

WILL OF
MARTHA EPPS.

State of South Carolina }

Williamsburgh District }

In the name of God Amen, I Martha Epps of the State and District Aforesaid, being in sound mind Memory and understanding, Praise be to God for the same, do make and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following.

1st. I resign my Soul into the hands of Almighty God, hoping and believing in a remission of my sins through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, and my Body I comit to the earth to be buried at the discretion of My Executors herein after named and as to my worldly Estate I give and devise as following viz.

2nd. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Jane S. Epps during her natural life and at her death to her lawful Issue if any there be. the three following named Negro boys viz. Moor Hackey and July, and should My daughter Jane S. Epps die without leaving lawful Issue Then the said Negro Boys Moore Hackey and July Shall revert back and be divided amongst the other legates named in this My Will, as tennants en Common.

3d. I give and bequeath to my Son Robert Epps during his natural life and at his death to his lawful Children if any there be, the three following named Negroes viz. Pat, Flora and Ladson Jr. with their future Increase, and should My Son Robert Epps die without leaving lawful Children, Then the said Negroes Pat Flora and Ladson Jr. with their increase shall revert back and be devided amongst the other legatees named in this my Will as tenants in Common.

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4th. I give and bequeath to my Three Younger Children now living with me viz. David Epps Jane S. Epps and Robert Epps. To each of them a Bed Bedstead and Furniture.

5th. I give and bequeath to my Sons David Epps Robert Epps and my daughter Jane S. Epps all the rest and residue of My part of the Household and Kitchen Furniture to be equally divided among them share and share alike.

6th. I give and bequeath Finally all the rest, residue, and

remainder of all My Estate and effects, Real and Personal whatsoever and Wheresoever not herein before or otherwise disposed of, after payment of my debts legacies and Funeral expences, and other charges and deductions as aforesaid, I do Will and direct that the same shall be divided into Seven equal shares, I then give and bequeath unto my sons Edward Epps, James Epps, David Epps and Robert Epps, and My daughters Eliza BurgeSs and Jane S. Epps and My grand daughter Martha Frierson Epps to each of them respectively the one Seventh part during their natural life, and at their death, to their lawful Issue if any their be, and if any should die without leaving lawful Issue then said share so bequeath'd shall revert back and be divided between the other Legatees as Tenants in Common.

7th. And lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint My two sons Edward Epps and James Epps Executors to this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all others made by me.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this Twenty Sixth day of September in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and fifty three and in the Seventy Eighth Year of the American Independence.

Signed sealed Published and
declared by the within and above
Named Martha Epps to be her last
Will and Testament In the presence
of us who have, at her request subscribed Our Names as Witnesses
Hereunto

Martha Epps L.S.

Wm. R. BurgeSs

Saml A. Frierson

Jennet BurgeSs

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