

In the Name of God Amen, I Thomas Nightingale Johnson of Clarendon County and State of South Carolina, being Sound both in body & mind but knowing the uncertainty of life and the Certainty of Death and wishing to arrange my worldly affairs. So as at any time to meet the approaching Hour of Death undisturbed by earthly cares, I make and declare this to be my last and only Will and Testament. First I desire that my body be decently Buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter to be mentioned Secondly I give and bequeath to my beloved Wife Mary all the property real & personal which I got by her with the increase of the negroes also the plantation whereon I reside together with its appendages, in lew of two small tracts which she brought in but which I have since sold also Ten Milking Cows & Calves, the Stock of Hog and sheep the plow Horses, all the Carriage Horses, Carriage and Chair, a wagon and gears, plows plow stocks and every other plantation Tool necessary for carrying on Business also all the plate Kitchen and Household Furniture to be to her and her Heirs forever, but when I say all the Stock of Hogs and sheep I only mean those that belong to the Springfield plantation, and it is my Desire that as soon after the Crop is Finished gathering & ginning as possible which may be on hand at the Time of my dissolution, that the Negroes, which Come by my present Wife be returned to this plantation and all the rest be sent to Jacks Creek there to remain except any two which Mrs Johnson may Choos to retain for the purpose of attending my Daughter-

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give and bequeath to John Miller Son of William and Elizabeth Miller for the affection I bear his Father Two thousand Dollars, to be paid him on the day he shall arrive at the age of twenty one but if he should Sooner Die then the Same to remain as a part of my Estate as his other children will be Sufficiently provided for, (Item) I desire that my Exors, will give My Daughter as good Education as her mothers Indulgence and Tendernefs will admit her to gett, and that they do pay her Mother two Hundred Dollars pre annum, in lew of Board & Clothing (Item) I desire that after My Debts Shall be paid whatever Surplus, there may be of the annual income of my Estate the Same Shall be put at Interest at the Discretion of my Executors - (Item) I give and bequeath to my beloved Daughter Sarah to her & the Heirs of her body lawfully begotten. all the rest and residue of my Estate wheresoever it may be found both real and personal but in case of her Death before marriage then I direct that the property both real and personal which I Received by the death of my former Wife Nancy James, Except Such part as I have already Disposed, of do direct to the Heirs of late Colo John James, to be to them and their Heirs forever and to be divided amongh them in Such manner as they may Choose and the rest of my property both real and personal to be sold for Cash one Fourth of which with what may be accumulated, to be to my beloved Wife Mary one Fourth to the orphan House establishment in Charleston and the remainder to my Father if he Survives me if not to his Heirs. Share and share alike (Item) I had almost forgot My affectionate Sister Elizabeth James, whose tendernefs of heart and attention to me in repeated Spells of Sicknefs, not only Intitles her to my best thanks but to a more pecuniary remembrance and as I know her Fondnefs for Reading I think nothing would be more greatfull to her than a Library. I therefore

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Desire that my Exors would pay her one hundred Dollars, to be laid
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two hundred Dollars to purchase her a Chair Horse, - lastly I nom-
inate and appoint my husty Friends Matthew James, Charles Cannon
and my affectionate Brother D. ^{tr} Joseph Johnson to be my Executors,
the former I would wish to take intire charge of that part of my

estate left his Sister Mrs Cannons I Beg-would take entire charge

of Business at Jacks Creek and my Brother Joseph of what will necessarily require to be done in Charleston

Witnefs my hand and Seal this twenty Second day of May one-thousand eight Hundred and one, Signed Sealed and acknowledged in presence of,

Willm Sims

Cleresa James

Mary Sims.

I omitted to mention in the proper place that is my will that should my Daughter Marry and have at her Death a Husband & no children that her Husband shall have the profits & use of the Estate during his lifetime and should she leave a Husband & Children then the Husband shall ^{have} the profit & use of it untill her children marry or Come of age -

Thomas N Johnson (Seal)

Item I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Johnson my Carpenter Fellow William & Direct that as soon as possible my Exors will buy two prime fellows, from the produce of the crop at Jacks Creek & give them to my wife to be her & her Heirs for ever and in Case of my Daughters Death as above the one Fourth left to the orphan house shall not be Disposed of as there Directed but shall be paid to my Wife in addition to the one fourth above mentioned - as Witnefs My hand this Tenth day of August one thousand Eight Hundred & two

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