

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. JULY THE 19TH 1796 I Ethel Heath  
of Richland County in the state of South Carolina planter,

of ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~body~~ but of perfect mind and memory thanks be  
 to almighty God, and Calling to mind the uncertain State of  
 this life and that all flesh must yeild to death when it shall  
 please god to Call, do make Constitute ordain and declare this  
 to be my last will and Testament in manner and form following  
 Revokeing and annulling by these presents all and Every  
 Testament and Testaments, will and wills heretofore by me make  
 and Declared Either by word or deed and this to be taken only  
 for my last will and Testament and none other, And first being  
 penitent and Sorry for my sins past most humbly desiring  
 forgiveness for the same, I give and commit my Soul to almighty  
 god my Saviour and redeemer in whom and by the merits of Jesus  
 Christ I trust and believe assuredly to be saved, and that my  
 soul with my body at the Gen'l day of the resurrection Shall  
~~rise again with Joy,~~ and through the merits of Christ's death  
 and passion, possess and Inherit the Kingdom of heaven prepared  
 for his Elect and Chosen, and my body to be buried in such  
 place where it shall please my Exor's hereafter named to  
 appoint and now for the Settling of my Temporal Estates and  
 such goods and Chattles as it hath please God for above my  
 deserts to bestow upon me I do order give and dispose of the  
 same in manner and form following That is to Say. First I  
 will, that all those debts and Dues that I owe to any manner  
 of person or persons whatsoever Shall be paid out of the first  
 money arising out of the Crop now on hand or in other word  
 that will be made this year or the year after my death and if  
 their should not be enough made to pay all my debts that then  
 the moneys due me by notes and Bond and accounts must be taken  
 to pay them as far as they will go. Item I give unto my  
 beloved wife Mary Heath five negroes by name Sue. Ben, Cudger  
 grace. and John. Twenty head of Stock Cattle, one horse, or

mare her ~~force~~ of my stock, one feather bed and furniture her  
Choice to her and her heirs and Assigns forever, Item I lend  
unto my beloved wife Mary Heath all my ~~Estate Real and Personal~~ <sup>take</sup>  
during her natural life provided that my beloved wife will not  
any thing to herself that was lent unto her by her first husband  
John Thomas untill all my debts be paid, Item I give unto my  
God Son Tho<sup>s</sup>. Heath who is now living on my Gills Creek  
plantation as overseer, All that Plantation on Gills Creek and  
all my Pine land at my home house and I further give him Eight  
Negroes by name Cato, Jack, Hanner, Jacks wife, GTom, Cudger  
hanner Cloes Daughter, fanny, and Judah my best waggon and  
Team, Twenty head of Stock Cattle two feather beds and furniture  
at the death of of my beloved wife, it is given to him and his  
heirs and assigns forever Item I give unto my beloved Sister  
Bridget Jones one Negroe Girl named Jinny which she now has in  
possession to her and the heirs of her body forever Item at the  
~~death of my beloved wife Mary Heath it is my desire that all~~  
the Remaining part of my Estate Except the Creek plantation  
should be set up and Sold on Twelve months Credit with Interest  
from the date to the Highest Bidder Taking bond with approved  
Security with a mortgage of the property, and that my Creek  
plantation Should be at the Discretion of my God Son Thomas  
Heath to take it to himself his heirs and assigns for Ever at  
Six Hundred and fifty pounds payable in four years and that the  
money and the Remainder of my Estate as above mentioned to be  
Sold is to be Equally divided between Harris Heath Bridget Jones  
Dresscoat Jackson, and my Sister Elizabeth Heath, the price  
that Negroe Girl Jinny Shall be Appraised to as Given to  
Bridget Jones shall be Deducted at their Division as last  
above mentioned. The legacy above left Harris Heath Shall be  
in line of what I owe him but if he insist to be paid, that

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sum Shall at the division last before mentioned be deducted  
from his Share to them, their Heirs and assigns forever, and  
lastly I do hereby nominate Constitute and appoint my beloved  
wife Mary Heath My God Son Thomas Heath, John Threewitts and  
Malacha Howel my Executrix and Executors to Execute this my  
last will and Testament in Testimony whereof I have hereunto  
Set my hand and Seal this mineteenth day of July Annodomini  
1796

in presence of

John Hopkins

C. W. Kester

Lucy Howell

Ethel Heath

Proven in open Court Oct. 5th 1796 by C. W. Kester.

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