

WILL OF

GAVIN JAMES.

In the Name of God amen. I Gavin James of the State of South Carolina and district of Williamsburg, being weak and frail of body but of a perfect and sound mind and memory--Therefore Calling to mind the frailty of my Nature and that it is appointed for all one to die do make ordain and constitute this my last will and testament in the manner and form following First and principally I give and recommend my soul to God who gave it trusting that through the merits of my redeemer to receive remission for all my sins, and touching my worldly Estate which it hath pleased God to bless me with I remise and bestow of in the manner and form following Viz Imprimis I give and bequeath to my Nephew William James, and my two Nieces Mary Wilson and Jannet Scott a Note due me by John Scott son of James, also, a ballance due me by said Scott for which I hold his receipt for forty nine dollars with the interest on said papers to be equally divided among the three. Secondly I give and bequeath to my Niece Mary Ann Magill Thirty Dollars, Thirdly the ballance of my Estate both real and personal after the payment of the above legacies and my Just debts, I give and bequeath to be equally divided among my Grand Nephew<sup>S</sup> and Nieces as well those that may be born hereafter, as those already born the issue of Samuel Magill and my Niece Mary Ann Magill his wife there part to be given up to them as soon as they may marry or come of lawful age, and in case one or more of them should die before they marry or arrive at lawful age his, her or there part or parts to go to be equally divided among the survivors or if they all should die before they marry or arrive at lawful age but one, then that one shall inherit the whole of said property and if all the whole of them die before

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among my Nephew William James Mary Wilson and Jannet Scott  
 or should any of them be dead there part to go to this issue  
 of there body if they leave any, or should they not leave any  
 issue to go to be equally divided among those that still sur-  
 vives or there issur, The issue if any drawing the part that  
 there Parent whould have been intitlled to if alive, And it is  
 my will that my Executors herein after named shall in case  
 they see it absolutely necessary from the parishing State of  
 any of the property left by me be authorised to make sale of  
 the personal property and lay in to the amount sold in a Fam-  
 ily or Familys of Negroes or in promising Young Negroes that  
 may not have a family or if deemed more expedient and advan-  
 tagous to my heirs that the amount should be loaned out on  
 Interest in stead of making a purchase they are authorized to  
 do so, taking good care to have it properly secured, and al-  
 ways keeping in mind the interest of my heirs-- And lastly I  
 nominate and appoint John Magill and Alexander McCrea Execu-  
 tors of this my last Will and Testament revoking and disann-  
 ulling any and all former wills and testaments by me hereto-  
 fore made--- And do further hereby declare this to be my last  
 Will and Testament, made this second day of October in the  
 year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixteen and in  
 the forty first year of the Independence of the United States  
 of America--- Signed sealed published and pronounced in presenc

of  
 Samuel Scott  
 Wm Cooper  
 D.D. Wilson

Gavin James (SEAL)

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David McClary Ordinary Williamsburgh District

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