

WILL OF

ISHAM REES

In the of God Amen

I Isham Rees of the State of South Carolina Sumter District, being in a low state of health, but of sound mind and Memory but Calling to mind the Mortality of all men, do make this my last Will and Testament; after the payment of all my Just debts; and the discharge of my funeral Expenses which I wish to be done in a decent and Christian like manner, and also a Tomb ston to be affixed over my grave; I Will that my Estate both Real and Personal be disposed of in the following manner,

Imprimus; I give to my Sisterinlaw Mary Rees, Wife of my brother William, fifty dollars, also all my Stock of Poultry-

Item I give to my Niece Sarah, Daughter of my Brother Edwin Rees^d Dec. two hundred dollars.

Item I give to my Nephew William I., Rees the plantation whereon I now live with all my Household and kitchen Furniture. Also a Negro Man Named Gilbert.

Item I give to my Nephew Hugh, Son of my Brother Hugh Rees my young bay Geldroy with one eye. also my new saddle & bridle

Item after paying off the above legacies I give the whole of the remainder of my Estate, both Real and Person Equally Equally to my three Nephews, Namely William I., Rees, Son of William, Benjamin Rees, Son of Hugh, and Richey Rees, Son of Benjamin. Consisting of a Plantation-Situ etc in the Swamp, Containing four hundred Acres. My Stock of Horses, Cattle, and hogs and twelve negroes with all their future Issue, Namely. Fill and his Wife Sarah, and their Children, Nancy, Dorcas, and Edmond Hannah and her Children Daphnay. Lucy, Elsey, and her young Child a Daughter. Sam and Sigh Men.

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My Will and desire is that the above property given to my said three Nephews William Benjamin and Richey. be divided in the following manner (To Wit) that a fair Valuation be made of the said property by William Bracey. Tolefaro James,^{Samy} and Huberd Rees. And that my Nephew William if he Chuses shall have the whole at such valuation and he shall pay to his Cosens Benjamin and Richey their proportion in Money on or before th first day

of January One Thousand eight hundred and three and in Case it should so happen that my said nephew William should not take the above mentioned land, negroes, Horses Cattle and Hogs as above; my Brother William may take them at such Valuation on his paying my three three Nephews the Amount of said Valuation on the date above mentioned. But should my Brother and Nephew both decline taking the whole of my property as above, it must in that event be sold to the ^{best} Advantage but each family of Negros must be Sold together, to one Person, as my Will and desire is, that my Negroes shall not be seperated from their own family by any means whatever.

Lastly I do give and bequeath all and every part of my said Estate both Real and Personal not herein before mentioned to my said three Nephews, William Benjamin, and Richey, Equally; And also that my Negro Girl Dorcos Daughter of Fill and Sarah, be set free at the age of Thirty years which will be in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and Twenty five, And that the same be announced on the day and place of the Valuation of my Estate as above.

Provided that in case of refusal or other wise of Either of the persons named to value my Estate as above mentioned. my Will is in that event that others shall be Chosen by my said three Nephews whom it mostly concerns to make such Valuation. All my ready Money to be disposed of in the same manner and to My said three Nephews above Mentioned as my other property is to be Made and done at the Warm Springs, in North Carolina on the Sixth day of August in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and one

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I do appoint my Nephew William I.

Rees and my friend Talefairo James.

my Executors to this my last Will

and Testament -

A Statement of ready Money I have with me at this date.

Three hundred dollar Bills \$300

one Twenty dollar Ditto 20

in Specie 100

\$420

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Wm Taylor, Ordinary

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