

WILL OF
ROBERT BENTON

In the name of God Amen. I Robert Benton of the State of South Carolina Williamsburg district finding my Self declining but in perfect mind and memory thanks be to God. but knowing that it is appointed unto all men once to die and after that to judgement first of all I recommend my Soul to God and I trust him that at the general resurrection he will receive the same again. and my body to be buried in a Christian maner by my Executors or friendly neighbours. and as for world goods it hath pleased God to bless me with I dispose of in the following manner. first of all it is my desire that my plantation be left to my beloved wife Susannah Benton for her support during pleasure or her staying there on thento be divided between my two Sons Elijah and Moses Bentons all the upper side of green spring of the lower part to Elijah and the upper part to Moses equally. the rest of my land over green spring to be sold and divided equally between my five daughters. I also Land^{on} to my wife one negro woman named hager her lifetime then to be sold and equally divided betwen my Children. also two mares and six cows and calves. I leave to her Item I give to my son John one negro girl named rose to inherit the same for ever. Item I give to my daughter Sarah one negro girl named dilce to inherit the same forever, Item I give to my daughter Elizabeth one negro girl named Meriah to inheret the same for ever. Item I give to my son Elijah one negro boy named Peter to inheret the same forever. Item I give to my daughter Rachel one negro girl named filis to inherit the same forever. I also desire that id hager Should have three more Children that they should be given to my son Moses and daughters vilah

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that my five oldest Children above named Should Give them an
equal part in proportion to what each of ther negroes are prais-
ed at if the said woman should have any more increase to be
equally divided between my Children. the remainder of my Cattle
and Sheep to be sold or equally divided between all my Children

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I also give to my wife fifty dollars in money. I also give to my daughter vilah and Martha one Cow and Galf apease. I also give to my wife my plantation tools household and kitchen furneture Lastly I constitute and appoint my son Elijah Benton and Samuel Timmons Executors to my last will and testament in Confirmation of whitch I have here unto set my hand and seal this thirtyeth day of June in the year of our Lord 1817 also in the forty first and second of the independence of the United States of america

Robert ^{his} X Benton
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Signed Sealed and delivered

in the presence of

Benjamin Turner

Hugh turner

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Recorded 8th day of August 1817

David McClary Ordinary Williamsburgh District

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