

PICKENS DISTRICT.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN:

I, Joshua Roper, being in a low state of health yet having a sound and disposing mind and calling to mind the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, also having a desire to dispose of my worldly goods and chattels in a proper manner and to my satisfaction, do make and ordain this my last will and testament -

First, after all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid I will and bequeath to my wife Mary Roper all my household and kitchen furniture together with all my farming implements except such as are unnecessary for her use them to be sold also my stock consisting of Horses, Cattle & Hogs poultry &c. for her use enduring her natural lifetime or widow after that to the other heirs if any remaining. Also to my son Absalom Roper I will all the land on the East side of the well known Town Creek enduring his mother's lifetime and also direct him to give my wife his mother a good maintenance from the proceeds of the same enduring said time after that said Absalom is to pay my hereafter named Executor One hundred dollars to be divided amongst the other heirs who have no part in the land then all rights and privileges to him forever of the said land further I will all the land on the west side of said Creek to my two sons Charles and Samuel Roper to be divided as follows ; beginning at Absalom's footlog thence to a corner on the Rocky Branch which I made to my son Joshua sometime ago, thence on said line to the top of the hill continuing to the back line Samuel having the lower end which he now lives on Charles the upper and the part I once sold to Joshua which land they are to have enduring their mother's life free of impediment then to pay to my estate one hundred dollars each to be divided betwixt my other children who have no part in the land. Each of said sons, Charles & Samuel to have three years after my death to pay for said land then all rights members and appurtenances to them forever. All the remaining property and money if any together with the money for

the land to be equally divided betwixt Alfred, William, Singleton & Joshua Roper and Rutha Crow, Eleanor Spearman, Syntha Crain & Mary Byers.

I have given to my son Alfred Roper one cow worth Ten dollars which is to be counted in his share.

I have given to my son Singleton Roper one mare worth Twenty dollars to be counted in his share.

Further, I appoint my son-in-law James Spearman Executor to this my last will and testament whereof I do hereunto set my hand and seal this the seventh day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three.

Test: J. G. FERGUSON,
JAMES MAJOR,
JOHN W. MAJOR.

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JOSHUA x ROPER. (SEAL)
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SOUTH CAROLINA.)

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PERSONALLY appeared Judge J. Ferguson and made oath in due form of law that he did see Joshua Roper late of Pickens District, deceased, sign, seal and publish the within to be his last will and testament and that James Major and John W. Major was present and saw the same and that they all did sign their names as witnesses to the same in presence of each other and the testator.

SWORN to before me this

3rd day of March, 1856.

J. G. FERGUSON.

W. J. PARSONS, O.P.D.