

BENJAMIN HODGE

In the Name of God Amen. I Benjamin Hodge of Sumter District in the State of South Carolina. Planter being in a weak state of body but in a perfect state of mind and memory and knowing it is appointed for all Men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say, principally and first of all, I reccomend my soul into the hands of God who gave it me, in sure and certain hope of receiving it again at the day of resurrection and my body I commit to the Earth from whence it came, to buried in a decent christian like manner at the discretion of my Executrix and Executors here after named, and as touching such worldly Estate as it has pleased God to blefs me with in this life. I dispose of in the following manner and form. Imprimis) I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Sarah Hodge during the time she remains my widow and no longer, the use of my plantation and Building where I now reside and at her marriage or Decease which may first happen the said plantation and buildings to go to my grandson John Mily Hodge. Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Sarah Hodge, all my Household and Kitchen furniture except such part as I shall dispose of otherways, also the following Negroes to wit, Chloer, Simon, Hannah, Peter & Wife Jeny Terry and Davy, Ned, Sukey, Mach, susannah, and Chance and Susanah Child Molly. with all their future increse to her and her heirs forever, but in case of the said Sarah Hodge marrying again the above mentioned property to be equally divided amongst my Son Benjamin Hodge Rodus, Benj Dupl Hodge, Mily E Hodge & John Miles Hodge My Grandsons, or their lawful heirs, forever--- Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Benjamin Hodge Rodus a Tract of Land lying at the mouth of Tim Bern Branch containg 200 Acres more or lefs, I give and bequeath unto my son

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course to or near the short prong of Tim Bern Branch and from
thence about the short prong of June Burns Branch to a scrub Oak
Corner bounded by John Hodge's tract of Land below my Mill
Item, I give and bequeath unto my sons Benjamin Hodge Rodus, the
following Negroes To Wit, Anthony, Haggy, Dick, Ron, Chasey,
Young Carolina, Efsex, Young Daniel, Litty, Ceasar, and race,
with all their future increase also a young Sorrel Horse ~~xxxxx~~
near three years old with a Blafia face, a Waggon with hind gears
known by the name of the Williamson Waggon to him and his lawful
heirs forever, But if the said Benjamin Hodge Rodus, should die
without lawful issue, then the above mentioned property to be
divided share and share alike amongst my Grandsons Benjamin D
Hodge, ^{Miles} Miley E Hodge, John M Hodge or there lawful heirs. Item,
I give and bequeath unto my Grandsons Benjamin Dupree Hodge and
John Miles Hodge all my Lands not otherwise disposed of share and
share alike to them and their heirs forever. I give and bequeath
unto my grandson Miles E Hodge all that plantation or tract of
Land known by the name of June Burn plantation together with
a tract of Land adjoining said plantation and running to the new
back line, from the Scrub Oak Corner up the short prong of June
Burn Branch to the head, from thence about a N E Course until it
strikes the Branch and continues that course to Capten McFadden's
Corner to him and his heirs forever. All the rest and residue of
my Estate both real and personal not already bequeathed, I desire
may be equally divided between my three Grandsons Benjamin D
Hodge, Miles E Hodge and John M Hodge. to them and their heirs
forever. But should one or more of my Grandchildren die under
age or without lawful issue at his or their deaths, his or their
portion or portions of my Estate to be equally divided between my
surviving grandchild or children, and my son Benjamin Hodge Rodus

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 age or without lawful issue at his or their deaths, his or their
 portion or portions of my Estate to be equally divided between my
 surviving grandchild or children, and my son Benjamin Hodge Rodus
 share and share alike to them and their heirs forever. And it is
 further my will and desire that my son Benjamin Hodge Rodus shall
 receive take possession of the property bequeathed to him by me
 on the first day of January next. And it is further my will and
 desire that my grandsons shall not receive or take possession the
 property or any part, before they arrive at the age of Twenty one
 Years. It is further my will and desire that my old Negro

Man Slave Carolina shall be at free liberty to live with either or any of the Legatees, and that one which he chooses to live with shall maintain him as long as he lives and shall not put him to any hard labour or misuse him any way whatever It is further my will & desire that if my son Benjamin Hodge Rhodus & my grand sons Benjamin D Hodge Miles E Hodge and John M Hodge should die without leaving lawful issue I give and bequeath unto James Norton and Miles H Plowden the sum of five Hundred dolla rs each and it is further my desire that my Brother John Hodge and my Sisters Lyda Norton Elizabeth Holy Mary McCuland Hollan McCuland Sarah Nichols and Martha Hodge may receive one dollar each to them and their heirs forever and all the rest and residue of my Estate both real and personal to be divided Equally Between the Baptist and Methodist Churches of South Carolina for the use and Benifit of the faithful ministers of Said Churches the property to be Claimed by deligates from both Said respection Churches Laffy, I appoint nominate and constiture my wife Sarah Hodge Executrix to this my last will and testament during her widowhood and no longer and my son Benjamin Hodge Rhodus and my grand Sons Benjamin D Hodge Miles E Hodge and John M Hodge Executors to this my last will and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this Seventeenth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifteen and in the fortieth year of the American Independance-----Signed Sealed and pronounced by the Testator as and for his last will and Testament-----

In Presence of Us

Benjamin Hodge (SEAL)

Samuel R. Gibson

A H Bethune

Saml E Plowden

(Recorded in Will Book A page 119)

(Recorded August 25 th 1815)

William Taylor ordy J.D.