

WILL OF SAMUEL BENNETT

South Carolina

Williamsburgh Dist.

In the name of God Amen. I, Samuel Bennett of the District of Williamsburgh and State of South Carolina, do make & publish this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all former Wills by me at any time heretofore made:- And first. I commend my Soul to Almighty God. and direct that my body be decently interred at the discretion of my wife and children. in a Christian-like manner. & that my funeral be conducted in a way corresponding with my estate & situation in life.- And as to such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to intrust me with, I dispose of the same as follows. First. I direct that all my debts & funeral expenses to be paid as soon after my decease as possible out of the first monies that shall come in to the hands of my administrator or administrators. (with my will annexed) from my estate.- Also, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Charlotte Bennett such of my household and kitchen furniture as she may select not exceeding one half of the whole according to its true valuation. Also my Barouche & harness. my gig & harness. also her choice of any two of my horses, also two cows and two calves or yearlings, or calves & yearlings. also 2 four year old steers, 2 three year old steer- 2 two year old steers and the stock of hogs and poultry which I may own at my decease to her and her Heirs forever. and relative to her expectations from the estate of her father Peter Michau (lunatic) it is my will that my said wife should have the whole of the same. to her and her heirs forever- I also will and bequeath to my wife all the land I now own to her present use during

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ation to be equally divided among my three daughters, Magdalene, Frances Hudnall, Mary Ann Eliza Cantey, and Charlotte Louisa Gordon to them & their heirs forever. I also give & bequeath to my beloved wife the family of negroes purchases by me from the estate of Peter Michau (lunatic) viz. Charander, Elsey & her three children named Susannah, Primus & Isaac, Man Philander, Perieaw, Sally Thomas, Dick. Becky. with their increase, to continue in her sole possession during the period of her natural life. and the event of her death two thirds of the above named negroes & their issue to be equally divided among my two eldest daughters Magdalene Frances Hudnall, Mary Ann Eliza Cantey. & the remaining third to be given to the lawful issue of my youngest daughter Charlotte Louisa Gordon to be equally divided among them and, whereas I have heretofore given to my beloved daughter Magdalene Frances Hudnall and Charlotte Louisa Gordon negroes and land amounting to more in value than I have given to my beloved daughter Mary Ann Eliza Cantey now therefore. that my last named daughter May have an equal share with the two former, I do will her the just amount of six hundred dollars or its values to be paid out of my estates not heretofore disposed of by this will. to her or her lawful issue- also it is my will that two thirds of the rest of my negroes with their future increase, & others of my estate not heretofore disposed of by this will be equally divided among my two eldest daughters Magdalene Frances Hudnall and Mary Ann Eliza Cantey or their lawful issue to them & their heirs forever, and the remaining third I do bequeath to my daughters Charlotte Louisa Gordon

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during her natural life not subject to the disposal or debts
of her husband or husbands. & in the event of her death to
be equally divided among her lawful issue to them and their
heirs forever. and I do here likewise appoint W.I.R. Cantey
& Samuel E. Graham to be trustees in trust of so much of my
property as is now bequeathed & may yet come from my estate
to the said Charlotte Louisa Gordon & her lawful issue.

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It is likewise my will as I have attempted to express it that the lawful issue of any of my above named daughters who shall have died before the time where any of the property herein above mentioned should be coming to those shall be entitled to such share or shares part or parts as their respective mother or ancestors should have been entitled to receive of them living, and that the share of my real & personal estate was above bequeathed & limited to my said wife shall be in lieu of her dower at Common law not to be subject to the disposal or debts of her husband or husbands should she again marry and I also hereby appoint the above named W.I.R. Cantey & Samuel E. Graham to be Trustees in trust of so much of my estate as is by this will bequeathed to my wife. In witness whereof I Samuel Bennett have to this my last will & testament contained in this sheet set my hand and seal this ninth--day of March--one thousand eight hundred and forty two in the sixty sixth year of American Independence

Saml. Bennett (SEAL)

Signed, sealed published and declared to be the last will & testament of Samuel Bennett in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names in his presence & the presence of each other

John Lequeau

B.L. Guerrey

Saml. T. Guild

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W.I. Frierson Ordinary Williamsburgh District

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