

PICKENS C'T HOUSE, FEBRUARY 21st., 1856.

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN;

I, William L. Keith of Pickens county in the State of S. Carolina, being weak and feeble and knowing it is appointed for man to die and having a desire 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 following, Viz -

1st. I desire that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid out of my estate by my Executrix and Executors after my death.

2nd. I have heretofore given my son Elliott M. Keith an education and property what I intend for him to have at present.

3rd. I have heretofore given my son Marvelle L. Keith an education and property what I intend for him to have except three hundred dollars I direct my Executrix and Executors to pay him as soon as convenient in place of the office I built for him and the small piece of land I intended for him.

4th. I have heretofore given my daughter Eliza A. Earle what property I intend for her at present.

5th. Elizabeth J. Allen who is dead and left one heir Elizabeth L. Allen about four years of age is provided for out of the property that was heretofore given to her mother, by Trust deed. I desire that her Trustee take the said Trust property and sell the males and hire the females or sell them as the Trustee may think best and keep the money at interest for the said E. L. Allen until she comes of age.

6th. I have heretofore given to my son Thomas J. Keith what property I intend for him to have except he is to have two hundred dollars to be paid to him out of my estate when it convenient. Also two cows and calves and one bed and furniture, by my Executrix and Executors to make him equal to the balance of his brothers sisters.

7th. I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Mary J. Keith my negro girl Chain Jinny and her child Joe and Potts two children Joe and Lucy, one gold watch worth one hundred dollars, one good horse,

two cows and calves and two beds and furniture to her and her heirs and assigns forever.

8th. I will and bequeath to my son William C. Keith my negro boy Bob and negro girl Nancy and five hundred dollars in money and all his expenses to be paid by my Executrix and Executors until he graduates and one bed and furniture and two cows and calves and one good horse.

9th. I give and bequeath to my beloved son John R. Keith my negro boy Bill and Betsey and at his mother's death I give him my Colenoy plantation containing one hundred and fifty acres and a small tract adjoining known as the Hinvarry tract containing eighty acres more or less to him and his heirs and assigns with the following proviso he is not to have possession of the said land until his mother's death, also one bed and furniture a good horse and two cows and calves.

10th. I give and bequeath to my beloved grandson Calhoun William Keith Five hundred dollars in money to be paid to his father E. M. Keith by my Executrix and Executors as soon as convenient and his father to keep it on interest until the said C. W. Keith arrives at full age and then to pay it to him with the interest.

11th. I give and bequeath to my beloved grandson Broadwell William Keith five hundred dollars in money to be paid to his father Marville L. Keith by my Executrix and Executors as soon as convenient and his father to keep it at interest until the said B. W. Keith arrives at full age and then to be paid to him with the interest.

12th. I give and bequeath to my beloved grandson William Robertson Keith Earle five hundred dollars in money to be paid to his father James W. Earle by my Executrix and Executors as soon as convenient and his father to keep it at interest until the said W. R. Earle arrives of full age and then to pay it to him with the interest.

13th. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth Brown Keith all the balance of my real estate, all lands or parts of lands now owned as belonging to me in any way whatsoever, together with all my slaves or negroes that is not disposed of in this instrument together with all my stock of all kinds and description. Also all my

household furniture plantation tools and every other thing that belongs to me of every kind or description that is not disposed of in this instrument during her life or widowhood with the following intentions. That she be at full liberty at any time during her single life to swap, sell, devise as she may think fit any of said property devised to her and if the said property becomes anyway burdensome or ungovernable to make a sale and sell off such portion as she and the Executors may think best. I further direct my said wife and Executors that if any of the property devised to my son William or Daughter Mary or son John should die before they arrive of full age and receive it I direct it to be made up to them out of my estate by other property to the value of the property so dead or valueless. I further direct my said wife Elizabeth not to sell my Cheohee plantation during her life unless it can be sold for Ten thousand dollars or more and I desire my Executors, if the said Cheohee plantation is not sold by my wife and then before her death if they think it advisable to let the said tract of land lie for ten years if they think it best for the interest of the estate. Should my said wife marry I only give and bequeath to her my Colenoy plantation, Darby and Patt his wife old Chaney Lucy and her children Jenny and Jinney and Ben and as much stock as will support the place to have during her life and at her death to be sold and equally divided between my seven children, viz, Elliott, Marville, Eliza, Thomas, William, Mary and John. I further direct my said wife Elizabeth to try and make my children as equal as she can should any of my children become diseased that is not of full years and becomes unable to make a support that she provide from as she thinks best for their benefit. I direct my said wife to set old Chaney at full liberty at her death, and she is provided for and the other old servants put them in as easy circumstances as she can. Should my said wife remain single dur-

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Keith my Executrix and my sons Elliott M. Keith and my son Thomas J. Keith my Executors of this my last will and testament to carry the same into effect agreeable to the meaning of the said will.

In testimony whereunto I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this _____ day of _____ 19____ and declared to be my last will and testament of William L. Keith hereby revoking all former wills heretofore by me made.

In presence of us

W. L. KEITH. (S222)

THOS. R. BRACKENRIDGE.

JAMES GEORGE.

M. F. MITCHELL.

WESLEY PHILLIPS.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

PICKENS DISTRICT.

PERSONALLY appeared James George and made oath in due form of law that he saw William L. Keith late of Pickens District sign seal and publish the foregoing to be his last will and testament, and that Thomas R. Brackenridge, M. F. Mitchell and Wesley Phillips with himself in the presents of each other and the testator signed their names as witnesses thereto.

SWORN to before me the thirteenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.

JAMES GEORGE.

W. J. PARSONS, C.P.D.

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