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WILL OF  
JOHN M MATTHEWS

I. John M Matthews of Williamsburgh District in the State of South Carolina, being in an infirm state of health and sensible too of my liableneSs to sudden death, at the time being in my own apprehension of sound mind do judge it best to make and accordingly do hereby make and publish this my last will and testament, revoking and making void all former wills by me at any time heretofore made. It is my will that all my just debts and the charges of my funeral be paid and discharged by my executors hereinafter named and appointed, out of my estate as soon as conveniently <sup>be</sup> may after my decease and I leave the charges of my funeral to the direction of my executors---

And I give devise, and dispose of all my real and personal estate (save what shall be necessary for the payment of my just debts and funeral charges ) in the following manner---

I give and bequeath to my friend and relative Sam<sup>l</sup> P. Matthews and to his heirs forever my negro man slave Peter-

I give and bequeath to my relative Laura McClary the daughter of Sam<sup>l</sup> G McClary my negro slave named Betsy to hold the same to her self as her own absolute property-----

I give and bequeath to my relative James McClary son of Sam<sup>l</sup> G McClary my negro slave Prince to hold the same to himself as his own absolute property-----

I give and bequeath to William Otis Bradley son of Dr James Bradley my negro slave named Isaac to hold the same to himself as his own absolute property-----

I give devise and bequeath to my nephew John Matthews and to his heirs and assigns forever all my real estate also my two negro slaves named Joe and Henry <sup>HARRY</sup> to hold the same to his and their own use and benefit forever-----

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I give and bequeath to my niece Mary Elizabeth Matthews and to her heirs forever my three negro slaves named, old Sue Mary and her child Ann-----

And lastly I give bequeath and devise to my friend William McGill <sup>son of James G McGill</sup> and so to his heirs forever all the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate and effects whatsoever

and wheresoever and what nature and kindsoever which at the time of my decease I or any person or persons in trust for me am or are possessed of or entitled to, and not herein before disposed of-----

And further in case any or all of the above named legatees should die in my lifetime leaving lawful issue then and in that case it is my will that such portion or portions of my property real and personal as is herein above given devised or bequeathed to such legatees or legatees so being dead shall go to such issue of his her or their body or bodies respectively as may be living at the time of my decease---

And I hereby nominate constitute and appoint James E Fulton the above named John Matthews and the above named Sam<sup>l</sup> P. Matthews Jointly and severally to be exutors of this my last will and testament and so that in case of the death of one or more of them the survivor or survivors all the power I have given my said executors. I also give to each of them all the power I have given to them Jointly provided so far as he who shall act, have the consent of the other executor or executors-----

In witness whereof I here to put my hand and seal and publish and declare this to be my last will and testament contained in one sheet of paper, this day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty and in the sixty fourth year of the sovereignty and independence of the united States of America---

Signed sealed published and declared by the said John M Matthews as his last will and testament in the presence of us who in his presence and in the presence of each other, and at his request have subscribed our names as witnesses thereunto

John M. Matthews (SEAL)

T R Fulmore  
Henry B Singleton  
P B Mouzon