

HENRY FOSTER

In the name of God, Amen. I Henry Foster of the District of Spartanburgh and State of South Carolina, Planter, being weak, and in low health of body, but of sound mind memory and understanding, Praised be God for the same: Do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following--Viz--

Item 1st. I give devise and bequeath unto my beloved wife Rachel Foster full and free possession of all my Lands and the appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise incident or appertaining, and also all other property that I may be possessed of at the time of my death; during the natural life of my said beloved wife Rachel Foster, Except so much of my property as hereafter is named, given and bequeathed to my children. My will also is that my said beloved wife Rachel Foster have the power and privilege of giving to my children according to her own discretion such of my personal property as is here bequeathed to her use---

Item 2nd I give, bequeath and devise to my daughter Rachel Foster during her natural life and at her death to the heirs of her body lawfully begotten, the following property, Viz. three negroes, that is to say, Seley, Peter, and Morris, one horse and saddle the horse to be worth eighty Dollars five head of cattle, one bedstead bed & furniture also at the death of her mother, one chest of drawers---

Item 3rd I Give bequeath and devise to my Daughter Dorcas McDowell four negroes, viz. Matt, George, Esther and Phill, one horse and saddle the horse to be worth eighty dollars, six head of cattle, one bedstead bed and furniture, one bureau to her, her heirs & assigns forever--

Item 4th I Give Bequeath and devise to my son Henry Foster during his natural life, and at his death to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, the following property, viz. the one half of my land, of the lower end of my tracts, to be divided according to quantity and quality, to be divided by my Executors hereinafter named and the other persons to be by them chosen, to be so divided, however, as to include the Improvement and dwelling house

where I now live, but not to have possession of the land or house until the death of his mother, Except she consent, also one negro boy Bob, one horse and saddle & five head of cattle--
Item 5th I Give, bequeath and devise to my son James Foster during his natural life and at his death to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, the following property, viz. the one half of my land, to be laid off at the upper end of my tracts to include the Mills, to be divided according to quantity & quality as above prescribed, but not to have possession of the land or Mills until the death of his mother but by her consent, also one negro boy named Tom, one horse and saddle, my watch & five head of cattle--

Item 6th I Give bequeath and devise to my Daughter Cynthia Foster four negroes of the following names, viz. Vilett, Isaac, China, and Kitt, one horse and saddle, the horse to be worth eighty dollars. Six head of cattle, one bedstead bed and furniture, and one Bureau I now have, to her, her heirs and assigns forever--

It is my will that at the death of my beloved wife Rachel Foster the residue of my property, be appraised by my Executors herein after named and three other persons to be by them chosen, and be divided in following manner, viz. The plantation tools, waggon & gears still & versatile, to be divided equally between my two sons Henry and James Foster, my house hold kitchen furniture to be divided equally between my three Daughters Rachel Foster, Dorcas McDowell & Cynthia Foster And the remainder to be valued as before mentioned and equally divided between my five children Rachel, Dorcas, Henry, James and Cynthia-----

It is also my will that my negro man Pompey have his choice of living with any one of my sons Henry or James as he chooses and not to be valued.

And lastly I do hereby nominate, constitute & appoint my true and trusty friends James M. Means and Henry McDowell Executors of this my last will and Testament-- And I do further direct and appoint, that my debts be paid out of the money in my possession at the time of my death--- And I do hereby revoke and make void all former or other will of wills by me at any

time heretofore made and do declare this to be my last Will
and Testament—

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this
twenty first day of January in the year of Our Lord One Thousand
Eight Hundred and twenty one, and in the forty fifth year of
the Independence of the United States of America

Signed & sealed in the)
presence of us-----)

Henry Foster (Seal)

D. McDowell

P. Means

Washington Harris

I do further will and direct that all the property Given Re-
quested and Devised to my Daughter Rachel Foster, and to my
two sons Henry & James Foster, do vest and remain under the sole
entire control of my Executors above named during the
several lives of my said children and the profits arising there-
from to be appropriated to the use & behoof of my said children--
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this
twenty first day of January One thousand eight hundred & twenty
One--

In presence of

D. McDowell

H. Foster

P. Means

Washington Harris

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