

WILL OF

JOSEPH McKEE

State of South Carolina

In the name of God Amen. The twenty third day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & ten I Joseph McKee of Williamaburgh district & State aforesaid being weak in body but of perfect mind, memory & understanding ; yet calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make & ordain this to be my last Will & Testament-----Principally & first of all, I recommend my Soul to God who gave it, my body I recommend to the earth, to be burried in a decent & Christain like manner, at the discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting but I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God, at the general resurrection, and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life, I demise & bequeath in the manner following----- Imprimus I order all my just debts to be paid out of my estate----- Item I will and bequeath to my dearly beloved Wife, my horse riding Chair & harness her saddle & bridle her choice of one of my beds & furniture & bedsteads & also my negroes Minda & her five children, namely Carolina Phillis, Sussey, Ceasor & George together with Phillis & Suseys present and future increase to be hers & at her disposal forever----- Item 2 nd I give & bequeath to my dearly beloved Wife the use & possession of the whole of the remainder of my estate, both real & personal , during her natural life and at her death to be disposed of in the manner and form following Out of the said remainder I will & bequeath to my grand daughter Ann Mitchell five dollars, to my grand son John White

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dollars which I deem their full share of my estate both real &
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the plantation houses & two tracts of land whereon I now live;
Item 3rd I will & bequeath to my brother Adam McKees children
one hundred dollars on account of monies lost during the
American revolution. The residue of my estate to be divided
into two equal parts or portions. Item 4 I will & bequeath
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part of my personal estate to my grandchildren by my daughter Ann Knox a negro boy being first taken out of said portion which I bequeath that is a negro boy, to my grand son Samuel M Knox over & above his proportion of the half of my said estate the land & negro boy so bequeathed Samuel M Knox I consider in lieu of the services he has rendered me as an Overseer Item 5th I will & bequeath the other portion afore said being the other half of the personal estate to my grand children by my daughter Elizabeth which she bore to James Fleming, a negro boy or girl being first taken out of said portion, the use & service of which negro boy or ^{girl} girl, as my daughter may choose I will & bequeath to her my daughter Elizabeth during her natural life, at her death the said boy or girl & her increase is to return to my grand children by James Fleming--- should one or more of my grand children by James Fleming die unmarried or under age his her or their portions or parts to revert back to the surviving child or children of the said James Fleming--- The use & service of the negro boy or girl bequeathed as aforesaid, to my daughter Elizabeth her natural ^{life} I deem her full portion of my estate Item I will & bequeath unto my friend Henry Hanna now of the Mississippi Territory the the whole of my part of the property of the estate of my Father Archibald McKee which has been lately gained in a Court of Equity to him & his heirs forever----- Lastly I nominate & appoint my dearly beloved Wife my Executrix my brother John Shaw & my Nephew Robert Witherspoon & Thomas Witherspoon Executors of this my last will & Testament hereby revoking & annulling all former Wills legacies & bequeaths confirming this & this only to be my last Will and Testament---In

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John McCleary
 Hugh Wilson
 Roger G Cantley

Joseph X McKee (SEAL)
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