeble than the boys and as what I have to give now after paying my debts will be but a trifle, I desire that it be equally divided to Joseph Grisham, Elizabeth M- Daniel, Lucinda Craig, Frances Hammond, John Grisham, William Grisham Melinda Grisham and Reuben Grisham, or their children share and share alike. I direct the field on the West side of the Creek to be rented as long as my wife lives at my present dwelling, and then the plantation whereon I now live to be sold all together or separate at the discretion of my Executors - and that all my other property be sold at the time & on the terms my Executors may think best,

Lastly I hereby nominate and appoint my sons Joseph Grisham and Reuben Grisham Executors of this my last will & testament hereby revoking all other wills & testaments by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the first day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty six.

Signed sealed declared and published by the above named John Grisham, the Testator as & for his last will & testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence have subscribed our names as witnesses.

JOHN GRISHAM. (SEAL)

JAMES DOUTCH,
BENJAMIN HAMMOND,
MILES M. DUNN,

SOUTH CAROLINA. }
PICKENS DISTRICT. }

Be it remembered that the annexed will of John Grisham, dec'd. was proven by the oath of Miles M. Dunn one of the subscribing witnesses to the same this sixth day of July, Anno Domini 1855. At the same time qualified Joseph Grisham Executor to the same.

JAS. H. DENDY, C.P.D. (SEAL)

RECORDED in Pickens District Ordinarie Office Will Book

No. 1, pages 41 & 2 and examined by me.

J. H. DENDY, Cr. P.D.