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WILL OF  
JOHN COUSAR

In the Name of the Holy Trinity Amen.

I John Cousar Minister of the gospel and resident of Lower Salem Sumter District and State of South Carolina being in a weak State of body but of sound disposing mind and memory Yet calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed to all men once to die do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament as follows -

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Item... I order and direct that all my Just debts be paid.

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Item 2.. I give and bequeath to the Congregation of Midway of which I have been Pastor a sum not exceeding Forty dollars for the Special instruction of My Negroes. provided there be annual preaching in the Church if Semiannual half the above Sum and so in proportion the Money to be paid by my Executors to the Elders of Midway Church and their Successors in Office. the Elders to report to my Executors annually that the Negroes have been instructed according to the above Statement -

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Item 3.. I give and bequeath to the Theological Seminary located in Columbia under the Superintendence of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia Ten Dollars annually untill my son John Shaw Cousar shall arrive at the age of Twenty One Years -

Item 4th I give and bequeath To the General assembly Foreign Missionary Society Ten dollars annually untill my Son John Cousar shall arrive at the age of twenty One

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Item 5 I give and bequeath To the General assembly Domestic Missionary Society Ten dollars annually until my Son John Shaw Cousar shall arrive at the age of twenty One

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I nominate and appoint my Friends Willaim W Bradley and William Shaw my Sons John Shaw Cousar & Andrew Flinn Cousar when <sup>legal</sup> they arrive at ~~the~~ age Executors of this my last Will and Guardians of my Childfen -

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I othorise my Executors to appoint five disinterested freeholders to give off Each Child their proportion of My Estate when they Come of age or Marry without applying to Court for an Order- It is my wish that my Executors give or cause to be given to Each of my Children a thorough English Education and any further Education they may think Proper

In witnefs whereof I have hereunto Set my hand Seal the 4th<sup>r</sup> day of Oct. in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and thirty Seven and Soverreignty and Independence of America the Sixty thard .

Signed Sealed & delivered )  
in presence of Us )

John Cousar (SEAL)

<sup>m</sup>  
W.. McIntosh  
<sup>1</sup>  
Sam- McFaddin  
John M Witherspoon

Whereas I John Cousar Minister of the gospel have made my last Will and testament in writing bearing date the 4th. day of October A D 1837 and have thereby disposed of my Estate Real and personal now I hereby declare this to be a Codicil to my Said Will to be taken as part thereof -

I do othorise and impower my Executors to purchase any Land adjoining my plantation which may be of advantage to my Heirs - this 5th. day of Oct. 1837.

Signed sealed in presence of.

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