

WILL OF

THOMAS HOWELL

THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF THOMAS HOWELL DECEASED

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN; I Thomas Howell of the State of South Carolina Richland County being through the abundant Mercy and Goodness of God; ~~in my~~ in body yet of a Sound and perfect understanding and memory do Constitute this my last Will and Testament and desire it may be Rece'd by all as such, First I most humbly bequeath my Soul to God my maker beseeching his most Gracious acceptance of it through the All sufficient Merits and mediation of my most Compassionate Redeemer Jesus Christ who gave himself to be an atonement for my Sins and is able to save to the Uttermost all that come unto God by him seeing he ever liveth to make Intercession for them and who I trust will not Reject me a Returning Penitent Sinner when I come to him for mercy, In this hope and confidence I render up my Soul with comfort humbly beseeching the most Blessed and Glorious Trinity one God most Holy most Merciful and Gracious to prepare me for the the time of my Dissolution and then to take me to himself into that peace and Rest and incomparable felicity which he has prepared for all that love and fear his Holy name Amen, Blessed be God I give my body to the Earth from whence it was taken in full Assurance of its Resurrection from thence at the last day. as for my Burial I desire it may be Decent with out Pomp or State at the discretion of my Dear wife and my Executors here after named who I doubt not will manager it with all Reguisite prudence, As to my worldly Estate, I give and bequeath to my wife Mary Howell my Ferry tract of land Containing One hundred and fifty acres and the plantation where I now live During her life time and after her Death to my Son Thomas James Howell. And all the Negroes that I got by my Wife (except Ned, likewise one named Aaron) to her forever, Secondly I give and bequeath to my Son Thomas James Howell all my other lands which may fall to me from the Estate of my Father william Howell Deceased, and the Remainder part of my Negroes to him and his heirs forever.

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My Horses, Hogs, Cattle and Household furniture to be Equally divided between my wife and Son, And also it is my desire that my Father land shall be Equally divided between my Son Thomas James Howell, William Howell Junior, and Malachi Howell being my two Brothers, And in case my Son Thomas James Howell Die before he comes of Age that his whole Estate both Real and personal should be Equally divided between my two Brothers William Howell and Malachi Howell, And lastly I do Constitute and appoint my brother William Howell, Jesse Goodwyn and James Goodwyn my Executors to this my last Will and Testament, Confirming this and no other to be my last will and Testament As witness my hand and Seal this 29th of October 1788.
The words to her forever inter -- lined before assigned.

Tho^s Howell

In the presence of us

James Goodwyn

James Goodwyn

Grace Baker

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Frederick Lamb
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At a County Court held for the County aforesaid on Tuesday the 15th day of November 1788, The within last will and Testament of Thomas Howell Deceased was produced in Open Court and proved by the Evidence of Jesse Goodwyn and James Goodwyn and Ordered to be Recorded. Witness Philip Pearson Clerk of the said Court the day and year above Written

Phil. Pearson C C

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