

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN;

I, William Simpson, of the State of South Carolina, Pickens District - being weak in body but of sound mind and disposing memory do make ordain and constitute this my last will and testament.

Principally and first of all I give my Soul into the hand of mighty God that gave it - my body I recommend to the earth to be buried at the discretion of my Executors and touching such worldly estate as it hath been pleased God to bless me with in this life -

I give the whole of what property I may die in possession of after all my just debts are paid unto my beloved wife Rebeckah to be and remain hers during her natural life or widowhood and at her decease or marriage I give and dispose of the same in the following in the following manner and form -

I give unto the widow Levina Vanzant Six hundred dollars. I give unto each one of her children five hundred dollars. I give unto John W. Cassaway one hundred and fifty dollars and a note I hold on him for three hundred and fifty dollars. I give unto Clayton Jenkins a tract of land lying on Ramseys Creek whereon he formerly did live - the balance of my lands the ballance of my lands I give unto Levina's three sons Jay Wm. George and Thomas. I give unto Grafton Jenkins Daughter Rebeckah one hundred dollars. I give J. W. Cassaway's youngest son Joseph Simpson one hundred dollars. All the rest of the estate to be sold - except household and kitchen furniture which is to be disposed of as my wife may think proper the negroes families not to be parted no more than can be helped, also the negroes to have some choice in choosing their masters - if at a reduced price - when all is sold and divided as above directed what ever ballance there may be (if any) to be made use of for the education of pious young men for the Ministry and for the spread of the Gospel, to be disposed of as my Executors may think best for the advancement of true Religion throughout the world. And I do make ordain and constitute my trusty friend the Rev'd Joseph Grisham my Executor to carry this my last will and

testament into execution according to my true intent and meaning -
and I hereby utterly disallow revoke and disannul all former wills
testaments or bequeaths ratifying and confirming this and no other
last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this
eighth day of June 1844.

In presents of

JOHN ADAIR.

WILLIAM SIMPSON. (SEAL)

W. T. HOLLAND.

JOHN C. AYERS.

SOUTH CAROLINA.)

PICKENS DISTRICT.)

The above and within was proven (in common form) by John Adair
Esquire to be the last will and testament of Wm. Simpson, Esquire,
Dec'd.

SWORN & Examined before me

JOHN ADAIR.

10th October 1844.

WILLIAM D. STEELE, Ordinary P. D.

Also qualified Joseph Grisham as Executor of this will, 10th
October, 1844.

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WILLIAM D. STEELE, O.P.D.