

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN, I Grace Stark of Hill Creek,

Richland District being of sound & disposing mind memory & discretion, and considering the uncertainty of life and the proper propriety of settling my worldly affairs and preparing for death, do ordain make and publish this as my last will and testament, hereby revoking all & every other heretofore made by me-----

First I desire my Executor to pay all my just debts due by me at the time of my death. Second I give and bequeath the following Legacies to be paid as hereinafter directed by my Executor. to wit, To Mrs Lucy Staunton two hundred dollars (\$200) to the children of Mrs Betsey Ware two hundred dollars (\$200): to Theodore Stark two hundred dollars (\$200): to Dr Tho. Stark two hundred dollars (\$200): to Dr Rufus B Hott two hundred dollars (\$200): to Margaret Howell Lykes fifty dollars (\$50) to Polly & Lucy May twenty five dollars (\$25): and to my negroes Robin, Edward, Frank, Sally, Charlotte, Duck, Mary Sophy & Tamar, I give each ten dollars (\$10): and to each of the others owned by me in fee simple, I give five dollars (\$5). Third- I give and bequeath to John Taylor Brown the following of my slaves, to wit Robin, Frank, Duck, Mary, Charlotte, Buck Adola, Henry, Sally Grace & Ellen and her children Elizabeth & Sophia, with all the income of the females born after ~~then~~ ^{the} death date of this will to him, his Executors & Administrators forever., In ^{trust} nevertheless First to permit my kinswoman Mrs Rebecca C. Brown to have the entire use & benefit of their services during her life. and ~~from~~ from and after her death, then in trust, for the sole & separate use benefit & behoof of her daughter Sally C Brown during her natural life, without the said Slaves or their hire, labor or services being in any way or manner subject to or liable for any debts or contracts of any husband of either, and from and after the death of the said Sally C Brown then to the Child or Children she may leave surviving her Share & Share alike or if she leave none alive, then to her Brothers Share & Share alike-----

Fourth- To Franklin H² Elmore , I give and bequeath the following slaves, to wit, Tamar, Edward, Hiram, Romeo, Jane, Jesse, Phillis Maria, Lavinia, Thomas, Chaney, and her children William, Mary Harriot, & Sally Baker, with the increase of the females, born after the date of this will, to him his Executors & Administrators forever. In Trust nevertheless, for the sole and separate use benefit & behoof of my little namesake & Kinswoman Grace Brown Elmore & for her education & support during her natural life without the same being in any manner or form subject to the control, contracts or debts of any husband she may marry: and from and after her death to such child or children as she ^{may} leave alive at her death, share & share alike, But if she die without leaving issue then alive, or before me, then in trust, for her sisters who may be alive, share & share alike, subject to the same trusts limitations & conditions as are above in this Clause declared created & set forth.

Fifth- I also give and bequeath to my said Kinswoman Grace Brown Elmore all my household furniture & plate, with remainder over to her sisters as in the fourth clause above set forth, -----

Sixth- I direct my Executor to ^{sell} ~~set~~ the rest & residue of my Estate & to apply the proceeds first to pay my debts & then to discharge the Legacies which are directed to be paid in money, rateably- the balance of said Legacies are to be paid from the labour of the slaves hereinbefore bequeathed, ----- rateably & as soon as the same can be done consistently with the observance of my wishes as hereafter expressed - Viz- I wish my slaves kept together until said Legacies are paid, kindly treated, furnished with good clothing & food, tasked with moderate work & taken good care of in health and sickness, I leave them together in families and earnestly insist that they ~~are~~ shall not be broken up or sold apart, except that Edward may, if he desire it, be sold to the owner of his wife, if a fair price can be obtained for him- which price shall immediately be ~~an~~ invested in another

Slave or Slaves, which shall be held subject to the same trust & limitations as are herein herein above created as to the said Edward.-----

Seventh- The pecuniary Legacies hereinabove made are not to bear interest, but are to be paid rateably, from the sources above appropriated for that purpose as soon as the same can be done consistently with the instructions I have above given in regard regard to the treatment of my slaves and the interest of those to whom I have bequeathed them.-----

Eight.-I hereby appoint my Friend Franklin H. Elmore the Executor of this my last will & Testament . In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal and do publish & declare this to be my last will & testament this twenty fifth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & forty one.-----

Signed sealed & published as the last will & testament of the testatrix by her in our presence, (Grace Stark)

who in her presence & in the presence of each other & at her request have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses ,-----

Sarah Taylor - Alex Taylor - E. H Hall

Codicil to the last will & Testament of Mrs Grace Stark.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I Grace Stark of Richland Richland District in the State of South Carolina, do hereby make declare & publish this as a Codicil to my last will & Testament which is dated March 25, 1841 Whereas I did, by my will & Testament executed on the 25. day of March last, give & bequeath to Dr Rufus Nott Two hundred Dollars Now I do hereby revoke & annul said Legacy & bequest - I further request & desire that my friend Dr. W. T. Mayo who is now living with me shall the refusal of the place whereon I now live at a reasonable & fair price.

I also further request & desire that my Executor shall secure to my woman Charlotte the full payment of a sealed note for one hundred & forty Dollars & Eighty cents dated Nov. 12, 1840

in my possession for safe keeping- Also of thirty Dollars of Ellen's & one Dollar of Escks money as is shown by a note & memorandum in Charlotte's possession dated 30 Jan'y. 1841 & witnessed by W. J. Mayo Junior. and I hereby declare the said sums of money to be debts due by me & to be paid as such. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this Eleventh day of October Anno Domini one thousand Eight hundred & forty one.

Signed sealed & Executed in the presence of us, who in her presence & at her request have subscribed our names as witnesses, to this Codicil, which the Testatrix in our presence published & declared to be a codicil to her last will & Testament.

Martha L. Reese - Frederick Lykes Jr.
Elizabeth M. Marshall - Jesse G. Lykes

(SOUTH CAROLINA) By James S. Guignard Esquire, Ordinary of RICHLAND DISTRICT) said District personally appeared before me Frederick Lykes Junior who being duly sworn made oath and saith, that he saw Grace Stark sign, seal, publish, pronounce and declare the annexed instrument of writing bearing date the Eleventh day of October to be and contain a Codicil to her last will and Testament, that she the said Grace Stark was then of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding according to best of Deponent's knowledge and belief, and that he the said Frederick Lykes Junior with Martha L. Reese, Elizabeth M. Marshall & Jesse G. Lykes at the request of the Testatrix in her presence and in the presence of each other, witnessed the due execution thereof.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this) Fred'k Lykes Jr.
Eighteenth day of October A.D. 1841)