

WILL OF

WILLIAM GRAHAM

In the name of God Amen I William Graham of Williamsburgh District and State of South Carolina a planter knowing the shortness and uncertainty of life and the certainty of death as it is appointed for all men once to die and conceiving my mortal body to be fast returning to its original dust I cheerfully resign it to be buried in a decent and Christian like manner and my soul to God who gave it in hopes of a glorious immortality beyond the grave through the merits of my redeemer, as to the temporal goods things with which it has pleased God to bless me it is my will and desire being now possessed of disposing mind and memory that they be disposed of in the following manner viz
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Item I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Susanna Graham one negroe woman named Beck one negroe man named Simon, my wearing apparel all of my household & kitchen furniture except some what is hereafter disposed of four cows and calvs to be chosen by her out of my present stock one bay mare and riding chair & harness one bed and furniture and the whole of my stock of sheep & goats to her use and benefit during her natural life and at her disposal at death -----

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Item I will and bequeath to my son Aaron F Graham one plantation or tract of Land lying on the north side of the Hannas swamp one negroe man Ben one slave man at seventy five dollars which I purchased for and gave to him ten head of stock cattle one bed & furniture one shot gun and a sufficient sum of money to purchase him a likely negroe Girl---

Item I will and bequeath to my son Samuel E Graham one plantation or tract of Land lying on the south side of the Hannas swamp one negroe man Jack one bay mare colt ten head of stock cattle one bed & furniture one shot Gun and sufficient sum of money to purchase him a likely negroe Girl-----

Item It is my will and desire that the lands and negroes herein bequeathed to my sons Aaron F Graham and Samuel E? Graham be appraised and should it appear that either of my said sons have the most valuable land or negroe he shall pay over to the other so as to make them equal-----

Item I will and bequeath to my Eight children Jennet M Williams I Susannah K Sarah E John F Daniel B Charles N & Alexander I W the following sixteen negroes viz Shaver Cloe, Isaac, Lucy, Will, Cyfax, Charlotte Titch Ben, Fib Auntry, Hannah, Beulah, Dol Patsy Lewis & Matilda together with the increase of the females all of which said sixteen negroes are to remain together until the oldest of these last mentioned eight children comes of age or marries at which time the said sixteen negroes and their increase are to be appraised and the child so marrying to receive his or her equal portion of the same and in succession as they severally come of age or marry until the whole of said negroes and divided amongst them and also to each of these eight children I bequeath one horse beast worth seventy five dollars ten head of stock cattle & one bed & furniture to be delivered to them as they severally come of age or marry-----

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Item I will and bequeath to my two sons William I and John F the lands and plantation whereon I now live making the run of the little swamp the dividing line between them the particular tracts designated to each to be ascertained by lot when William I comes of age and should it appear that either has the most valuable tract he shall pay over to the other so as to make them equal and not with standing the lands are thus bequeathed it is my will and desire that my beloved wife Susannah do enjoy the mansion

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house other houses and necessary lands attached thereto during her natural life-----

Item I will and desire that my six children Jennet M Susannah K Sarah E Daniel B Charles N & Alexander I W do receive as they severally come of age from sales of crops & stock as much money as will equalise them with those my children to whom I have given land-----

Item I will and bequeath to my son William I my shot Gun and to my sons John F Daniel B Charles N & Alexander I W the sum of fifteen^{dollars} each to purchase Guns for them whenever my Executors think most proper & convenient-----

Item I will and desire that my plantation tools smith tools and unnamed part of my stock of horses be kept for the use of my plantation and the rest of my stock of cattle & hogs sold at the discretion of my Executors and the moneys arising therefrom be applied for the purpose of paying off the Cash legacies and equalising those of my children not having received their equal portion of my Estate and the ballance if any together with the future increase of negroe woman Beck be given to those of my children who from loss of property or other misfortune may be the most needy at the time the whole of my Estate is divided and should any of my children die under age or without lawful issue their portion shall be equally divided among the whole of my children surviving and the lawfull issue of any of my children who may die shall be entitled to the part which they themselves would have been were they alive, lastly I constitute and appoint my beloved wife Susannah Executrix my brother James Graham and my two

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wife Susannah Executrix my brother James Graham and my two
sons Aaron F & Samuel E Graham Executors of this my last
will and testament revoking all others In witness whereof
I set my hand & seal hereunto this 14th day of June AD 1821-

in the presence of
James Bradley
William McAlister
E I Mills

WM Graham (L.S.)

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Recorded 13th day of July 1821
David McClary Ordinary Williamsburgh District