

WILL OF

JACOB JOHNSON

In the name of God Amen. I Jacob Johnson of Williamsburgh District and state of South Carolina being sick and weak in body but of sound and disposing memory (blest be Almighty God) doth make and ordain this instrument<sup>as</sup> my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit

Firstly It is my will and urgent desire that all my just debts be paid as soon after my decease as my Executors hereinafter named may find it practicable.-----

Secondly I ~~lend~~<sup>loan</sup> unto my loving wife Christian West Johnson during her natural life all that plantation and its improvements whereon I now live also I loan to my said wife for the like time the use of all my negroes viz Abram Bella and her two children Patience and Sam as well also there future increase also I loan to my said wife for like time the use of all my Household and Kitchen furniture and plantation utensils also I loan unto my said wife for like time the use of all my cattle sheep and hogs, also I loan to my said wife for like time the use of my Riding horse and Gray mare, also I loan to my said wife for like time the use of my waggon and gear of every discription and further it is my will and desire that all my stock of provisions of every discription whatsoever remaining on hand at the time of my decease together with all the fowls and beehives be given unto my wiffe for her better maintenance and support Thirdly I give and bequeath unto Jacob I Howard son of Wm Howard Senr. my horse colt called Ruby also my double barrel percussion Gun to him and his heirs forever, and further should the said Jacob I

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twenty one years inherit in fu the s<sup>d</sup> before mentioned plantation and negroes, and further that my intentions may more clearly and be more fully understood it is my expresse will and desire that the said plantation and negroes at death of my said wife Christian W shall be under the control and management of my Executors who are hereby authorized to act and to manage or cause to be managed the said plantation and negroes in such manner as may in their judgement be deemed best for the interest of the said Jacob I Howard and his lawfully begotten heir or heirs as before expresseed if any there shall be and further I do hereby ordain and appoint my said Executors hereafter named or such as may qualify to this my last will and testament guardians to the said Jacob I Howard and his lawfully begotten heir or heirs if any there shall be with particular injunctions that the said appointed guardians will at all times use such precautions any means as they may think necessary to prevent wast being made by the said Jacob I Howard or any other person of any part or portion of the said mentioned plantation & negroes contrary to the true intent and meaning of this my will and ~~further should the said Jacob I Howard die without leaving~~ a lawfully begotten heir or heirs or should the heir or heirs if any die before they arrive to the age of twenty one years then in that case I give and devise the said plantation & negroes to the children which may then be living of my brother Willis Johnson to them and their heirs forever

Fourthly I loan unto my brother Willis Johnson during his natural life all that tract of Land from Dolson branch to the old mill pond containing any more or less reserving

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Fifthly I give and devise unto my brother James Johnson the sum of one dollar to him and his heirs forever to be paid by my Executors within twelve months after my decease.

sixthly I give and devise unto the children of my deceased sister Margaret the sum of five dollars to be equally divided between them and their heirs to be paid them in

twelve months after my decease <sup>Seventhly</sup> I give and devise

unto my sister Judith Johnson the sum of one dollar and do recommend her entirely after the above legacy to the charitable consideration of my wife Christian W whom I beg will bestow and afford such relief from time to time as she may judge competent to her relief but this to be entirely at

the option of my said wife <sup>Eighthly</sup> It is my will and desire that my Executors will as soon after my decease as

practicable sell <sup>it</sup> at public auction the residue of my lands

and all other property of any discription not herein <sup>before</sup> dis-

posed of and further it is my will and desire that at the

death of my said wife Christian W my Executors do immed-

ately take charge of all the property herein before men-

tioned as loaned to my said wife during her natural life

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to dispose of the same at public auction the proceeds of

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devised it is then my wish and desire that the ballance

remaining be divided equally between the children of my

brother James Johnson Willis Johnson and the children of

Elizabeth Howard wife of Wm Howard Senr to be paid by my

Executors as soon as practicable to the said children as

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recommend her ~~entirely after the above~~ legacy to the charitable consideration of my wife Christian W whom I beg will bestow and afford such relief from time to time as she may judge competent to her relief but this to be entirely at the option of my said wife Eighthly It is my will and desire that my Executors will as soon after my decease as practicable sell <sup>it</sup> ~~a~~ public auction the residue of my lands and all other property of any discription not herein <sup>before</sup> ~~dis-~~posed of and further it is my will and desire that at the death of my said wife Christian W my Executors, do immediately take charge of all the property herein before mentioned as loaned to my said wife during her natural life the plantation & negroes before disposed of excepted and to dispose of the same at public auction the proceeds of ~~x~~ which sale and the amount sale of lands & other property ordered to be sold after paying my just debts funereal expenses and the diferent small legacies as willed and devised it is then my wish and desire that the ballance remaining be divided equally between the children of my brother James Johnson Willis Johnson and the children of Elizabeth Howard wife of Wm Howard Senr to be paid by my Executors as soon as practicable to the said children as ~~x~~ they be or shall arrive to the age of twenty one years or may marry Ninthly and lastly I do nominate and appoint my worthy and trusty friends Samuel Nesmith Thomas M Steel and William Gibson as Executors to this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills which may heretofore have been made by me In testimony whereof I the said Jacob Johnson have hereunto set and affixed my hand and seal this twenty third day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty four.

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Signed sealed and declared by Jacob  
Johnson to be his last will and  
testament in presence of

Jacob Johnson(L.S.

Lemuel W Neamith

William Knox

Charles B Cumbie

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Recorded 13th day of April 1835

Samuel G. McClary, Ordinary Williamsburgh District