

WILL OF
EVANDER SPEIGHTS.

In the name of God, Amen---- I, Evander Speights of the State of South Carolina, Williamsburg Dist. Planter being weak in body, but of sound & disposing mind, memory & understanding-- praised be God for the same, do make & declare this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following-- that is to say my funeral charges & all my lawful & just debts to be paid in convenient time after my death-- and all the legacies herein after bequeathed are to be discharged as soon as circumstance will permit & in the manner herein after directed---

Item.

I give & bequeath to my beloved Wife Eliza, all my real estate, with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging & to be disposed of hereafter as she may think proper

Item.

I also bequeath to my beloved Wife Eliza, one negro Man named Mackery---one negro woman, named Phillis & her ^{five} children, viz, Jose, Boston, Zack, Adeline & Nerah, to be disposed of as she may hereafter think proper---

All the rest, residue & remainder of my negroes, not disposed of above, to be equally divided between my seven children viz, Elizabeth, Graham, Caroine Jane, James Archibald McBride, Sarah Ann William Thomas, Elias, & Mary Louisa, share & share alike, giving to each of my children his or her portion, as he or she ~~may~~ may arrive at the age of twenty one years or marriage-----

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The stock, horses, cattle, sheep & hogs-- household & Kitchen furniture, plantation tools and other implements of husbandry & carriages, to be kept on the plantation or disposed of at the discretion of my executors herein after Named---

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Lastly.

I constitute nominate & appoint my beloved Wife Eliza, Executrix, conjointly with James Graham Sen^r Nelson M. Graham, George W. Cooper--D^r James Bradley & James McFaddin Sen^r -- Executors of this my last Will & Testament, giving them full power to execute the same--also full power & authority to divide & give off to each of my Heirs their part or share of my estate, as the children arrive at the age of twenty one years

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or marriage, without petitioning or applying to any Court for a division, and such division Made by any two or more of them shall be considered as legal, as if it had been made by the authority of any Court in the State of South Carolina---

In witness of all & each of the things herein contained, I have set my hand & seal this third day of September in the year of our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred & forty (1840)---

Witness-----

Charles ~~C.~~ Walker

Evander M Speights (L.S.)

William Graham

James McFaddin

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Recorded by Samuel G. McClary, Ordinary of Williamsburgh District, on the 21st. day of September 1840.

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