

MICHAEL BIRCH

State of South Carolina

Sumter District Clarendon County

In the Name of God Amen. I Michael Birch of the State District & County aforesaid Being thro the abundant Mercy & Goodness of God tho Weak in body yet of a Sound & perfect understanding and Memory do Constitute this my last Will and Testament, and desire it may be Received by all as Such, First I most Humbly Bequeath my Saidd to god my maker Beseeching his most Gracious exceptance of it through the all Sufficient merriits & mediation of my Compafsional Redeemer Jesus Christ, who gave himself to be an atonement for my Sins, and is able to Save to the uttermost all that come unto God by him, Seeing he ever livith to make Intercefsion for them and who I trust will not reject me, a returning penitent Sinner Whin I come to him for Mercy In this hope and Confidence I render up my Soul With Comfort, humbly beseeching, the most blefsed & gracious Trinity and God most Holy most mercifull and gracious to prepare me for the time of my difsolution & then to take me to himself into that peace and Rest and incomparable felicity which he has prepared for all that love & fear his Holy name amen, Blefsed be God. I give my body to the earth from whench it was taken, in full ^{assurance} apurance of its Resurrection, from thence at the last day as for my Burrial. I desire it may be decent without pampor State; at the discretion of my Dear Wife and my Executors hereafter Named who I doubt not will manage it with all Resiquite prudence as to my Worldly Estate I will and pofetively order that all my debts be paid First I give and bequeath, unto my dear and Loving Wife Dorcas Birch, the one half of my personal Estate to use & dispose of as she may think proper, also I give & bequeath to hir During her lifetime, my plantation & Tract of Land whereon I now reside,

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Issue that part of the property to devolve on the other, & their heirs forever & should they both die without Issue before they arrive to the age of twenty one years, the whole of the property to devolve on my dear & loving wife Dorcas Birch to dispose of as she thinks proper; It is my desire that all my property shall be kept together on the plantation whereon I now live undivided for, a Support for my Dear & loving Wife Dorcas Birch & my two ^{Dear} little Orphans, Elizabeth Birch Kindom & William Birch Brown, untill after the death of my dear & loving Wife D. Birch, It is also my desire that my two Dear Little orphans Elizabeth Birch Kindam & William Birch Brown, Shall be Decently Schooled & Clothed, by my Dear & loving Wife Dorcas Birch & my very good Freinds W.W. Mawson and John Simson, whome I nominate & Constitute Executrix & Executors of this my last Will & Testament, Said Schooling & Clothing to be Supported by my Estate-----In Witnefs whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this Twenty Eighth day of November In the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and Seven & of the American Independence the thirty Second year-----

Michael Birch (SEAL)

Signed Sealed and acknowledged

in the presence of us-----

Philip Carolan

Rob^t. Ridgill

William Holladay

(Recorded in Will Book A page 69)

(Recorded November 30th 1808)

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