

WILL OF

STEPHEN WILDER

In the name of God Amen, I Stephen Wilder of Sumter District, Planter being of sound mind memory and understanding do make this my last will & testament.

First. I direct that all my debts be paid out of the Crop of provisions, cotton, & Stock that I may leave at my death after taking out the part I here in give to my wife.

Secondly. I give bequeath & devise unto my wife Sarah Wilder for and during the term of her natural life only in lieu & bar of dower the use of my plantation or lands where on I now live also the following Negroes to wit, Violet, Antony, Ephraim, Cosby, Emily, & Laural, all my house hold & kitchen furniture one third part of my stock of horses. and hogs. five cows and calves three two year old heifers & and two too year old steers, and one third of the provisions, my riding chair & harness, my waggon & gears and such of my plantation tools as may be necessary for her-----

Thirdly* I give and bequeath to my grand son James Laurance Millett a negro boy named William To my grand daughter Sarah Panthea Millett a negro Girl Tomesey & her future increase To my grand daughter Margaret Elbina Bellett a negro ^ggirl Posey & her future increase. It is my will that my Executors take charge of the three above negroes for my grand Children until they respectively become of age or marry, but in the mean time their Mother to have the use, work & labour of them as the property herein bequeathed in trust for her is given:

Fourthly I give and bequeath unto my daughter Hulda Bellett five hundred dollars to be paid to her out of the moneys arising from the present Crop.

Fifthly- It is my will & desire that my son and daughter take good care of my old servants Jim & Suckey during their lives each taking

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fifthly- It is my will & desire that my son and daughter take good care of my old servants Jim & Suckey during their lives each taking one and keep them from hard labour & supporting them comfortably during their lives.

sixthly. I give & bequeath unto my executors herein after named; the Plantation or tract of land which I purchased of Jacob Ellmore, also the half of my personal estate not before bequeathed, including in my personal estate that given to my wife her life time after her Death in trust, That is to say To have and to hold to them their

executors, Administrators & assigns, repose this special trust & confidence that is to say, that they suffer & permit my daughter Ulda the wife of James-Millett, to have the use, work labour and profits thereof to and for her sole & separate use during the term of her natural life not withstanding her marriage, free from the contracts and debts of her now or any future husband and that from and after her death the said lands and personal estate to be equally divided amongst such children as she may leave at her death, but if only one child that one to take the whole, but should either of her children die under age or unmarried then the survivors or survivor to take the same among them on their becoming of age or marry-But should my said daughter die leaving no children or child or should they die under age or unmarried, then and in that case the said lands and personal estate to my son and his heirs forever.

eventhly. I give and bequeath & devise unto my son Thomas James Wilder and his heirs forever all my real & personal estate not before bequeathed, including the plantation given to my wife her life time & the half of the personal estate given to her in same manner, but he is not to have the lands and personal estate given to his mother until after her death.

It is my will that each of my children shall chose each two persons, which said four persons shall chose a fifth to divide my personal estate. but that given to my wife is not to be divided until after her death.

lastly- I nominate my friend Jefse Nettles Junior and my son Thomas James Wilder executors of this my will-----

In witness hereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fourteenth day of September in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty.

signed in the presance of us

John B. Miller)
Thos Rivers)
Thomas Dagan)

Spencer Wilder (SEAL)