

WILL OF
STEPHEN NIXON

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA } The last Will and Testament
RICHLAND DISTRICT } of Stephen Nixon Sen'r.

In the Name of God Amen. I Stephen Nixon of the State and District aforesaid being Sick and Weak in body, But of Sound and perfect mind and Memory calling to mind the Mortality of my body; and knowing that it is appointed for all Flesh to die Do for preventing controversies after my decease, Make, publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament: in manner following (that is to say) first and principally of all I recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God who governeth, hoping for mercy through the merits of my Blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. My Body I desire to be buried in a decent Christian like manner at the discretion of those my friends, who may have the direction thereof: Nothing doubting but that I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God.

And as touching and concerning my Worldly Estate and affairs wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life.

First, it is my Will and desire, that all my just debts be paid. Secondly, I lend to my Beloved Wife Martha Nixon, during her natural life, the use of the plantation where I now live to be Cultivated under the care and direction of the Executors, to this my last Will and Testament, together with all the plantation tools, Household and Kitchen furniture, Two good Work horse, a Bay, and a Grey, one Waggon and geers, a Riding Chair, and the present stock of Provision.

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my express Will and desire that every Species of property loaned by me as above mentioned be divided between (in equal proportion) my Six children if they should be then liv-

ing. Namely my son, Isham Nixon, Jesse Nixon, Washington F. Nixon and my Daughters Ann Hays, and Mary Nettles. Item I freely give and grant to my Beloved daughter Mary A. Nettles, out of pure love and good will one Negroe girl named Jenney the daughter of Charlotte as a free donation over and above the small proportion proceeding from the rest of my Estate. My Negroe man Peter, and my negroe Woman Charlotte, with her future Issue, I wish to be so appropriated to the use and benefit of my then surviving Children as may be most agreeable to themselves when my youngest Son comes of age, and all to be kept together until that time if any profits should arise from the labour of Peter and Charlotte after paying for their Cloathing, and Tax it is my wish that it be divided equally between my Wife and six children. If either of my sons or daughters should die without leaving any lawful Issue then in that case whatever property they may possess from me, immediately to descend to the nearest surviving Relative, My Small library of Boks I leave to be divided as best suits them. I nominate and appoint My Beloved sons Jesse Nixon, and Washington Furman Nixon ~~my~~ Executors of this my last Will and Testament. And I do hereby revoke all former wills and Testaments, by me heretofore made, and I do hereby Acknowledge this to be my last will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand And seal this Sixteenth day of January One thousand Eight hundred and Six

Pronounced, and Declared

Stephen Nixon

In presence of

Israel Nettles

Jn'o W. Sturgeon

Martha Sturgeon

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South Carolina } Personally appeared Israel Nettles
Richland District } who being duly sworn upon the Holy
Evangelists of Almighty God did make Oath that he saw
Stephen Nixon sign seal publish pronounce and declare the
within Instrument of Writing to be his last will and Test-
ament that the Testator was then of Sound and disposing
mind memory & understanding according to the best of this
Deponents knowledge & belief and that he with John W. Stu-
rgeon and Martha Sturgeon at the request of the Testator
in his presence and in the presence of each other Witnes-
sed the due execution thereof

Israel Nettles

Sworn before me this

15 day of June 1916

James S. Guignard

Ordinary

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