

WILL OF

JAMES GOWDY

In the Name of God Amen; I James Gowdy of the district of Williamsburgh and State of South Carolina, being Very Sick & weak in body, but of perfect Sound Mind & memory, thanks be given to God for his Mercy; and calling to mind the mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and Ordain, this my last Will and testament, and first I Recommend my immortal Soul into the Arms of my Blefed Redeemer, and my Body to the Earth, to be buried in a decent Christian manner at the discretion of my ~~Executors~~, nothing doubting but at the Resurrection to receive the same again by the mighty Power of God, and as for such Worldly Estate wherewith it hath Pleased God to blefe me with in this life, I Give devise & dispose of the same in the Manner & form following---Impremis it is my desire that my ^{general} ~~formal~~ charges be paid on all my Just debts be fully paid & satisfyd, out of my Estate---Imp.,--it is my Will that all my personal Estate be sold at Public Vandue as soon as can be done conveniently and the money arising from the sale, to be put out at Interest for the benefit of my two children, Mary Francis Gowdy, and James Malcomson Gowdy,--Impri., it is my Will that all my lands be sold likewise at public or private Sale discretional to my Executors, Hereby giving my Executors full power to Execute deeds to the same, and the Money Arising from the sale to be put out at Interest for the benefit of my two Children Aforesaid the money of my Estate both Real and Personal I desire to be Equally divided between my two Children Mary Francis Gowdy, and James Malcomson Gowdy when either of them do marry, or when they arrive at the age of twenty-one, but in case either of them

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arrive at the age of twenty-one, but in case either of them
Should die before they attain the age of twenty-one years, then
in that case all the part that should have been belonging to the
deceased, shall decend to the Survivor--and in case that both
of my children Shoul die before they attain the age of twenty-
one years, then the Whole of my Estate to be Equally divided
between the Children of My Brother Ebenezer Gibson and the
Children of my Sister Francis McConnell--I do Hereby nominate
and appoint my trusty Friends Gavin Witherspoon and James

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McBride my only and sole Executors, hereby Revoking and dis-
anulling all and every other Will by made, Ratifying and con-
firming this and no other to be my last Will and testament--in
Witness Whereof I have Set my Hand & Seal this 5th, December
1806---Signed, Sealed and delivered in

the presence of

Jonathan Bestwick

James Gowdy L. S.

Wm. Frierson

Peter Morland

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Recorded 24th day of December 1806

D. McClary Ord^y of Williamsburg District

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