

WILL OF

MARTIN STAGGERS

State of South Carolina )

Wm'sburgh Dist. )

I Martin Stagers of Kingstree

in the State and district aforesaid being in Sound mind & understanding, Do make & ordain my last Will & Testament in manner following. To wit- I will & bequeath to my Brother William Stagers my five Colored people. Hanah, Venus, Peggy, Phillis & Miriea- to be his property during his natural life and no longer--- and then after his death, to be free to all intents & purposes forever-----

I further will & direct that one hundred acres (including the clearing) of my land on the Mill Branch, be the property of my Said brother William Stagers during his natural life and at his death to go the said 5 negroes aforesaid, to them & their heirs forever-----

I further will and bequeath my three negroes, Sam Robert & dave to my brother John Stagers to him & his heirs forever-----

I further will & bequeath to my brother George Stagers my three negroes, Frank, Susy and John with the future issue & increase of the female to him & his heirs forever-----

I further will & bequeath to my brother William Stagers my two negroes, Will & Sharper, to him and his heirs forever-

I further will & direct that all the rest & residue of my property of every description, consisting of Lands Houses & lots stock of every description, household & Kitchen furniture &c be sold and out of the moneys arising therefrom- I will & direct that one thousand dollars should be

er William Staggers my five Colored people, Sarah, Venus,  
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natural life and no longer--- and then after his death, to  
be free to all intents & purposes forever-----

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the clearing) of my land on the Mill Branch, be the prop-  
erty of my Said brother William Staggers during his nat-  
ural life and at his death to go the said 5 negroes afore-  
said, to them & their heirs forever-----

I further will and bequeath my three negroes, Sam Robert  
& dave to my brother John Staggers to him & his heirs for-  
ever-----

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three negroes, Frank, Susy and John with the future issue  
& increase of the female to him & his heirs forever-----

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my two negroes, Will & Sharper, to him and his heirs forever-

I further will & direct that all the rest & residue of my  
property of every description, consisting of Lands Houses  
& lots stock of every description, household & Kitchen  
furniture &c be sold and out of the moneys arising there-  
from- I will & direct that one thousand dollars should be  
placed in my brothers William Staggers hands to remain there  
during his natural life and at his death to be paid to the  
said 5 colored people aforesaid-Share and Share alike. The  
balance of the money remaining from the Sale of the prop-  
erty aforesaid-together with all moneys proceeding from debts  
owing to me now- I will and direct to be equally divided  
between my three brothers John, George and William Staggers,  
Share & Share alike.

And I do nominate & appoint my friend James G. McGill and

my brothers John & William Stagers executors to this my  
last will & testament .

It is my will & pleasure that the future issue & increase  
of the said five colored people should also be the prop-  
erty of my said brother Wm Stagers during his natural life  
and at his death to be also free. to all intents & purposes  
forever-----

Given under my hand and seal this day of October in the  
year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty two-

Signed Seald & delevered

in the presence of

Martin Stagers (L.S.)

Wm Saltera

Thos D Singleton Jn<sup>r</sup>

Wm Dollard

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David McClary, Ordinary, Williamsburgh District.

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