

WILL OF

SAMUEL WILSON.

State of South Carolina. In the name of God. amen. The ^{tenth} day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & Sixteen, I Samuel Wilson Sen. of the district of Williamsburgh & State aforesaid planter, being in health of body, and of perfect mind, memory and understanding; yet calling to mind the mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die: do make, and declare this my last Will & Testament, in manner & form following; that is to say, first of all I recommend my soul to God, who gave it: my body I recommend to the earth, to be buried in a decent & christian like manner, at the discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting but I shall receive the same again by the almighty power of god, at the general resurrection of the dead; and as touching such worldly property wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life, I demise & bequeath in the manner following., Viz.

Imprimis I ordain all my just debts & funeral charges, to be first paid out of my estate Item I will & bequeath unto my well beloved wife Mary Stewart Wilson, the use of my ^{two} tracts of land, whereon I now live (the one tract containing two hundred Acres, granted to Robert Young, & the other tract containing one hundred & fifty acres, granted to John Wilson making in the whole, three hundred & fifty acres) during her natural life, & at her death the same to revert to my three sons James Edmond Wilson, Samuel M Clelland Wilson, & John R. W. Wilson, or their survivor, or survivors of them. I also will & bequeath unto my beloved wife, a lifes estate, in my negro woman named Satira & her child named Satira; & also in my negro girl named Sylva. with thus future encrease. & at the death of my wife. my

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at her absolute disposal forever.

I will & bequeath unto my Son James Edmond Wilson my eleven
negroes named as follows, Viz. Ceasor, Rose, Joe, Charisa,

Dec, Hannah, Jin, Jack, Nancy, Madison, & Frank, which negroes

I value at three thousand four hundred dollars, & which I
give, together with the future encrease of the females of them,
unto my said son James Edmond at his own disposal forever.

Item 3^d I will & bequeath unto my son Samuel M Clelland Wilson,

my nine negroes named as follows. Viz. Betty, March, Friday,

Amos, Dinah, little Betty, & old Bettys three youngest child-

ren now living, the names of which I do not recollect, which

negroes I value at three thousand dollars, & which I give, to-
gether with the future encrease of the females among them,

unto my said son Samuel M Clelland Wilson, at his own disposal
forever.

Item 4 It is my will, that at my death, the remainder of my

negroes shall be fairly valued by five judicious persons, to

be chosen by my executors, and that my four other children, Viz.

John R. Witherspoon Wilson, William Calvin Wilson, Mary Grace

Wilson & David Elisha Wilson, shall, each, (if they be living)

draw an equal amount with my two oldest sons, &, if, after

such division of my negroes, their shall be a remainder, that in

such case, such remainder, shall be equally divided among the

whole of my children, then living; but if such remainder, shall

not be sufficient to give to each of my four last named child-

ren, a share of my negroes, equal in value with my sons James

E, & Samuel M C. that then, they shall receive a sum of money

to make up such diffeincy, provided the negroes wiled to them

should live. It is nevertheless my will that my Motherinlaw,

my nine negroes named as follows. Viz. Betty, March, Friday, Amos, Dinah, little Betty, & old Bettys three youngest children now living, the names of which I do not recollect, which negroes I value at three thousand dollars, & which I give, together with the future encrease of the females among them, unto my said son Samuel M Clelland Wilson, at his own disposal forever.

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Item 5th It is my will, that the remainder of my personal estate, such as Horses, Cattle, Hogs, sheep, Goats, Houshold & Kitchen furniture, Plantation tools, Corn &c, shall be equally divided between my beloved wife, Mary S. Wilson & the whole of my surviving children, share & share alike.

Item 6 I will & bequeath unto my three sons James Edmond Wilson

Samuel M Clelland Wilson, & John R. W. Wilson the whole of my real estate, lying in the districts of Williamsburgh, & Sumter, to be equally divided among them, allowing my wife her lifes estate in the land specified in the first Item of this my Will.

Item 7 It is my Will that if either of my children should die, under age, or without ~~leaving~~ leaving living issue, that their part or parts of my estate, that is of my personal estate, shall be equally divided amongst my surviving children; & if either of my three oldest children. Viz. James E. Wilson, Samuel M Clelland Wilson & John R W Wilson, should die under age or without leaving living issue, that then, & in that case, the Survivor or survivors of them shall inherit the whole of my real estate.

Lastly And I do hereby nominate constitute & appoint my two sons James Edmond Wilson, & Samuel M Clelland Wilson; my wifes two brothers, James Bradley & Robert Bradley & my friend Thomas Witherspoon Executors of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking and making void all former wills & testaments at any time heretofore by me made, & do declare this to be my last will and testament.

In witness whereof, I have set my hand and seal, the day & year first above written, and in the fortieth year of the Independence of the United States of America

Signed, sealed, declared & published

by the above named Samuel Wilson,

Samuel Wilson

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as, & for, his last will & testament,

in the presence of, us, who at his request,

& in his presense, have ~~subscribed~~ our names

as witnesses thereto

W^m Wilson

Sam^l E. Fulton

Robert I Wilson