

WILL OF
ROBERT WITHERSPOON

In the name of God amen. The day of in the year of
our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven. I Robert
Witherspoon, of Sumter District, in the State of South Carolina,
being in good health and of sound and disposing mind memory and
understanding; 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: Item 1st I
Will and Bequeath to my dearly beloved Wife the five negroes which
I received with her at marriage, and their increase, during her
natural life, at her death the said five negroes, and their in-
crease, to go to and be equally divided between my three children
Sarah A. Knox. Thomas. M. and Hamilton G. the share that may fall
to my daughter Sarah A. Knox. I will the use and pofsefsion of to
her during her natural life at her death the same share to go to
and be forever vested in the ifsue of her body - To my beloved Wife
I further give the following negroes, to hold and pofsefs during
her natural life, viz. Danton little Jack, Kate, Hampton, Prince,
Richmond, Effy, and Amos and at her death these eight negroes, and
their increase, to be equally divided between my daughter Sarah A.
Knox, and my four sons; the share that may fall to my daughter
Sarah. A. Knox. I will the use and pofsefsion of to her, during
her natural life, at her death the same share to go to, and be for-
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fall to each of my four sons under this first Item of my ill I
will to them and to their heirs forever Item 2- I Will and Be-
queath to my son James E. and to my son John B. the following ne-
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understanding, 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: Item 1st I Will and Bequeath to my dearly beloved wife the five negroes which I received with her at marriage, and their increase, during her natural life, at her death the said five negroes, and their increase, to go to and be equally divided between my three children Sarah A. Knox. Thomas. M. and Hamilton G. the share that may fall to my daughter Sarah A. Knox. I will the use and possession of to her during her natural life at her death the same share to go to and be forever vested in the issue of her body - To my beloved wife I further give the following negroes, to hold and possess during her natural life, viz. Danton little Jack, Kate, Hampton, Prince, Richmond, Effy, and Amos and at her death these eight negroes, and their increase, to be equally divided between my daughter Sarah A. Knox, and my four sons; the share that may fall to my daughter Sarah. A. Knox. I will the use and possession of to her, during her natural life, at her death the same share to go to, and be forever vested in the issue of her body the share or shares which may fall to each of my four sons under this first Item of my Will I will to them and to their heirs forever Item 2nd I Will and Bequeath to my son James E. and to my son John B. the following negroes, viz. Yellow Jack, Dayton, Nelly, Betty, and her five children - also a note of hand now due me by my brother Dr J. R. Witherspoon - also two notes of hand now due me by Edward Anderson and I Way. Anderson; also ^{so} Ramsay's history of the U.S. - Witherspoon's works - the Spectator - Republick of letters and Newton's works to them and their heirs forever.

Item 3^d To my daughter .A. Knox I Will and Bequeath the following negroes viz Joe Tilla and her three youngest children viz Hester. Flander and Delia during her natural life at her death these five

negroes and their increase to be forever vested in the issue of her body.

Item 4th I will and Bequeath to my two sons Thomas M. and Hamilton G. the residue of my negroes; also the whole of my plantation lands and houses in Salem called Coldstream; also my stock of horses cattle and hogs my provisions of every kind - all my household and kitchen furniture - balance of Library and plantation tools to them and their heirs forever. It is however my express will and desire that my beloved wife continue to occupy use and possess my houses and lands called Coldstream in common with my two Sons. Thomas M. and Hamilton G as well as the provisions furniture stock Carriage &c during the remainder of her life - My two sons Thomas and Hamilton to pay to the Theological Seminary at Columbia S.C. one hundred dollars - to the Treasurer of the Southern Board of Foreign Missions one hundred dollars and to the posthumous child of my deceased nephew G Witherspoon one hundred dollars - Lastly I nominate and appoint my esteemed sister Mary W. Muldrow my Executrix my three sons James E. John B. and Thomas M. - my valued friends ~~Hugh Wilson~~, James E. Wilson, J.J. Knox, and John T. James, Executors of this my last will and Testament - And I do hereby revoke disannul, and make void all former Wills and Testaments, confirming this, and this only, to be my last Will and Testament

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, the day and the year, above written

Signed sealed published and declared in the presence of

John Harrington

Wm Wilson

Wm M. Read

R. Witherspoon (SEAL)

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The following addition though informal I wish my children to fulfill as part of my last Will & Testament -

My dear Wife who by reason of long mental affliction I consider at this time not compos mentis - no capable of managing or disposing of property or of being an Executrix of my Estate; therefore the property I have bequeathed to her in my Will is only to her during her natural life: I earnestly enjoin it on my dear children & my Executrix and Executors to see her carefully & affectionately treated and nursed. her situation to be made as comfortable as in their power and the means left in their hands. I further enjoin that my son Hamilton receive a liberal education & be trained to sober to virtuous and industrious habits - to Remember his Creator in the days of his youth - Let only a sober, steady & humane man be employed to oversee my poor & helpless slaves who I hope will always when there is opportunity attend the teaching of the Church - To Amos I give every Saturday in the year - to old Lucy I give five dollars per year - to old Tena black cloth for a drefs To John- old Peter - Amos & Danton & give my wearing apparel To Joseph Loyd & give all my own wild cattle ranging about the cow-bay in my own mark - but not those cattle in the mark of Thomas & Hamilton

To my friend & the friend of mankind in the gospel the rev^d Dr. John Witherspoon of Camden I give my Ivory headed cane

To my dear little name sake Robert W. Wilson I give a gold eagle - To Robert W- Morgan son of my esteemed friend the rev.

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R. Witherspoon-

^d Having rec- of my brother Dr. J. R. Witherspoon the full amount of his note which I had bequeathed to James & Ben I hereby in lieu of said note give to James & Ben the note due me by my son James E.

Witherspoon-

R.W.