

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN:

I, John Craig, of Pickens District in the State of South Carolina, being of sound mind and disposing memory, and knowing that it is appointed for all to die, do make and constitute this my last will and testament.

And first I give my soul to God in the hope of a glorious immortality through the merits of a Crucified Saviour and my body to be decently interred without pomp or any extravagance.

And as regards the worldly goods with which God has blessed me with it is my will & desire & I do hereby positively direct and order them to be disposed of in the following manner & no other.

1st. That all my lawful debts be paid as soon as it conveniently can be done.

2nd. I give and bequeath to my loving wife Catharine during her natural life, all my negroes of every age & sex horses cattle hogs, & not herein otherwise disposed of, also the land where I now live with all the household & kitchen furniture and farming utensils and after her decease the land above mentioned to belong to my son Arthur together with the farming utensils on said land. The four following negroes my wife will dispose of as she may think best as they came by her father, (to wit) Sally & her son Sam, Susan and her daughter Caty.

3rd. W. H. Craig. I give and bequeath to my son William H. Craig a negro boy by name prince which he now has in his possession which is in full of all that I intend him from the proceeds of my estate forever.

Patsey 4th. I give and bequeath to my daughter Patsey a negro girl named Charlotte & all her offspring which she now has in possession.

Arthur 5th. I give and bequeath to my son Arthur two negro boys Henry & Thornton which he now has in his possession.

Peggy 6th. I give and bequeath to my daughter Pegga one negro girl by name Willaby which she now has in her possession.

Robert 7th. I give and bequeath to my son Robert two negro boys by name Thomas & Newton which are now in his possession.

Polly 8th. I give and bequeath ~~my~~ daughter Polly one negro girl Abigail.

Sally W. 9th. I give and bequeath to my daughter Sally W. one negro girl named Minta which she now has in her possession.

10th. I give and bequeath to my daughter Cath. Brown one negro girl by name Cael, ~~which~~ she now has in her possession.

Jinsy 11th. I give and bequeath to my daughter Jinsy one negro girl by name Rachel which she now has in possession.

12th. After the decease of my wife it is my desire that my executors do choose 3 disinterested freeholders to appraise the remainder of my property negroes cattle &c and it to be equally divided between the following named grandchildren after paying for the Bibles which will be afterwards named. 1st. John M. Lawrence. 2nd. Robert Craig, Jun'r. 3rd. John M. Boon. 4. Lawrence C. P. Craig. 5.W. N. Craig. 6th. Jinsey's children. 7th. Cathrine Gibson oldest son. 8th. Sally Knox first born child. 9th. To my daughter Polly.

13th. I do hereby obligath my executors to give unto every grandchild that I have on this earth a bible to the value of one dollar with this inscription in it & also my name and the name of the child -

"Remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth. Search the Scriptures in them are the words of eternal life."

14th. I do hereby appoint my wife my executrix & my sons Robert & Arthur my lawful executors of this my last will and testament revoking all other wills by me made heretofore.

15th. This injunction I put on my son Robert & Arthur. The swords and pistols I purchased for them are not to be unsheathed only in self defence or in defence of State rights & State remedies.

In witness whereof I have sett my hand & seal this ----- day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty five

We being called on by John Craig to witness this his last will & testament have in presence of each other and in presence of the Testator subscribed the same as witnesses.

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JOHN X CRAIG. (SEAL)

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SOUTH CAROLINA.)

PICKENS DISTRICT.)

By Jas. H. Dendy, Ordinary P. D.:

Be it Remembered that the within last will of John Craig deceased was proven in common form by the oath of Silas Kirksey, one of the subscribing witnesses to the same the 15th day of January 1842.

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

RECORDED Ordinaries Office, Pickens District, Will Book
No. 1, page 74 and 75. Examined by me,

JAS. H. DENDY, O.P.D.