

WILL OF
JAMES BURGESS

In the name of God Amen. I. James Burgess of the district of Williamsburgh & State of South Carolina, being in my usual health & understanding reflecting on the mortality of my nature & knowing that I must die. do think it proper to publish & declare this my last will & Testament revoking all others in manner & form following That is to say. I desire that all my lawful debts be paid so soon as conveniency will admit & that no amount against me of more then four years standing be admitted, as there is not a debt against me except such as are nearly temporary for which there is not a spueality given. 2 I give and bequeath to my beloved wife

Margaret Burgess my riding chair and harness, side saddle & bridle & her choice of one of my draught Horses, two Beds & furniture, my table plate & furniture, china & crockry ware of every discription to her own proper use forever--- 3 To my sons I bequeath my buttons, buckels, watches razors Books Pistols Guns &c &c to be equally divided among them merely as tokens of my effection---

To my Daughters I bequeath to each a Bed & furniture at their marriage or arrival at age which ever may first happen. 4th

Whatever property both real & personal that I may be possessed of at the time of my decease except that abovementioned I will to be equally divided between my wife Margaret Burgess & the children which may survive me & if such a case should happen the child or children that may be born within the legal time after my decease the division I desire may be made in the following manner Viz That three or more free holders of approved characters be appointed by the court to view the Lands

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election must be made at the time of the divide & not afterwards. I farther desire that a fare Schedule of the property real & personal & the division of each Legatee be made out & that the same be recorded in any Notary Public office of this district- It my express will that my children be heirs of each other, That is to say should any of them die under age or not married or intestate being of age, that their property be equally divided between the surviving Brothers and sisters or their legal representatives- It is my farther will that my sons receive a clasaical Education & that they should be brought up to the profession of the Law should their capacities admit of it; on which subject I allow thier Tutors to be consulted & their opinions to be conclusive, I also desire my Daughters to receive the best education that can be obtained in the part of the state in which they reside- It is farther my will and desire that the division of my property shall take place as soon as my wife shall cease to be my widow or whenever either of my children shall arrive atvage or marriage- I hereby constitute my wife Margaret BurgeSs Executrix & my son John BurgeSs as soon as he arrives at age Executor of this my last will and Testament- Given under my hand and seal this 27th day of May Anno Domini 1806

Signed Sealed & Acknowledged

in the presence of

James Burgess (L.S.)

Raphael Bell

Wm Dollard

J B Cumming

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David McClary Ordinary Williamsburgh District