

14 In the name of God, Amen I John Wood of the State of South Carolina and County of Winton Planter, being very Sick and weak in body, but of perfect Mind & Memory thanks be given to God, calling to mind the Mortality of my Body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to Die, do make and ordain this my last Will & Testament, that is to say principally & first of all, I give & recomend my Soul into the Hands of Almighty God that gave it, & my Body I recomend to the Earth, to be buried in decent Christian Burial, at the discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection, I shall receive the same again by the Mighty Power of God; and as touching such Worldly Estate, as it hath pleased God to bless me with in this Life, I give, demise & dispose of the same, in the following manner & Form.

First I give and bequeath to Mary my dearly beloved Wife, all that Plantation or Tract of Land whereon I now Live and cultivate, containing two hundred Acres. Situate on Macannah River, with all the appurtenances that unto be- longing during her Natural Life if she continues in the State of Widowhood, otherwise only during her Widowhood, likewise all my household Goods & Plantation Tools during the same time as aforesaid; together with all my Horses, Mares & Geldings, branded thus **IW**, excepting two horses; and all my Cattle branded with the same brand aforesaid, A. Crop, Slit, under heel in the left Ear, and a Crop & two Slits in the right Ear, excepting four Cows, and all my Hogs of the same mark aforesaid, during her Life or Widowhood. Also I give to my well beloved Son John Wood, a hundred Acres of Land Situate lying & being on Boggy Cutt, as also after my Wifes decease, or

15 Marriage, all the Plantation or Tract of Land whereon I now live, the Plantation Tools, and other working Tools, and also Two Negroes Tom & the Wench Agur, together with all my Cattle & Horse kind branded thus **IW**, the Cattle marked a Crop & Slit and under heel in the right Ear, & a Crop & two Slits in the left Ear, and also all the Hogs of the same mark, also one large Iron Pot, and one Rifle Gun, also Sixty Five Acres of Land, lying & being on the Upper Side of Steele Creek, adjoining on Land Surveyed by John Collins. But if my said Son John Wood should Die without heirs, or heir lawfully begotten of his own Body, then what soever I have given & bequeathed unto him, shall all and everything above mentioned to be left to him, be inherited by, & return to, his own three Sisters Mary Wood, Lue Piney Wood and Jane Wood, to be equally divided amongst them.

Also I give and bequeath to my well beloved Daughter Mary Wood, a Tract of Land lying & being on the Head of Neds Branch, containing one hundred & fifty Acres, also a Negro Boy Named Abraham, Also all my Cattle branded **I** marked a Crop, Slit & under heel in the right Ear, & a Swallow fork & under heel in the left Ear, and also all the Horse kind that have been & still are called hers, branded with a Diamond aforesaid; to her & her Heirs for Ever. But if my said Daughter Mary Wood, should Die without Heirs or Heir of her own Body, the aforesaid Negro Boy shall return to her Sister Lue Piney Wood.

Also I give and bequeath to my well beloved Daughter Lue Piney Wood the first Child, that the above named Negro Wench named Agur, shall bear and duly bring forth hereafter, also also all the Cattle, that have been & are still called hers, with their Increase, branded thus **IW** & marked a Crop & Slit and under heel in the Left Ear, & a Crop & two Slits in the Right Ear, also two Mares Branded thus **IW**, to her & her Heirs for Ever —

Also I give & bequeath to my beloved Daughter Jane Wood one Negro Fellow named Jacob, also after the Death of

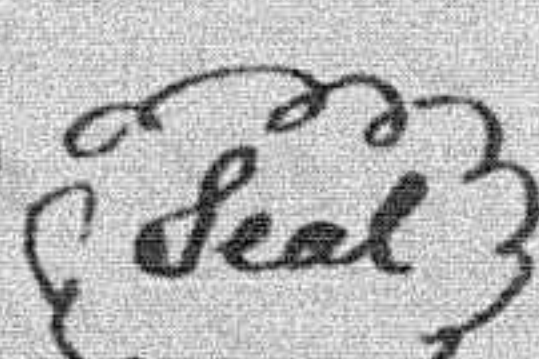
16 her Mother, all the Stock of Cattle claimed by, and left to her Mother, also at the Death of her Mother; all the Household goods of every kind, all the Hogs she claims or may be claimed by her hereafter, shall then be equally divided, between my three Daughters. Mary, Sue Piner, & Jane Wood, to them & their Heirs for ever.

Also I give to my two beloved Grandsons Jesse & John Wood, both Sons of my son Jethro Wood, all my Cattle which their Father hath ~~of me~~ in his Possession, at this Time; branded thus 56 - Marked thus Crop. a Slit end, under bell in one Ear, & swallow fork in the other.

Also I give & bequeath to my beloved Son Jethro Wood, the Sum of one Shilling Sterling, in lieu of all other Legacies.

I Likewise constitute, & make & ordain, Cap^t John Collins an Executor, jointly, with my dearly beloved Wife an Executor of this my last Will & Testament, & I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke & disannul, all and every other former Testaments, Wills, Legacies, Bequest, & Executors by me in any wise before named, willed & bequeathed; ratifying & conforming this, and no other, ~~to be~~ to be my Last Will & Testament; In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my Hand & Seal, this first Day of February, one thousand seven hundred & eighty eight, & the thirteenth Year of American Independence.

Signd, Seald. Publishd. Pronouncd & declared, by the S^r John Wood, to be his last Will & Testament, in the presence of us, who in his presence, & the presence of each other, have hereunto subscribed

John Wood 

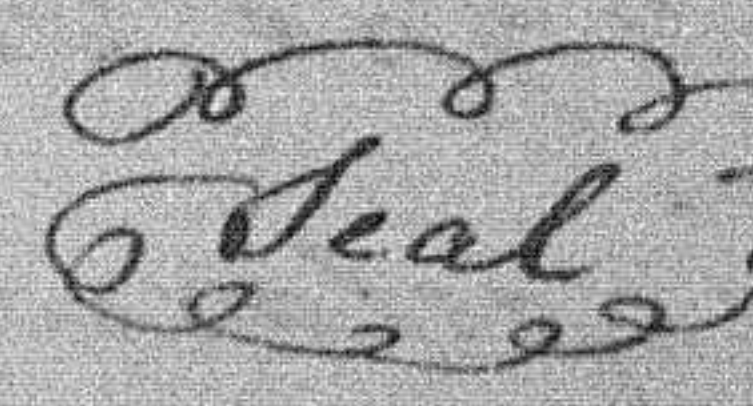
our Names: Stephen Smith. Richard King, Mary Deese.

Proved in open Court, by the Oaths of Stephen Smith & Mary Deese, & Orderd to be Recorded May the 6th 1788 - Examind & Recorded May the 29th 1788. Certified by me

A. Smith CW

27 Know all men by these Presents, that I John Wickly, of Winton County in the State of South Carolina; for divers good Causes and Considerations me hereunto moveing. Have, made, ordained, authorised and appointed; & by these Presents do make, ordain, authorise an appoint, Elijah Gillett Esq^r of the State and County aforesaid, my true and lawful Attorney; for me, and in my Name, to Settle with all Persons, and all Acco^{ts} whatsoever, according to Instructions now given, or that shall be given by me hereafter. to my Attorney aforesaid; & to receive, and Settle, for all sums of Money due to me, for all such Settlements by him made. And also to have, use, and take, all lawful Ways and Means, in my Name; also to make, Seal & Deliver, compound or agree for me, and to do all other lawful Things for me, towards recovering of the said sum or sums of Money; as fully in every respect, as I my Self might do where I Present. Ratifying, & allowing all, and whatsoever my said Attorney shall in my Name lawfully do, or cause to be done, in and about the recovery of the sum or sums of Money. In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal, this third Day of July; One thousand seven hundred eighty eight.

Signd, Seald & Delivered, in the presence of us...

John Wickly 

Thomas Wyld } South Carolina Winton County.

A. Smith } John Wickly being duly sworn, makes Oath that he did Sign, Seal & Deliver, this Power of Attorney, for the Purposes within mentioned, Sworn to before me this 3. July 1788.

Examind & Recorded this 4th Day of July 1788.

John Wyld S^r

Certified by me

A. Smith CW