

JOSEPH H. NELSON

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I Joseph H. Nelson of Richland District and State of South Carolina, being in full possession of all my mental faculties but finding my strength wasted and consumed by disease and believing that my body at no very distant period must desolve and decay. do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. My soul I recommend to God, my body I desire decently interred all my estate both real and personal, after the payment of all my just debts and funeral charges I give and devise in manner following.

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Rebecca Nelson for her use and benefit during the term of her natural life, all my contiguous and adjoining tracts of land containing one hundred and twelve acres (including sixty eight acres known as the Freshly tract, conveyed to Rebecca Nelson by Absalom Turnipseed) Together with all permanent improvements thereunto attached and belonging.

Item I give and bequeath to my wife Rebecca one negro man Stephen to be held and kept in the service of my wife during the term of her natural life.

Item I give and bequeath to my wife Rebecca all my stock of Horses, Cattle and Hogs- all my Household and Kitchen furniture- my wagon and all my plantation tools of every description to be subject to the control and management and disposal of my wife Rebecca during her lifetime, in such manner as she may deem most conducive to the common interest and welfare of my family. All my property real and personal at the death of my wife I desire to be distributed as far as practicable equally among her children living at the time of my death. I commit my children to the maternal care of my wife the proper education of ~~xx~~ whom I enjoin upon her as an object of paramount importance. The incidental expenses of education I direct to be paid from the products of my farm or otherwise as may be found most convenient. Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my friends Henry

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WILL OF

JOSEPH H. NELSON

Gradick and John H. Kinsler Executors of this my last will and Testament revoking and making void all former Wills and Legacies by me heretofore made in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 1st. day of January -

Anno Domini 1848

signed sealed and declared

J. H. Nelson

by the Testator as his last will and Testament in the presence of us.

John H. Kinsler

Henry Gradick

Michael J. Corley

(NORTH CAROLINA )

(RICHLAND DISTRICT). Personally appeared Henry Gradick who being duly sworn made Oath that he saw Joseph H. Nelson sign seal publish pronounce and declare the foregoing Instrument of writing to be his last will and Testament that he was then of sound and disposing mind according to the best of this Deponents knowledge and belief and that he with John H. Kinsler and Michael J. Corley at the request of the request of the Testator in his presence and in the presence of each other witnessed the due execution thereof.

Henry Gradick

Sworn to before me 6 March 1848

James S. Guignard Ordinary

John H. Kinsler qualified same day.

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