

In the name of God Amen-----I Alexander Thompson, of the State of South Carolina and District of York being Sick and weak of body but of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding do make my last will in form and manner as follows- That is to say- First I commend my soul to God who gave it, and my body to the dust whence it arose, to be interred with decent and Christian burial This world's goods with which God hath blessed me- I give and bequeath after the following manner- I order all my estate real and personal to be appraised in the month of January after my decease. Which lies in the state of South Carolina- And in as few days after Said appraisement as practicable- All My Negroes shall be hired at public outcry Except my negro man Sam Negro women Dilla and Silla and Sam's son Isaac and one of my small negro girls- for a nurse- The above named negroes I allow to be kept upon the plantation to make a support for my family (secondly) I direct and request my executors to keep my long legged mule and my old ginny mule on the plantation together with my black horse- My sorrel I direct to be sold and one of less value and better qualities put in his place on the plantation- (thirdly) I order and direct six milch cows and calves six young steers- and heifers together with my whole stock of hogs to be kept on my plantation for the use of my family; and likewise my wagon and harness; also my cotton gin threshing machine, and Dutch fan to be kept for the same purpose; likewise some plows at the discretion of my executors. (Fourthly) I give and bequeath all my household property to My beloved wife Elizabeth Thompson to be at her disposal So that it be equally divided between her and her six children- (Fifthly) I allow my present crop of cotton now growing to be gathered, baled and

sold the proceeds of the Sale to go to the payment of My debts
(Sixthly) I order and direct all my surplus personal property
not heretofore disposed of to be sold; it shall likewise be at
the discretion of my executors to sell said property the November
preceding the before- mentioned Month of January- on a credit of
twelve months-

~~(seventhly)~~- I order all my cleared lands above what is nec-
essary to support the family to be rented from year to year either
for cash or a share of the crop

(Eighthly)- I allow a portion of the proceeds of my land rent and
negro hire to be appropriated from year to year for the education
of My Children whilst they Continue at school so that there shall
be an equal dividend- and if any one of My Children expend
more money in their education than another they shall be charged
with it & account for it when of age. (Ninthly) I order what-

ever Surplus funds shall arise from My estate either to be kept
at interest or laid out in the purchase of young negroes-with

the exception of four hundred dollars.- two hundred dollars of
the above specified sum to be paid to My son John B Thompson

(in compensation for a legacy left him by his grandmother Anne
Thompson- which shall be paid when my Son Joseph W Thompson
comes of age. And the other two to My Sons John and Joseph

Thompson that is one hundred dollars to each- as a remuneration
for Services which they may render to my younger children-which
compensation I allow forever to bar them from making any furth-
er demands against my younger children. (Tenthly) It is my will

that on the first of January one thousand eight hundred and thir-
ty four that the whole of my estate again be appraised, and an
equal dividend struck between all my heirs then living- Those who
have arrived to the age of twenty one years shall receive their
distributive shares and the shares of the minor children kept at
hire and interest until they respectively come of age, at which
time they shall receive their legacy

Codicil annexed to the foregoing will

(First) I order that the first money arising out of My Estate which can be spared with convenience to be laid out in the purchase of as likely a young negro woman (Say between fifteen and twenty years of age) and child as can be obtained to be the property (together with all the Children she May afterwards bear) of my wife Elizabeth Thompson to be at her disposal provided they pass from her to her children and mine. (Second) I order my that my land lying in the State of Alabama be sold as soon as a profitable sale can be made; Unless it be found hereafter by my executors that such a Sale would be inexpedient and impracticable in such a case they are at liberty not to sell (Eleventh) It is my will that no charge be made by my executors against my children for food and clothing etc Until the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and thirty four.

(Twelfthly) I order that if my wife Elizabeth Thompson should become dissatisfied with the part of my estate bequeathed her and should attempt to break this my will. That on the first of January one thousand eight hundred and thirty four, she shall receive as her legacy the third of my real estate during her lifetime, and at her death equally divided among My then surviving heirs and she shall receive no part of my personal property, or any other dividend of my estate. (Thirteenth) And I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my wife Elizabeth Thompson executrix, John Hemphill, James H Foster, of Alabama, my sons John B Thompson and Joseph W Thompson, when they arrive at twenty one years of age executors of this my will and do declare this my last will and testament. In witness whereof, I have subscribed my name, hand and seal this seventh day of May one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven- Signed, Sealed, and declared by the above named Alexander Thompson at and for his last will and testament in presence of us at his request and in his presence have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto

Codicil: (Third) I allow my family to keep as many of my Sheep
as may be thought necessary and make sale of the balance-

(Fourth) I allow my Son John B Thompson to have my watch and to
wear it and to be accountable to my estate for eighteen dollars

July tenth 1827

A Williams

A Thompson (Seal)

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