

WILL OF

JOHN JAMES

In the name of God Amen. I John James of Indian Town, in the State of South Carolina, Williamsburg District, planter; being in good health of body, and of a sound and disposing mind & memory; but calling to mind the mortality of my body that I must die; do therefore make this my last Will & Testament. First I recommend my Soul to God who gave it; and my body to the dust to be buried in a decent Christian manner at the discretion of Executrix & Executors, and as to my worldly property it shall go in the first place to the payment of my just & lawful debts, and the remainder as follows.

To my beloved wife Elizabeth I give her lieu of Dower if she will accept of it in lieu thereof three negroes men Tom, Knocke & Jonah and boy Derry; three negroe women Ihoebe, Patty, Lucy and Lucys child Salina and her future Issue if any more; and another boy named Isaac the son of Sary making Nine in number besides their Increase if any; her choice of one of my feather beds, mattraSs, bedstead and all the other furniture with it and them compleat; her riding Gigg and HarneSs; and her choice of any one of my Horses; My waggon and gears; the one fourth part in value of all my household furniture the remainder of my beds beadsteads and furniture excepted, after her first choice of them as aforesaid; All my silver spoons for table & Tea; all my Buffett, Kitchen and Dairy furniture; all her poultry of every kind; all that lott of Books for-

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being written above my own immediately below his; all
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in value of all my stock of cattle, sheep, Goats & Hogs;
the one fourth part in value of all my plantation and
Mechanical tools Spinning Wheels & Cards included; the
one fourth part in value of each of my crops of Corn &
Cotten &c in my house houses or fields belonging to me
at my decease harvested or growing. For the comfort of my

wife and her minor children under her care after my decease and untill they come of age or marries. I lend unto her and them rent free the free use and benifit undisturbed of my dwelling house and other out buildings during my said wifes life time and as much of the lands on which they are built as will be sufficient for her and their hands jointly to plant and make crops on year after year during said term of time be it longer or shorter and a sufficiency of fire wood and Rail timber off it for her and their use. And as these lands and buildings after her use of them as already said I intend further on, in this my last Will and Testament; to give and bequeath unto my son William E. James and his heirs entire, and has not made any reserve of any part thereof for his occupancy and as I consider there is a sufficiency of lands for them and him both in them; and should it be the wish of said my son W. E. J. to plant and cultivate a part of them by himself and to place other buildings for himself thereon then in that case I grant him the privelege of doing so only that he must not to much straiten his Mother and Minor children from geting a sufficiency therof for that use I herein intend her and them to get. But to prevent this as much as possible I hereby give or lend them for the purposes aforesaid and for the said term of time a part of my Tracts of land on Indiantown swamp commonly known in the family by the name of our old place and all that part of them be it more or less that is on the Western side of said swamp and timber for Rails any part of my lands on both sides of said swamp.-----

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Signed, Sealed, Published, Pronounced
and declared by the said John James
to be his last Will & Testament, in
the presence of the subscribers.---

John James (SEAL)

Samuel James

Mary Ann McGill

Elizabeth A McGill

My son Robert W. James I have at sundry times given him
of my property in negroes a horse and sundry other articles
to tedious to mention all which I consider as his full

portion or child's part of my Estate and unless some occurrence should take place in my family of a distressing nature he is not to expect anything more of my Estate.*****

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary E. James and her heirs in law, my negroe woman named Hester, and her Hester's issue if any she may have; the Riding Chair and Harness known in the family and named hers; One of my Feather Beds Bedstead, and Matraass & furniture, her wearing apparel chest of Drawers cloaths Trunk, Dressing Table and Glass, The one fifth part in value of my Library of Books after my wives part is taken out from them.*****

I give and bequeath unto my daughter E. Lavinea James, on the day of her marriage or age of Twenty one years, Two entire tracts of my lands on Muddy Creek in Williamsburg District; The first is a tract of twenty four acres, purchased from David Matthews his deed of conveyance to me dated the first day of February In the year of our Lord one thousand, Eight hundred & Six; The second is a Tract containing Ninety two acres, Granted to me the fourth day of August One Thousand, Eight hundred; together with other two broken, or parts of Tracts adjoining each other. The first of them, is one of a hundred acres Granted to me the second day of June, one Thousand, seven hundred and Eighty eight; a small part of it runs into an older survey, therefore to me is lost. The second of these broken, or parts of a tracts, is one of three hundred and ninety six acres granted to me the Eighth day of June 1791. Sold to my Mother Mrs Jane James now deceased out of this tract now Samuel James land, one hundred and fifty eight acres, another

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of the remaining part of this survey, is what of it I hereby
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more or less; and to be divided by a surveyor running a
steight line across this tract he to start his dividing
line at one corner mark of the one hundred Acre tract next
above this one described pine P. Oak corner in nearly a So.
direction untill it intersect the line of another tract

containing by the platt and Grant Three hundred and Twenty six acres; Granted to me the Eighth day of June one Thousand Seven hundred and Eighty Eight; the part I give her is from this new line made by the Surveyor and the line made to ascertain Mothers part of it and all and every part of it so marked out and no more as hers----- Moreover I give her of my personal Estate my young negroe woman named Venus and Venuses Issue if any she may have; and a feather Bed, Bedstead and furniture, her Trunk and wearing apparel, Dressing Table and Glass and a Lott of my Library of Books equal in value with my daughter M.E.James. I give and bequeath unto my son John T. James and his lawful heirs; certain tracts of land and some other parcels or parts of Tracts, all of them contiguous to each other and lying & being on Indiantown swamp and some of the head branches of Muddy Creek in Williamsburg District and State aforesaid and was the place of my former residence and therefore known in the family by the name of the old place; and to designate them I will attempt it first by the boundarys and secondly by tracts with the acres contained in each of them & Bounded on the North by a part of the lands I have herein named to my daughter E. Lavinia. On the East by a Tract of five hundred acres granted to George White and John McCotery. On the S.E. by lands now claimed by W.W. Britton, One the S.S. West by lands of Jane Wilson & her children. On the W. by lands of John McGill. On the W. and N. W.

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& Testament: in the presence of the subscriber.

Samuel James

Mary Ann McGill

Elizabeth A. McGill

by Samuel James. And secondly by Individual Tracts as follows. Two or more tracts of land I purchased from James Snow, he from Thos Potts and he from Henry Pareneau as may

be seen in his deed of Lease and Release to me dated the 17th and 18th days of March 1777 these several Tracts united in said deeds to contain 250 acres more or less but it is also said therein that this is a part of a Tract of nine hundred acres granted to Henry Pareneau and as I have in my possession an office copy of this platt & grant I find it dated the 28th^{day of} April 1732 and in looking over the transfers from Pareneau down to myself I find them in the same words and to be for whole of the 900 acres in place of a part of it and what has a tendency further to confirm me in this opinion is that I have had it in possession now for forty seven years nor has anyone ever disputed my claim unless they had an older grant. or had my conveyance for it which was the case in the first instance a older survey of Snows took a part of it; and I sold John Gerns one small tract of Fifty five acres out of it; and John Wilson another the number of acres of his one I do not now recollect. So that I do hereby give and bequeath all and every one of these said tracts I purchased from Snow to my son John T. James and his heirs except what I myself have sold out of them and what that old survey took away from it. And more and above those lands of James Snow I give and bequeath unto him and his heirs. That tract of sixty four acres, that my Father John James bequeathed to me in last Will and Testament dated the 7th day of September 1789 The platt thereof made by James Gordon D.S. dated the 23rd day of November 1790--- Another Tract of Land containing Three hundred and Twenty six acres the grant dated

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 now the property of Jane Wilson & her childrens lands. Another
 I give him and his heirs of Twenty five acres. Another
 of Twenty three acres. both of them granted to me the 7th
 day of January 1805--- Another part of one which when
 granted it contained Three hundred and Ninety six acres, a

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part of which I sold my Mother a part of the remaining
part I have herein given and bequeathed unto my daughter
M. L. James the remaining part that part of it that is
bound on the E. by White and McCotterys land unto my
said son J. T. James-----

The last one that I give him and his heirs is one of
Two hundred & five acres granted to me the 1st day of April
1798. A part of this tract is lost by running into Horts
lands.--- But let it be known and considered that the
lands on the West side of Indiantown swamp that I have left
my wife and minor children to plant during her lifetime and
that my son J. T. James is not to molest or dispossess her
and them of it during that period but take possession of
it all at her decease.----- I give unto him and his
heirs of my personal property one negroe man named New-
ton, one ditto George & Two girls named Florah & ditto
Lenorah his Horse Adolphos, One Feather Bed, Bedstead
and Furniture, and as many in value of my Library⁷/Books
as my daughter M. E. James.

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sion of the following Tracts of Land, or parts of Tracts
(that is if his mother should at that time be dead, or
if not then dead, he to have them after her decease in
full possession , and before that time him and her to
occupy them only as joint Tenants under this my last Will
and Testament; that is my Executors will furnish her with

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a sufficient quantity of them including what is reserved for them herein as above said out of my son J. T. James portion of lands in the first place; and the balance of what more she may need for her and her children hands to occupy annually as is said above in this said Will, they to furnish her out of these Tracts of son William E. lands so as to include the dwelling house and other out buildings. And my said son W. E. James will then have the full liberty of occupying at any time the remainder of it after what she and them has a right to demand as may be seen in that clause of this my Will to her given or lent.) The first ~~one~~ of those tracts of land is the one on which my buildings at this time now stands on another Stump Branch a Branch of Indian Town Swamp; it contains by a measurement Two hundred and Seventy two acres more or less, I purchased it from William Ervin his conveyance made to me the third day of February 1812. and Hugh McCutchen the deputy Surveyors platt dated the 18th day of September 1810. That with the other transferrances therof will clearly shew ~~marks~~ the shapes, marks & Boundaries thereof. Adjoining to this is the second one of Three and one quarter of an Acre, which I purchased of Samuel McGill his conveyance dated the twelvth day of September 1814 with William Mousons platt thereunto annexed which will shew the shapes, marks and boundaries. The third and last of them is one of a hundred & forty eight acres purchased from Samuel James his conveyance dated the 4th of May 1814. Over and above said lands I give and bequeath unto him as aforesaid one six months old horse

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in the family by the name of Williams Mare. But should
it should it so be that that colt dies before it is old
enough to become a riding horse that is three years old
then in that case he will take its mother in place of that
her colt. and moreover I give him one young negree woman
named Letty and her Issue if any their be his saddle and

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ture. and a lott of my Books equal in value to his sisters
Marys lott-----

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah Ann James at her
age of Twenty one years or the day of her marriage one of
my girls named Amaritta and a negroe boy named Abner; One
of my Feather Beds, MattraSSs, Bedsteads and bed Furniture
and a Lott of Books equal in value to her sister Marys lott.

Signed, Sealed, published, pronounced

& declared by the said Jno James

Jno James (SEAL)

to be his last Will and Testament

in the presence of the subscribers.

Samuel James

Mary Ann McGill

Elizabeth A McGill

I give and bequeath unto my grandson John L. Wilson son
of William Wilson of Sumpeter District S. Carolina on the
day of his marriage or age of Twenty one years; my negro
boy named ~~Citro~~. But should said grandson John L. die
before he arrives at either of those ages then in said case
this legacy shall go unto Mary M. Wilson his J.L.W. full
sister-----

The residue of my Estate be it more or less of whatever
name it be either in Law or Equity that I may die possessed
of, or any wise entitled to by the birth of young negroes or
from the sale of any kind of crop that may be then in field
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those debts are paid that is if there any to pay, I here-
by give and and bequeath to be equally divided amongst my
five children viz. Mary E. John T. William E. Elizabeth
Lavinia & Sarah Ann; share and share equally alike; and
should any of them die before they arrive to the age of
Twenty one years then in that case their portion of this my
Estate either in legacies or the residuary part shall be
equally divided share and share alike between the survivors

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or then the whole of it to that one and my widow to take an equal part with them if she be then living. I do hereby fully impower my Executrix & Executors in acting for my minor children at their discretion to keep their working negroes on the plantation to work with my widows negroes on the lands I have reserved for that purpose or then as their judgement may lead them to hire them out to work by the year on wages either in choosing masters for them or then at publick auction at their discretion and they at every years end to call in their wages and be accountable to those minor heirs for it. I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint as sole Executrix and Executors of my last Will & Testament my beloved wife Elizabeth James my three sons Robert W. John T. & William E James, my Brother In laws David and S.I. Wilson. I do renounce, revoke and disannul all former Wills, Testaments and Bequeats, by me in anywise made before; and ratify and confirm this and no other, to be my last Will & Testament; written and interlined in my own hand on five sheets of paper numbered from one to five; stitched and sealed together at the lower left corner with my name in my own hand written at the bottom of each page and on the corner seal which seal is first covered with paper. Each sheet the one side is written on and the other side thereof is blank. In witness whereof I have finally subscribed my name and fixed my seal on the fifth and last page, this sixteenth day of June in the year of our Lord one Thousand, Eight hundred & Twenty four-----
Signed, Sealed, published, pronounced Jno James (SEAL)

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CODICIL TO WILL OF JOHN JAMES

Whereas I John James of Indian Town, in the State of South

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Carolina, Williamsburg District planter, have made and
and duly executed my last Will and Testament in my own
handwriting bearing date the sixteenth day of June one
thousand eight hundred and Twenty four; and has therein
given unto my daughter Mary E. James but by her last marriage
now Mary E. Green and my son William E. James and
daughter Elizabeth Lavinia and another daughter Sarah Ann
James each one of them a certain portion of my personal
Estate in Legacies as therein be seen and am now desirous
to enlarge that portion to each one of them as follows; to
Mary E. James otherways Mary E. Green to be added three
negroes of my property named York, Sary and a girl Lydia.
To William E. legacy to be added three negroes Sam a man
Sue a woman and Amy a child. To Elizabeth Lavinia legacy
to be added three negroes Simon a young man, Eley and Lenah
two women and both of their future issues if any more they
have, To Sarah Anns legacy to be added three negroes Cupid
a man, Marcus a boy and Nanny a woman and her future issue
if any more she may have. And I do ordain and declare this
present writing to be a Codicil to my said will which is
written on a separate sheet of paper and annexed to the
Will by a wafer at the corner as the sheets of the Will is
annexed together and taken as a part thereof; and do confirm
my said Will in every particular thereof that is not
heroby altered or revoked. In witness whereof I have to
this Codicil set my hand and seal the Twenty third day
of June in the year ~~1824~~ of our Lord one Thousand Eight
hundred and Twenty four.

Signed, Sealed, declared and published

Jno James (SEAL)

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Signed, Sealed, declared and published by the said John James as a Codicil to be annexed to his last Will & Testament and to be taken as a part thereof in the presence of.----- Jno James (SEAL)

Samuel James
Mary Ann McGill
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