

WILL OF

JOHN BELTON SR.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.***-----

In the Name of God Amen. I John Belton of the County of Richland Surveyor, Being in Health of Body and of perfect Mind and Memory, thanks be given to God calling unto Mind the Mortality of my Body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament that is to say, first of all I give my Soul into the hand of Almighty God that ~~gives~~ it, and my Body I recommend to the Earth, to be Buried in decent Christian Burial at the Discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at the ~~general~~ resurrection I shall receive the same again by the Mighty power of God, and as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give, devise and dispose of in the following Manner and Form.

First I desire that all my just Debts be paid by my Executors hereafter Named, Secondly that my Waggon and three mules and gray horse be kept for the use of my plantation, With as many of the plantation tools as my Executors shall think necessary for working the same Thirdly I give Bequeath unto my three youngest Children, that is to my Daughter Martha Belton Christine Belton and my Son James English Belton to be Equally divided Between them, all my stock of the Cattle and all the Steers of the Cattle to be for the use of the whole of my Family, and that my Bay mare Called Cate shall be kept to breed for my three youngest Children Via Martha Christine and my Son James E. Belton and that all her increase shall be Equally divided Between them and no division Be made of her increase till my Son James E. Belton Arrive to the age of ten years the Lord permitting him to live till then, Fourthly, I desire that my three eldest daughters have the Mare fillys goes under their Names Exclusive of their Equal Dividend of the remaining part of my Estate.

Fifthly, I desire that the remaining part of my Estate Both real and personal be Equally Divided Between my

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Seven Children, Vis Mary Belton Ann Belton Rebecca
Belton Elizabeth Belton Martha Belton Christine Belton
and James English Belton, share and share alike, and if
any of the above Children should die Married, or Before
they Come of Age that thier part of the Estate shall
and be Equally divided amongst the surviving Children share
and share alike, and I do further desire of my Executors
that no Division be made Between Children till the full
of whole year be expired, or as my Executors
shall think it Best for the benefit of my Children.

And lastly I do hereby appoint and Constitute My Will
beloved Brother Abraham Belton and my Brotherinlaw
Joshua English and my Friend John Milhouse Jun'r to be
the Executors of this my last will and Testament, and that
they shall have full power and shall be lawfull for them,
and that thier title stand good in law.
to sell any part or the whole of my real Estate of Land,
any part of them, Excepting and quarter of an acre of
ground where my Son John Belton is Buryed, which
Plot or Parcel of ground shall be for Ever Kept for the
Use of a burying place for any of the family that shall
think proper to be interred there, Excepting the Bodies
of such as should be Buried there should be removed to
Garden and there Reburied in the graveyard amongst thier
friends, and I do hereby utterly disallow revoke and
disannul all and every other former Testament Wills
Legacies Bequests and Executors by me in any ways before
named Willed and bequeathed, ratifying and confirming
this and no other to be my last Will and Testament In
Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal
this Seventh day of February in the Year of our Lord
One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety and in the Fourteenth
Year of the American Independence.

Signed sealed and declared
by the Said John Belton
as his last Will and Testament
in the presence of us

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Ripley Singleton

Eli Ross

John Belton

John English

RICHLAND COUNTY)
CLERK OFFICE)

Recorded in Book E. P. 144 to

146 and E .c.d. the 15th day of September 1790

Phil .Pearson C.C.

RICHLAND COUNTY)

AUGUST TERM 1790

The within Last Will & Testament of John Belton
Deceased was produced in open Court and duly proven
upon the Evidence of John English and ordered to be
Recorded.

Recorded in Will Book E.

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