

In the Name of God Amen I Abraham Miller of York District in the State of South Carolina being somewhat in an advanced stage of life in a weak and depraved State of body but of sound and disposing mind and memory, calling to mind the mortal state of my body knowing it is appointed for all men to die & not knowing how soon it may please God to call me to that awfull scene do make and constitute this my last Will & Testament that is to Say-----

first I will & resign my soul to God who gave it and my body decently to be interred in the earth from whence it came-----

And again as touching the small matter of worldly property which it hath pleased God to vest me with I will and bequeathe it in manner following that is to say

first I leave and bequeathe to my beloved Wife Elva one Negro Woman Named Poll and a Negro man named Ben for and during her lifetime I also leave and bequeathe unto her my beloved wife a Negro Girl named Minter to be at her own disposal I also leave and bequeathe to my beloved wife all my household and kitchen furniture, and Utensels except my house Clock my Side board & writing desk which allow to be disposed of as herein

after directed I also leave and bequeathe unto my beloved wife of my stock four Cows & calves of her choice and my old horse

Ball & a young mare named chance and my riding chair & Harnise

I also leave and bequeathe to her my beloved wife two Hundred acres of Land of the tract of Land I now live on to be laid off

in an advantegous way on the upper end of said tract including my dwelling house and any advantegous improvements thereto be-

longing Said Land I leave to my wife during her lifetime and

I farther allow and bequeathe to my beloved wife the privelege of cutting and using timber on any of my land convenient a suffic-

iency to keep up the improvements on the premisies which I leave her during her lifetime

Secondly, I leave and bequeathe to my beloved Son Jonnathan that Plantation or tract of Land known by McWoods old place that I bot of John Dunlap reserving however the privelege as afforesaid of cutting timber to keep up the improvements on my wifes premises

Thirdly I leave and bequeathe unto my beloved son William the one half of the plantation whereon he now lives including his improvements he now has made to be laid off on the Side adjoining E Walstons Land and if it Should please God to bless him with children if he should have two heirs born to him that should live I allow him my said son to have the whole of said tract of Land and if it should please God to call him to death and he not leaving two heirs that should be born to him I allow the said other half of Said tract of Land to be sold & divided ~~equally~~ among the others of my children he my said son however to have full privilege of cutting using timber of meadow Land etc. on any part of the Land during his life time I farther Leave and bequeathe unto my said son William a Negro boy Named Jacob

fourthly I leave and bequeathe unto my two sons Jerome and Abraham all the rest of my lands, on the Side of Taylors Creek that I now live on equally to be divided between them my said two Sons making the run of the creek the line excepting however as much at the sawmill as will be a competency for a millyard and if it should so happen that they my said two sons could not agree in making the equal divide themselves of said Lands I would anoint and appoint my sons William and and my sons in Law Wm. Steel & Joseph Levers to to assest them in making an equal divide of the same according to quantity & quality and I do allow my Son Abraham to have the use of the Saw mill for one year after my decease and a privilege to cut timber on any of of the Lands that year to Saw then and after that I allow the Said Saw mill and other Lands equally adjoining it to be between them my said two Sons Jerome and Abraham however ~~if they should be thinking proper to sell the same~~

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Lastly I do anominate and appoint my Son William and and my two
Sons in law William Steel and Joseph Lewis to See this my Last
Will and Testament duly Exicuted Signed Sealed published and
acknowledged this thirteenth day of of September in the year of
our Lord one Thousand eight Hundred and Twenty six and in the
fifty first year of the Independancy of the United States of
America

In presence of