

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office, this 1st day of May, 1861. AMEN.

I, John Clayton of said District being of sound and disposing mind and memory, but weak in body and calling to mind the uncertainty of life and being desirous to dispose of all such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with do make and ordain this my last will in manner following, that is to say -

I desire first that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid and after the payment of my debts and funeral expenses I give to my wife Hannah Clayton the plantation I now live upon during her widowhood or until my son Robert Carter arrives at the age of nineteen then he to draw one-fourth part of said land & when Stephen Garrison, my second son arrives at the age nineteen he to have one-fourth part of said land and when my daughter Margaret K. and my son Jesse M. arrives each at the age of nineteen they draw their <sup>fourth</sup> part likewise of said land, and I desire my neighbors George Miller, Anthony Stewart & Alexander Allgood to divide it into four equal parts and my children above named will decide by lot which fourth part they are to get and I desire my wife to remain on the part that the houses are on & the child that draws that part is to live with his or her mother. But should they not agree my child to give place to my wife and I desire that my wife keep in possession for the support of the family all the negroes on the place except three hereafter named, all my stock of every description except four head of horses which will be named hereafter, and I desire that if my family does not make a support on the place that the negroes that will not work be hired out.

I give to my daughter Sarah Ann in addition to what I have already given her a negro boy named James Henry.

And to my son John Thomas in addition to what he has had I give a negro boy named Dick.

And to my daughter Mary Elizabeth, besides what she has had I

Georgia, and Two hundred dollars in money.

And I give my daughter Sarah Ann the notes on James & Andrew Hughs and the balance of the tract of land adjoining the land I sold them.

And to my son John Thomas I give the Mill tract of land the Schoolhouse branch being the line, and a note on Benson Stephens for Three hundred and twenty-one dollars, and all of the Betty tract of land lying on the west side of the School House Branch and the balance of said tract to be considered a part of the tract I live on.

To my Robert Carter I give the negroes Harriet, George & Bob and one sorrel colt, two feather beds, bedsteads & furniture two cows and calves Rifle gun & shot bag, sow and pigs set plates cups & saucers spoons knives & forks 2 pots 1 oven sifter bread tray & water pail and wash tub and each of my three younger children to have the same quantity of household and kitchen furniture and stock that I give my son Robert Carter.

And I give to my son Stephen Garrison the negroes Arch, Amey & Jim.

And to my daughter Margaret K. I give Jack, Mary & Ell.

And to my son Jesse M. I give the negroes Ben, Ann & Andrews, and to each of my four young children I give a saddle, bridle and blanket and a plain walnut table.

I desire further that if there should be any increase with the negroes that I have given to my four younger children before they arrive at the age of nineteen years the said increase to be equally divided amongst all of my children, and if any of the negroes that I have given to my four youngest children should die before the child comes to the age of twenty-four the loss to be made good by all my children each their part.

I desire that the four horses excepted above named two studs & two mares one a large sorrel mare & the other a brown be sold on twelve months credit and the cash on hand & notes to be collected and to be equally divided amongst all of my children, these of age to

receive their part when collected, the balance put out on interest and the children under age to draw their part at the age of nineteen and if my wife should be alive when the younger children arrives at the age of nineteen she keep back for her use for at least five years of the negroes of each of the year children. Then and that the younger children always shall, as long as she lives, furnish my wife with a negro woman to wait on her, and all things not mentioned to remain on the place for the use of the farm.

And lastly I do constitute my wife Hannah Clayton Executrix and my friend Alexander Allgood Executor of this my last will and testament by me heretofore made.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this twenty-fourth day of August in the year eighteen hundred & forty-six.

Signed sealed published and de-

clared in the presence of us -

JOHN CLAYTON. (SEAL)

Wm. HUNTER.  
THOMAS B. MILLER.  
ANTHONY STEWART.

SOUTH CAROLINA.  
PICKENS DISTRICT. }

PERSONALLY appeared before me Anthony Stewart & made oath in due form of law that he was present & did see John Clayton sign the within as his last will and testament and that Wm. Hunter & Thomas B. Miller were with himself subscribing witnesses to the same.

SWORN to before me  
16th October, 1846.

ANTHONY STEWART.

W. D. STEELE, O.P.D.

BE IT REMEMBERED that the within will of John Clayton, deceased, was proven in common form by the oath of Anthony Stewart, a subscribing witness to the same on the 16th day of October, 1846.

W. D. STEELE, O.P.D.

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