

In the name of God amen. I Moses Christmas of Sumter District,
South Carolina, being weak and afflicted in body but of a sound
and disposing mind and memory do make this my last Will and Testa-
ment as follows; principally and first of all I recommend my Soul
to Almighty God who gave it. hoping through Jesus Christ to receive
forgiveness for my sins my body I commit to the earth to be decently
buried at the discretion of my Executor, and concerning my worldly
estate I give order and dispose of the same in manner and form
following-- Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Sarah
Christmas all of my household and kitchen furniture, & my mare to
be disposed of at her discretion, also the use of my plantation
during her widowhood and no longer. Item I give and bequeath unto
my four children, Charlotte, Sarah, Elisa and Mose^S my plantation,
negroes & the residue of my estate to be equally divided between
them share and share alike, and should either of my children die
without lawful issue or before they arrive at age the surviving
children or child shall share the property of the deceased. And it
is my Will and desire that none of my property be sold, but that
my children do share it in manner following, i.e. when each of
them arrive at age they shall receive their proportionable part of
my land and should the increase of my negroes be such as to allow
one for each of my children, in that case it is my will and desire
that they should be possessed of one of the younger negroes as they
severally arrive at age; but should the increase not be sufficient,
the division of the negroes shall be suspended until my youngest
child shall arrive at age, and no sale of the negroes shall be made
before that period. Lastly I nominate and appoint my friend Gabriel
Capers executor of this my last will and Testament in testimony
whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty seventh day
of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
eighteen & in the forty second year of American Independence.

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Moses Christmas (SEAL)

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him made, in the presence of us who by his desire and at his request do subscribe our names as witnesses thereunto-----

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(Recorded in Will Book AA page 193)

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William Potts Ord S.D.

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