

WILL OF

ASBERRY SYLVESTER

In the name of God, Amen-I Asberry Sylvester, planter, in Sumter District, South Carolina, ~~being~~ in body, but sound and unimpaired in mind, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament. My immortal soul I commit and resign into the hands of my merciful Creator and Redeemer. My mortal body I wish to be decently buried without parade and unnecessary expense. The property with which it has pleased God to bless me, I desire to be distributed in the following manner viz:

In the first place, it is my will and desire that all my just debts should be paid; and, that the profits of the present crop should be applied to this purpose, reserving a great plenty of provision and other necessaries for my family on the plantation.

Item, in addition to the two negroes, Molly and Peter, the bed and furniture with a little stock of sheep, cattle and hogs which I gave my daughter Sarah, wife of Col John Moore, at her marriage, I now give and bequeath her a young negro woman, named Clarissa, with her two children, called Jacob and Sambo; also a handsome mare, called Robinet--

Item-By this my last will I give and bequeath my Son Joseph Sylvester, a tract of land containing two hundred and ninety Acres, being part of the tract of land on which I live, which tract was originally granted to and surveyed for Mr. Daniel McDaniel, and resurveyed and divided by Mr. Roger Dunn. To my said son Joseph, in addition to the two negroes Tony and Cate, a bed and furniture with a small stock of cattle, which I gave him at his marriage, I now give him a negro woman named Fanny, with her two children, called Hetty and Lucy and a negro boy called King.

Item-I give and bequeath my son, James Sylvester, a tract of land containing one hundred acres, lying on upper Rafting creek, joining
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said six negroes I wish to remain on my plantation until another crop is made on it The horse, bed and furniture he may have when he pleases

Item. It is my desire and Will that my beloved Wife Martha should have a negro girl called Darcy and three other negroes such as my Executors may think will suit her best as long as she lives and at her death that these said negroes with thier increase, shall revert to my four youngest children, viz; ^{Manson} Mansor, Demarcus, John and Mary and their heirs to be equally divided among them; it is also my desire that my beloved wife Martha should have the use of all my buildings and forty acres of land where the buildings stand as long as she lives; and that these buildings with said land should ~~they~~ be valued by my Executors and equally divided among my four youngest children, Mansor, Demarcus, John and Mary.

Item. It is my will that the four negroes given to my beloved wif during her life with the remaining negroes not mentioned, should be kept on the plantation with my horses, cattle, hogs, sheep, tools, riding chair and household furniture, by my Executors and that crops should be made for the support of my wife and four youngest children above mentioned.

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Item. It is my desire that the Mother of my wife, Mrs Watking should live & with her daughter and be supported on my plantation as long as my wife lives.

Lastly. I appoint my sons Joseph Sylvester and James Sylvester, executors of this my last will and Testament, hoping and believing

that they will act in every thing agreeably to this dying request
of their affectionate Father. Witness my hand and seal this
twenty second day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and seven.

Signed, sealed and
delivered in the
presence of

James Gibson

James Barnes

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Andrew X Rembert
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his
Asbury X Sylvester (SEAL)
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