

WILL OF
JAMES SHIRLING.

THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JAMES SHIRLING DECEASED.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I James Sharling being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind & memory thanks be given unto God calling unto mind the Mortality of my body & ~~appointed~~ ^{appointed} for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will & testament, that is to say, principally & first of all I give and recommend my Soul into the hand of Almighty God that gave it and my body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in decent Christian burial at the Discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection I shall receive the same again, by the mighty power of God. and as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with in this life I give demise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form: First I give and bequeath unto my Brethren Son John Sharling all my Estate both real and personal forever freely to be Enjoyed by him, and if he should die before he comes to age that the whole of my Estate should fall to my brother John oldest Daughter Becky freely to be Enjoyed by her----- and her heirs forever. And it is my desire that my Brother John Sharling should have the whole of my Estate in his possession till the heirs comes of age, and all my Bonds and Notes to be laid out in slaves and put to work for the use of the heir. And if John Sharling and Becky should die without issue that the whole of my Estate should fall to William Sharling to him & his heirs forever. I likewise constitute John Sharling & Thomas Taylor the sole Executors of this my last Will & Testament and as I do hereby utterly disallow revoke and disannul all and every other former testament wills legacies bequests and Executors by me in anywise before named willed and bequeathed, Ratified and Confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this thirtieth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred

& Eighty Five.

Signed sealed published pronounced) James Shirling
and declared by the said James Shirling)
and in the presence of us who in his)
presence have hereunto set our hands)

Beni Grubb,
Allen Hunter.

South Carolina)
Richland County) Before Me William Hayer one of the
justices for said County personally saw Benjamin Grubb
who being duly sworn deponeth that he was present &
see the within named James Shirling sign seal publish
& declare the within Instrument of writing as and for his
last will & testament that the said Testator appeared of
sound & perfect mind & memory at the time of Executing
the same, and that he this deponent John Dortch and
Allen Hunter Subscribed their Names as Witnesses thereto
at the same time.

Sworn the 12th March 1788)
Before me Wm Hayer)

RICHLAND COUNTY.

John Shirling appeared before me and was
duly qualified as Executor to the within last will & tes-
tament of . James Shirling Deceased.

Sworn the 12th March 1788)

Before me Wm Hayer.)

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