

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

To all whom it may concern , I Benjamin Hart of Columbia and State aforesaid, do make and declare this my last will and testament in the manner and form following , Viz, it is my will and desire that all my negroes slaves , including the one now in possession of my son Benjamin , and the two in possession of my daughter E. M. Jones, or such of them as may be living at the time of my death, shall be appraised , by persons appointed by my Executors for that purpose, and shall be equally divided among my children, namely Claudie Mary, Benjamin, Eugenia M. Martha S, Jane R, and my grand daughter Anne Jones Hart, share and share alike. It is furthermore my will, that Benjamin may be allowed to retain the boy Henry, as a part of his share of the negroes, and that Eugenia be allowed to retain George and Saffo, (and her increase if any) to be equalized in common with the other shares. It is furthermore my desire that the residue of my effects, except those items herein after bequeathed shall be sold or so much thereof as may be necessary to defray my funeral Expenses, and the payment of all my just and legal debts, and the residue to be equally divided among my said children and grand child Anne J. Hart share and share alike, I give and bequeath unto my Step son Doctor Edward M. Heron , my gold watch, I give and bequeath unto my Step daughter Eliza Ann Heron a part of my plate Viz, One Tea Pot two sugar dishes and cream pots.-----

I do hereby constitute and appoint my sons in law John D. McCullough and Samuel Jones Executors, and Eliza Ann Heron , Executrix to this my last will and testament.-----

Given under my hand and seal this thirty first day of 8 August Anno domini one thousand Eight hundred and forty seven and the seventy second year of the Independance of the United States of America.-----

Ben Hart.

Signed sealed and acknowledged

in presence of us.

Name of Anna J. Hart interlined in the second line from the bottom on the first page before signing-----

The Johns

J. E. Dent

Wm F. Arthur

SOUTH CAROLINA)

RICHLAND DISTRICT) Personally appeared Jesse E. Dent and made oath that he saw Benjamin Hart sign seal publish pronounce and declare the within Instrument of writing to be his last will and Testament that he was then of sound mind and memory according to the best of this Deponents knowledge and belief and that he with Thomas Johns & Wm F. Arthur at the request of the Testator in his presence and in the presence of each other witnessed the due execution ther of.-----

Sworn to before me

J. E. Dent

24 March 1853

James S. Guignard

Ordinary

John D. McCullough qualified as Exor same day..

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