

Richland District)

In the Name of God Amen I Robert Stark of the District and State aforesaid being of Sound Mind and disposing memory Do make and constitute this to be my last Will and Testament vāz-----

I give devise and bequeath to my beloved wife Grace, all the Estate both real and personal (together with the natural Increase thereof) which I obtained by Verture of my Marriage with her, to her and her Heirs forever. Also one mule (the Choice of those I may be possessed of at the time of My Death- also the Coachee for which I exchanged the one she was possessed of when I married her-

Also the privilege of cutting House timber and Rail Timber on such Lands as I may be possessed of, for and during one year after my Death and no longer. The above Devises and Bequests being expressly intended in Lieu and I hereby declare it to be in Lieu of all claim of Dower or Inheritance of in and to, any other property either real or Personal or money at Interest which I may be possessed of; of my said Wife- It being fairly understood beteen me and my beloved Wife that she she is not to claim any other provision than is contained for her in this my Last Will:-

I give and bequeath to my Son Theodore My Library including all the Books therein contained or belonging to the same and also my Law office erected on the public Square near the Court House in Columbia to him and his Heirs forever - I gereby acknowledge to have given some years ago a negro Girl Jane (Daughter of Affy) to my Daughter Martha, and I now ratify said Gift to her and her heirs forever. The Rest residue and Remaent of my Estate both real and personal (after my Debts are paid) I give devise and bequeath to my beloved Children John, Robert, Eliza (the wife of Doctor Heriot) Martha Taylor, Theodore, Mary Sophia,

ROBERT STARK.

Harriot Bell, Emma Elizabeth, Thomas and Sarah Rebecca, to be equally divided betwix them share and share alike and if any of my said children should die leaving a child or childre--the child or Children of such deceased is to take the Share devised to the parent--It is my Will and desire That my my Executors to this my last will and Testament herein and hereafter to be appointed, shall as soon as it shall in them Judgement appear to be advantageous for the Interests of my said Legatees(my Children) sell the whole of my real and personal Estate devided in the last foregoing clause--for the purpose of making distribution of the same and they are thereby Empowered the real Estate in fee Simple and the personal by Bill of Sale in as full and Effectual a manner as I could do, if I ~~ever~~ were then ~~reserving and excepting~~ neverthe less the Negro Slaves contained in the residuary claus these it is my will and desire may be by them(my Executors) distributed and divided in as Equal and Equitable a manner as may be practicable among my said Children.

I hereby constitute and appoint my friend John Taylor and Benj F. Taylor Executors of this my last will and Testament-- I also appoint John Taylor Sole Guardian of my two youngest Children Thomas and Sarah Rebel

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this ninth day of December Anno Dom. 1829

R. Stark

Syned Sealed published and declared in presence of us.

John G. Brown

P. M. Butler

John C. Taylor

WILL OF
ROBERT STARK.

South Carolina)

Richland District)

Personally appeared John G. Brown and Pierce M Butler and made oath that they saw Robert Stark 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 memory according to the best of deponents knowledge and belief and that they with John G. Taylor at the request of Testator in his presence and in the presence of each other subscribed their names as witnesses thereto--

J. G. Brown

P. M. Butler.

Sworn to before me

10 October 1830

James S. Guignard

Ordinary.

B. F. Taylor qualified as Executor 22 October 1830.

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