

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN:

I, Jephthah Norton of the District of Pickens and State of South Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, but feeling that according to the course of nature my natural life is drawing to a close, and being desirous to dispose of such worldly goods as it hath pleased the great Ruler of all things to bless me with, in a suitable and satisfactory manner: Do hereby make and constitute this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all others heretofore made.

First. I give my soul to God who gave it, and desire that my body be decently buried under the direction of my beloved wife and children and that my Executors hereinafter named shall defray the expenses thereof out of the first money which may come into their hands.

Second. I desire that my said Executors do collect all debts due to me, and pay all debts which I may owe as soon as convenient after my death.

Third. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth Norton (should she survive me) the plantation or tract of land whereon we now live on Keowee River at Craven's Ford, my negro man Orel and his wife Ariet and their children, and their future increase, a good farm horse the buggy we now own, six cows & calves, if she should want that many, one sow and pigs, ten head of best hogs, ten head of sheep if I have that many left, all my household and kitchen furniture and farming tools, or as much or many of both as she may need or desire to keep, and one thousand dollars in cash, all for her use, benefit and support during her natural life; and at her death to be disposed of by my Executors as hereinafter directed and provided. I also give and bequeath to my said wife an abundance of provisions and provender for herself and family and stock, during the remainder of the year of my death.

Fourth. I will and bequeath to my beloved son Miles M. Norton after the time of the death of my wife as aforesaid, or on her declining to keep house, my said tract of land and plantation whereon I now

live, on Keowee River at Craven's Ford, at the price of three thousand dollars, at which price he is to account on settlement of my estate.

Fifth. I will and desire that my said Executors shall sell at public outcry, all my lands, negroes and other property of every description, except that heretofore disposed of, on the usual or most advantageous terms & the proceeds of which, together with cash on hand and money collected, to divided equally between my six children, viz, Licena Alexander one sixth part, Miles M. Horton one sixth part, John B. and Celena J. Sitton one sixth part, Elijah E. & Vinetta Alexander one sixth part, James & Eliza Jane Hunter one sixth part, and John B. & Elizabeth A. Benson one sixth part, and that Louisa and children the family of negroes already given to my grandson Gustavus A. Taylor be delivered up to him as his share of my estate, together with other things heretofore given him.

Sixth. I will and desire that at the death of my said wife, or in case of her declining to keep house and desiring it, that my said Executors shall sell as heretofore directed as to my other property, all the property before devised to my wife (except the tract of land hereinbefore devised,) and divide the proceeds (together with the money remaining which was left for her use) equally amongst my said six children hereinbefore named, provided, that in case of the said property being sold at the request of my wife, she shall be entitled to the use of the proceeds thereof for her support during her natural life.

Seventh. I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my beloved son and son-in-law Miles M. Horton and John B. Sitton my Executors to carry out this my last Will and Testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same.

WITNESS my hand and seal this the fourth day of February A. D.

1858.

Signed, sealed, acknowledged  
and published in presence of

JEPHTHA HORTON. (SEAL)

J. N. LAWRENCE.

D. S. CRAIG.

LEVI N. ROBINS.

WITNESSES, I, Jephtha Norton of the State of South Carolina and District of Pickens, having made my last Will and Testament in writing bearing date 4th February A. D. 1858 in and by which I have willed and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth Norton One thousand dollars and ten hogs, one horse, now therefore I do by this my writing which I declare to be a Codicil to my said Will and Testament, and to be taken as part thereof; Order and declare that my will is that my beloved wife Elizabeth Norton, have five hundred dollars instead of one thousand, and in lieu of ten hogs, all of my stock of hogs, two farm horses in lieu of one.

And I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my beloved son-in-law E. E. Alexander and my beloved nephew and trusty friend Levi N. Robins, my Executors to assist the Executors heretofore appointed by me, or that as many, or as few of them as is most convenient, act.

WITNESS my hand and seal 22nd January A. D. 1862.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged

(Enterlined with two horses instead of one before signed).

in presence of

I. T. BARRON.

M. J. ROBINS.

S. E. MOSS.

JEPHTHA NORTON. (SEAL)

SOUTH CAROLINA. )

PICKENS DISTRICT. )

PERSONALLY appeared Levi N. Robins who being duly sworn saith on oath, that he was present and did see Jephtha Norton sign and seal the foregoing Will as and for his last Will and Testament, and that J. N. Lawrence & D. S. Craig were present and with himself witnessed the same, and that they all three signed their names as witnesses thereto in presence of each other and the testator.

SWORN to before me February 17th, 1862.

LEVI N. ROBINS.

W. E. HOLCOMBE, C.P.D.

SOUTH CAROLINA. )

PICKENS DISTRICT. )

PERSONALLY appeared Isaac T. Barron, who being duly sworn saith on oath that he was present and did see Jephtha Norton sign and seal the Codicil annexed to his last Will and Testament, and that M. J. Robins and S. E. Moss were present and with himself witnessed the same and that they all three signed their names as witnesses thereto in presence of each other and the testator.

I. T. BARRON.

SWORN to before me February 17th, 1862.

W. E. HOLCOMBE, C.P.D.