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WILL OF WILLIAM H. CARTER

The Last Will and testament of William H. Carter, of the District of Williamsburgh & State of South Carolina--

I William H. Carter considering the uncertainty of this mortal Life and being of sound mind and memory Blessed be God for the same, do make publish and declare this to be my last will and Testament in the manner and form following-- Item. first- I desire and direct that my Executors do sell to the best advantage of my perishable property a sufficiency to pay my Funeral Expenses and all other just debts committing the whole matter to the judgement of my Executors to say what part and kind they will sell Except such as is hereinafter disposed of-

Item 2nd I desire and direct that all my Lands remain undivided until my youngest child Living if a daughter arrives to the age of twenty one years old or marries provided the man she marries be twenty one years old, and provided also my Youngest son Living be of age, at that time then I direct that for my Lands to be divided in two or three divisions as my Executors may think most advantageous to my children, and then valued by Commissioners Chosen by my sons for that purpose but no improvement which Either of my children may put on any part of my Lands is to be considered in that valuation as I admit any of my children to settle on any part of my Land, at any time up to that time; and any two or three of my sons according to the divisions and valueations of my Lands may take them at the valuation as part of there distributive shares of my Estate but in the event that any two or more should want any one division so that they can not agree in the matter I advise and direct my Executors to sell the same for cash to the highest bid-

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Item 3-- Also I desire and direct that all my personal property shall remain on my plantation undivided untill my youngest child Living arrive to the age as before stated unless my Executors should find it expedient to hire some of them out to service for the support of my Wife & small children in that Case they are directed to do so or otherwise to imploy some proper person to superintend said plantation but in no case the expences to exceed the income of the plantation unless in case of some medical bill----

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of whatsoever Kind and wheresoever found, I do direct my Executors to take charge of and dispose of to the best advantage for the benefit of my Estate-----And I do hereby appoint my sons James J. and Jesse Carter and friend Ezra Eaddy my sole Executors to this my Last Will and Testament-----

In Witness whereof I have here unto set my hand and seal

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this Twenty seventh day of August in the year of Our Lord
~~one Thousand Eight hundred and forty Nine~~ and in the Sevety
fourth year of American Independence-----

In the presents of

W H Carter (LS)

Testator

Franklin, M, Brown

Trisvan Eaddy

Wm, L, Lee

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Recorded on the 11th day of December A.D., 1849, by William
Flagler, Ordinary of Williamsburgh District.

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