

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN:

I, John Swafford of Pickens District in the State of South Carolina, being weak in body but of sound and disposing mind and memory and knowing it is once appointed for man to die and being desirous to dispose of my worldly estate which it hath pleased God to bless me with do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following, viz:

I recommend my soul to God who gave it to me and my body to be decently interred.

ITEM 1st. I desire all my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid out of my estate by my Executors hereinafter named.

ITEM 2nd. I have heretofore given to my Daughter Mary Rogers all I intend for her to have except one bed and furniture and one small one-horse wagon worth twenty-five dollars which is to be given to her at my death and my wife Reeda Swafford.

ITEM 3rd. I have heretofore given by deed of gift to my Grandson John M. Alexander what I intend for him to have.

ITEM 4th. I have heretofore given by deed of gift to my Granddaughter Eleanor S. Alexander what I intend for her to have.

ITEM 5th. I give and bequeath to my daughter Airy Bell the part of the tract of land whereon I now live beginning on a Ash corner on Stamp Creek Millers and my corner thence across the bend of the Creek to the Creek again on a Beach on the West side of the Creek, thence up the Creek to a Walnut tree on the W. side of said Creek, from thence to a Mulberry in the field, marked, thence a straight line to a Pine knot corner on the original line where A. Wilson's and my land corners, it being the West end of said tract, which said land is given to my said Daughter Airy during her natural life and at her death to the heirs of her body only. I also give and bequeath to my said daughter Airy the following negro slaves - Tom a boy about eleven years old, Rachael a negro girl about nine years of age, and Burgen a boy about four years of age which said negroes I give to my

daughter Airy and their increase to her natural life and at her death to the heirs of her body only, which said land and negroes not to be responsible for any liabilities, debts or contracts made by her husband John Bell. I further bequeath to my said daughter Airy the one-half of all my stock horses cattle sheep money debts accounts household and kitchen furniture and ~~and~~ thing not particularly named that may be left at my death and the death of my wife Reeda.

~~I also~~ I give and bequeath to my daughter Ellen Hinnicutt all the balance of the tract of land whereon I now live lying on Stamp Creek adjoining the portion I gave to Mary Rogers and the portion I bequeath to Airy Bell containing ---- acres to her heirs and assigns forever. I also give and bequeath to my said daughter Ellen Hinnicutt the following negro slaves: Mint about thirty years old and his wife Viney about twenty-eight years of age, and her infant child not yet named about four months of age, and their future increase. To her her heirs and assigns forever. I also give and bequeath to my said daughter ~~Ellen~~ the one-half of all my stock of horses cattle sheep hogs & also all my cash notes books of account, household and kitchen furniture plantation tools and one-half of every other ~~article~~ and thing not particularly named to her heirs and assigns forever, which said property heretofore bequeathed shall remain in my possession during my natural life and at my death to my wife Reeda during her natural life and at the death of both of us the said property to be by my Executors hereinafter named delivered agreeable to the tenor and effect of the said will.

ITEM Vth. I nominate constitute and appoint my trusty friends Miles M. Norton and Robert Craig my Executors to carry this will into effect.

In testimony whereunto I have set my hand and affixed my seal this 13th day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six. (1856), and Eighteenth Eightieth year of American Independence.

JOHN SWAFFORD. (SEAL)

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SIGNED, sealed published and declared to be the last will and Testament of John Swafford hereby revoking all former will or wills heretofore by me made. In the presence of us.

T. J. KEITH.
J. H. LAWRENCE.
GEO. M. KEITH.
E. M. KEITH.

CODICIL 1st.

I, John Swafford do hereby make and ordain this Codicil to be my last will and Testament, that is to say, I give to my daughter Mary Rogers one bed and furniture and no more she having been advanced by me in my lifetime to be delivered to her at my death and the death of my wife Reeda, and that so far as Item 2nd in my said will is inconsistent herewith the same is hereby revoked and cancelled.

SIGNED sealed acknowledged and published as a Codicil to the foregoing will of John Swafford in presence of us this 10th day of May A. D. 1864.

JOHN SWAFFORD. (SEAL)

E. M. KEITH.
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J. H. LAWRENCE.
GEO. M. KEITH.

SOUTH CAROLINA.)
PICKENS DISTRICT.)

PERSONALLY appeared Joseph Bennett before me, and being duly sworn saith on oath that he has seen John Swafford, Dec'd sign his name and from a comparison of his signature to this will and codicil with his signature to a paper now in my hands I believe the signature to the will and codicil to be the hand writing of John Swafford.

SWORN to before me January 11th 1864.

JOSEPH BENNETT.

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