

WILL OF

JOHN JAMES

In the Name of God Amen--I John James of Saint Marks Parish and State of South Carolina, Planter, being in perfect Mind & memory thanks be to God, do make & ordain this my Last Will & Testament in Manner & form following--Viz/ I recommend my Soul to the mercy of Almighty God trusting in the merits of my blessed Redeemer--After all my just dues & Funeral Expenses are paid trusting in my Executors hereafter appointed to the decent Interment of my Body I will & bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary James one Seventh part of all my personal Estate & also fifty Pounds in money, and that to be in lieu of her dower to her and her Heirs forever Also it is my desire that my said beloved wife Mary should have the Use Benefit or lent of my Dwelling House I now reside in with all the out buildings and four Hundred acres of Land which ly round it &c during her Widowhood, but in Case of my beloved wife's marriage, or death-then it is my desire; that the above mentioned dwelling House with all the out buildings and four Hundred acres of Land should revert and return to the Use & behalf of my son Francis I James to him and his Heirs forever--Also it is my Will & desire that a part of the River Swamp land granted to Col^l Richard Richardson and conveyed to ~~me~~ by Isham Moore, that is to say, the part lying and being above Mr Thomas Kochs lowest corner of his Swamp & so across the swamp to the lower corner of a Tract called Cameron's or McWilliams on the River, and then up gourdens to Sinklers--the part to be sold by my under mentioned Executors, and the money arising from the sale to be applied to the discharging my just Debts & if there should be over and above paying the Debts any over plys---it is my Desire that it should be equally divided between my four daughters, that is to say, Nancey James Mary James, Elizabeth James Clarissa James to them and their Heirs forever--Also it is my Will

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and desire, that at or near the time when my Estate is to be divided,
that from the Crops or otherwise, my Executors hereafter mentioned,
should out of my Estate purchase five Negroe girls about twelve or
thirteen years of age--and then dispose of them as follows, viz.
One to be given to my Sister Ann Kingswood--& to belong to her
during her life, but at my Sister Ann's death, then it is my desire
that the said Negroe girls & Increase if any should then belong to
her Daughter Latisa Kingswood to be to her and the Heirs of her

Body forever--Also one to be given to my Sister Alice Terry and to belong to her during her Life--but at my sister Alice's death, then the girl with Increase if any to belong to her Daughter Mary Terry to her and the Heirs of her Body forever--one Negroe girl to be given to my sister Mary McGirt, & to belong to her during her life--But at my Sister Mary's death, then the girl with Increase if any to belong to her Daughter Elizabeth McGirt to her and the Heirs of her Body forever--one Negroe girl to be given to my sister Martha wright--& to belong to her during her life, but at my sister Martha's death, if she has any Child living, then the girl with Increase if any to belong to her oldest Child, to it and the Heirs of its Body forever--but if my said Sister Martha should have no Child living then for the said Negroe girl given to her--than to belong to Elizabeth Heirs the Daughter of my Sister Ann Kingswood to her and the Heirs of her Body forever--one Negroe girl to be given to my Sister Elizabeth Maples & to belong to her during her life--but at the Death of my Sister Elizabeth--then the girl with Increase if any to belong to her Daughter Alice Maples to her and the Heirs of her Body forever I do also will and bequeath unto my Son Matthew James a certain Tract of Land containing two Hundred acres of Land granted to Samuel

Williams--also two Hundred acres of Swamp adjoining the said Samuel Williams Tract, & is part of a Tract granted to Col^o Richard Richardson lying between M^r Thomas Nochis lower Line in the Swamp and the upper Line of Angel Harden there to be laid out for him, one Tract of two Hundred acres granted to William Lynnard--one Tract of one hundred and fifty acres except a bit sold of it to M^r Thomas Roche, granted to Francis James--one Tract of one hundred acres granted Henry Kerley, with another Piece of that swamp Tract granted to Col^o Richard Richardson that is to say, four Hundred Acres to be Laid out

to her Daughter Elizabeth McGirt to her and the Heirs of her Body forever--one Negroe girl to be given to my sister Martha Wright--& to belong to her during her life, but at my sister Martha's death, if she has any Child living, then the girl with Increase if any to belong to her oldest Child, to it and the heirs of its Body forever--but if my said Sister Martha should have no Child living then for the said Negroe girl given to her--than to belong to Elizabeth the Daughter of my Sister Ann Kingswood to her and the heirs of her Body forever--one Negroe girl to be given to my sister Elizabeth Maples & to belong to her during her life--but at the death of my sister Elizabeth--then the girl with Increase if any to belong to her Daughter Alice Maples to her and the Heirs of her Body forever--I do also will and bequeath unto my son Matthew James a certain Tract of land containing two Hundred acres of land granted to Samuel Williams--also two Hundred acres of Swamp adjoining the said Samuel Williams Tract, & is part of a Tract granted to Col^o Richard Richardson lying between M^r Thomas Rochie lower Line in the Swamp and the upper Line of Angel Harden there to be laid out for him, one Tract of two Hundred acres granted to William Lynnard--one Tract of one hundred and fifty acres except a bit sold of it to M^r Thomas Roche, granted to Francis James--one Tract of one hundred acres granted Henry Kerley, with another piece of that swamp Tract granted to Col^o Richard Richardson that is to say, four Hundred Acres to be Laid out for him beginning on the River near to the lower corner of McWilliams old Field running on Eastwardly and then down the River measuring one Chain on the River and two Chain off til they make out the four Hundred acres for him in a long Square --the said to be to him and his heirs forever--I also will to my son Francis I. James except as above Excepted a certain Tract of Land containing Eight Hundred acres & Fifty acres granted to Angel Harden, one Tract of one Hundred acres granted to David Williams to be to him and his Heirs forever--

I do also Will unto my four Daughters Nancey James, Mary James, Elizabeth James & Clarifsa James Except as above Excepted & mentioned all the remainder of my Real Estate in Lands, to be equally divided between my four above mentioned Daughters to be to them and their heirs forever--note that a two Hundred acre Tract of the said Land intend for my Daughters, was granted to Matthew James but it is meant that he is to make Titles to his Sisters as soon as he is of age--I also Will and Bequeath unto my Six Children that is to say my two sons Matthew & Francis I & four Daughters, Nancey, Mary, Elizabeth, and Clarifsa Except as above Excepted all my Personal Estate to be equally divided between my said two Sons & four Daughters to be to them and their Heirs forever-----Also it is my desire that the whole of my above mentioned estate might be kept together undervided & the Negroes all worked together on the Land belonging to my Estate until my Son Matthew is twenty one years of age, if he should live, and then a Devision might take place agreeable to the above will--Lastly I do Will ordain & constitute Thomas Jones, William McConnico & Matthew James Executors of this my last will and Testament, (it is my Desire that Matthew James might act as Executor when he is of age) In witnefs whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this Seventh Day of December in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Seven

Signed, Sealed, Published, Declared.

John James (SEAL)

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William Humphrey Clerk of Court

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