

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN:

I, Joshua Mansell, being in a low state of health though of a sound and full disposing mind; Also calling to mind the uncertainty of life and knowing the certainty of death also having a desire to dispose of my worldly goods & chattels to my satisfaction whilst I am now in proper sense, Doe ordain and make this my last Will & Testament.

First, after all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid Doe will and bequeath to my wife Mahala Mansell One hundred acres of land to include my houses as follows enduring her widow or natural life time the land marks commencing on a holly bush near above the Spring call and known as my Old Spring thence across the branch a westerly course to a white oak on the bluff near the branch thence North down the Spring branch leaving all the bottom land out within about three rods of Georges Creek near the mouth of said Spring branch thence a straight line to the rock corner on the Table Mountain road thence bounde by the said road South to the Methodist Camp Ground thence to a gum corner of said Camp Ground thence along said line to the Greenville road as far as sufficient to have said hundred acres as near a square as possible thence North a straight line as far as a field said the Austain Day field thence taking all the enclosures running along a hedge row to a hollow thence a straight line to the commencing holly bush leaving the said Spring out.

I also will & bequeath one negro woman called Matilda & one negro boy called Laurence (Matilda and increase) to my beloved wife together with all my stock farming utensils household & kitchen furniture of every description with the exception of what is hereafter named to wit, one horse choice all the cattle hogs sheep, &c., with the corn, bacon wheat fodder oats now on hand together with the privilege of the present years crop free of rent on all of my lands all of which I will & bequeath to my beloved wife enduring her natural lifetime or widow. After which I divide the same and increase to my six youngest children

viz, Cumilla, Jane, Tinsa, Emmer, Thomas Fletcher, Abi, Baily, Malinda Alice Mansells to be sold & equally divided at the death or widow.

I also will & bequeath to my beloved wife Mahala Mansell all my hand no. to collect and distribute at her pleasure. Also my one horse waggon to said wife & harness.

2nd. I will & bequeath to oldest son John B. Mansell & my third son Addison Mansell the remainder of my land to be divided at their pleasure. After my wife takes choice of the horse the other horse I devise to said oldest son John B. Mansell also my double barreled shot gun & equipage also my blacksmith tools. To my before named son Addison Mansell my rifle gun and equipage. So concludes my will respecting John and Addison.

To my second son Westly Mansell I will and bequeath one negro girl named Ester the oldest daughter of Matilda.

To my daughter Sarah Trotter & husband John R. Trotter I will and bequeath one negro girl named Hannah 2nd daughter of Matilda.

To my second daughter Anny Mansell I will and bequeath one negro girl Permelia youngest or third daughter of Matilda. Which includes all of my real and personal property belonging to me at this time.

In witness whereof I doe hereunto set my hand and affix my seal this the sixth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four and in the Seventy eighth year of the Independence of the United States of America.

SIGNED in the presence of

JOSHUA MANSELL. (SEAL)

JOSHUA JAMESON.
REUBEN ELLIS.
GIDEON ELLIS.

CODICIL.

WHEREAS I Joshua Mansell, the testator of the annexed Will still being in a low state of health though of still strong sound mind & remembering that I have neglected to appoint an Executor to the said Will doe appoint my trusty friend and brother-in-law Judge G. Ferguson my lawful Executor to this my last Will & Testament.

In witness whereof I doe hereunto set my hand and seal the

9th day of May in the year of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ 1854,
and in the seventy eighth year of the Independence of the United States
of America.

SIGNED in the presence of

GIDEON ELLIS.

JOSHUA MANSELL.

(SEAL)

JOHN FERGUSON.

REUBEN ELLIS.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.)

PICKENS DISTRICT.)

PERSONALLY appeared Gideon Ellis, Sen'r, and made oath in
due form of law that he was present and did see Joshua Mansell sign
seal and publish the above as his last will and testament and that
Joshua Jameson and Reuben Ellis was present and was witness to the
same and they all together did subscribe their names as witnesses to
the same in presence of each other and the testator, and that him-
self and John Ferguson and Reuben Ellis were all together subscribing
witnesses to the annexed Codicil.

GIDEON ELLIS.

SWORN to before me the 5th June 1854.

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