

WILL OF

ROBERT L. WITHERSPOON

In the name of God Amen

I Robert L. Witherspoon of the State of So. Carolina and Williamsburg district, being of sound judgement mind and memory, but knowing the uncertainty of human life, I have therefore thought Proper to make, Ordain and Constitute this to be my last Will and Testament--- It is my Will and desire that after my decease my body be laid decently in the grave hoping thence to arise at the last great day prepared for the enjoyment of God through eternity.

Item It is my Will and desire that all my EState Real and Personal (except as hereafter excepted) be equally divided between my son James Vantromp and my Daughter Jane Cooper to Share and Share alike, for and during their natural lives and afterwards to the Issue of their bodies lawfully begotten, and in case either of them should die the survivor shall inherit the Whole EState subject to the above clause, and in Case that both my Children James Vantromp and Jane Cooper should die without leaving lawful living Issue, then and in that case the whole of my property both real and personal be equally divided between my two Brothers James H Witherspoon and George W Witherspoon to them and their heirs forever---

Item It is my Will and desire that my Executors hereafter named Shall demand of Major Love Gasque as part of my estate vested in me by right of Marriage with Jane Cooper heir of Samuel Cooper dec^d Viz two thirds of Wench Susy and her increase and in case of refusal to deliver up s^d property that they shall immediately enter a suit in the Court of Equity for the purpose to obtain the same, It is also my Will and desire

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that four of My Negroes able to labour in the field, at the discretion of my Executors be given to her during her life, and at her de^d. to return into my Estate to be disposed of according as the above Will directs

Item I Will and bequeath unto my young friend William James Wilson son of Wm Wilson the sum of five hundred dollars to be paid him at the end of seven years after my decease, in testimony of my regard for him

Item, It is my Will and desire that John Broom be discharge from the payment of any sum or sums of money he is now due me,

Item in the last place, I do nominate and appoint my Brother George W. Witherspoon, also my friend George Cooper living on Campbells swamp near black Mingo, and also my friend Wm Wilson near Kingstree to be Executors of this my last Will and Testament in testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my hand and seal this first day of November one thousand eight hundred and fourteen and in the thirty ninth year of

American Independancy

Signed in presence of 265

T. M. Browns

R L Witherspoon (SEAL)

Sam Fluitt

T D Singleton

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David McClary Ordinary Williamsburgh District

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