

eight hundred and thirty Six. In the Name of God Amen.

I James H Wilson of the State and destriect aforesaid; being at this time weak in body but of perfect mind and memory, and Calling to mind the mortality of my body knowing that it is appointed to all men once to die. I do make and ordain this my last Will & Testament. Principally and first of all I resign my Soul to God, who gave it, and my Body to the Earth to be Interred in a decent Christian like manner,

And touching such worldly Estate as it has pleased God to bless me with, I give and bequeath in the Manner following-----

It is my Will and desire that all my Just debts be paid as soon after my deseease as pofsible, It is further my will and desire that my Estate be Kept together for the benefit of my wife and Children, until my Children become of Age, or marry, or the Marriage of my Widow, then in either Case it is my direction, that my Estate be appraised (by three or ~~five~~ disinterested freeholders which my Executors may designate for that purpose) and one equal Share, or Shares (as the Case may be) to be given of to the one arriving at the age or marrying, the balance of my Estate to be again thrown together, and again appraised, divided and given of as directed in the first instance, and in like manner until they all arrive at age or marry- (That part of my Estate above alluded to is the personal and perishable, not including the real).

I give to my wife Lydia Jane Wilson one third of my plantation during her widowhood and no longer; at her marriage or deseease I give the S<sup>d</sup>. one third to my Son Benjamin Franklin, the remaining two thirds of my Lands I give to my three Daughters, Mary Elizabeth, Cynthea Caroline, and Martha Jane; to be appraised and given of in the Same manner as is directed in the ~~per~~ personal part of my Estate To them and their Heirs forever. It is my Will and desire that Such of my children, have an oportunity of receiving a good English Education.

It is my Will and desire that

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of this my Will into effect without application to the Court of Law or Equity, further than is necessary in such cases And for that purpose I hereby appoint my Brother Absalom Wilson Thomas I Dubose and my Friend William Harris, Executors of this my last will and Testament, revoking and Annuling, all others by me made in witness whereof ~~where~~<sup>th</sup> I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this 30 of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty Six and Sixty first year of American Independence

Signed Seald and Acknowledged in presence  
of ---

Wm Wilson

Ja<sup>s</sup> H Wilson (SEAL)

A. F. Wilson

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(Recorded in Will Book M, <sup>the</sup>3)

Recorded 9th Day of Sept, 1836

~~William Lewis Ord~~

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