

Sumter District) In the name of God Amen I John Tisdale of
the District and State aforesaid being sick in Body. and of a
perfect & sound disposing Mind and Memory and calling to the mind
the uncertainty of Life and the great Certainty that it is appoint
ed that all mankind must once Die; I do hereby ordain and Declare
this to be my last will and Testament, revoking and annulling all
former Will or Wills made by me.-----

First I Recommend my Soul to that God that Gave it and desire that
my Body be Buryed in a decent and Christian like manner.-----

Second- Unto my Beloved Wife Nancy Tisdale I give and Bequeath
these Four Negro Slaves viz ^h Caela, Jim Joe and Hester and the
Future Increase of the said Females.-----

Third Unto my Beloved Children Ransom Mary Ann and John Tisdale
I give and Bequeath Jointly these Twelve Negro Slaves following
viz ^h Hood. Minia, Binah, Betty. Farrow. Jordon. Allen Giles,
Eve, Edmond, Dick & Harriot and the Future Increase of the said
Females The said last mentioned Twelve Negro Slaves and the Future
Increase of the said Females to be equally Divided between my
said Children Ramson Mary Ann and John Tisdale as they respective-
ly Marry or arrive at the age of Twenty one Years.-----

Fourth- Should my Beloved Wife Nancy be Delivered of the Child of
which she is now Pregnant with: Then my Will and desire is that
that Child shall have and Receive these four Negro Slaves Follow-
ing viz ^t Frank. Dave. Lucy & Robin and the future Increase of
the said Lucy ~~and~~.

These last mentioned Negro Slaves to be kept together with the
Slaves mentioned in my other Childrens Bequest untill the said
Child shall Marry or Come of Age: But should the Child Die before
he or she should Marry or come of the Age of Twenty one, then in
that case the Legacy here by given to that Child shall be equally
Divided between my Beloved Wife Nancy and my other Children to
share and share alike-----

Fifth My Will and Desire is that my Executors herein after named

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Nance, ^{Amy} ~~Amy~~ and Amos and to Purchase out of the amount of Sales and such monies as may be due my Estate, Three other Negro Slaves and that the three Negro Slaves to be Purchased and my Negro Slaves Jesse and Molly be equally Divided between my Beloved Wife Nancy and all my Children now Born or to be Born--

That part or Portions of said Negro Slaves last mentioned which may fall to my said Children is to go with the Rest of their Estate & to be equally Divided between them or the Survivors as him her or them may Marry or arrive at the age of Twenty one years Sixth- Unto my Beloved Wife Nancy and my Dear Children now Born or to be Born I Give and Bequeath all my Plantation and Tract of Land whereon I now live, to them and their Heirs and assigns forever; to be equally Divided between them when my Son Ransom shall Marry or arrive at the age of Twenty one years.-----

Seventh- My Will and desire is that my Executors do Sell my Gray Horse and any other Property which I may have and not herein disposed of, to be Sold to the best advantage at their discretion-----

Eighth My Will and desire is that all the rest of my Horses, all my Cattle Hogs, Household & Kitchen Furniture & Plantation Tools be kept together & Used for the Mutual Benefit of my Beloved Wife and Children ~~was~~ until my Son Ransom shall Marry or Arrive to the age of Twentyone years, then such as remain shall be equally Divided between my Beloved Wife & Children

Ninth My Will and desire is that the work & Labor of those Negro Slaves herein given to my Children shall be appropriated to their Maintenance Support and Education and other Necessary Expenditures which may be necessary or incurred on their Account

Tenth- If any of my Debts should remain unpaid and there should not be a sufficiency to pay them without encroaching on the

Nancy and all my Children now Born or to be Born--

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Tenth- If any of my Debts should remain unpaid and there should not be a sufficiency to pay them without encroaching on the Legacies; then in that Case my Will & desire is that my Beloved Wife and Children shall go equal share in the Payment of such Debts.-----

Eleventh- I Nominate and Appoint my Brother Francis Tisdale and my worthy Friend Thomas I. Wilder my lawful Executors of this my last Will and Testament

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Signed and Seal acknowledged on the 21st day of October anno
Domini 1820 in the presence of three witnesses who in the presence
of each other & in the presence of the Testator have Subscribed
their names as Witnesses to this Will and Testament-

Test J. G. Mathis

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John X Tisdale (SEAL)
Mark

J. I. Mathis

Thomas Billups

(Recorded in Will Book AA Pge 355)

Recorded 17th Day of May 1822

William Potts Ord

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