

CHARLES WILLIAMS

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

The State of South Carolina)
County District)

In the Name of God Amen

I Charles Williams of the

District and State aforesaid do make and ordain my last will,

& testament, And as touching such worldly Estate wherewith God
has blessed me I give demise & dispose of the Same in the fol-
lowing manner

Vis. I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Anny Williams the
use of my lands lying west of the Georgetown road, together with
my house, during her widowhood, I likewise give, and bequeath to
her two feather beds, & all of my house hold, & Kitchen furni-
ture during her natural life, I also give and bequeath to her
one horse, and Chair of the value of one hundred dollars each,
to be paid for with money arising out of my Estate. The use of
which Lands & House, the furniture & the two beds, the horse,
& Chair to be in Lieu and bar, of dower if accepted.

I give & bequeath to my two sons Mathew Williams, and Alexander
Williams, to them, & their heirs forever two tracts of Land,
lying in Williamsburg district Vis- one tract containing one
hundred & seventy four acres, adjoining the lands of W. John
Gambois on Turkey Creek, it being part of a tract surveyed by
John McCottry, likewise the half of a tract of land containing
five hundred & seven acres, surveyed by George White & John
McCottry adjoining lands belonging to John James Esqr & lying
on Cow Head Bay. Having sold a tract of Land in Williamsburg
district, to George Barrows, & part of the right, of two hundred
& fifty acres of the same being vested in my two sons Mathew,
& Alexander Williams, on condition, that they the said Mathew,
& Alexander assign their right & claims, to the said Land to the

aforesaid George Burrows, his heirs, or assigns, then and in that case I give to the said Mathew, & Alexander two hundred dollars each to be raised and levied out of my Estate, as a compensation for the above mentioned claim. It is my will and desire that a sufficient sum be levied, out of my Estate, assessed by three disinterested men, for the purpose of Educating, such of my children who may not have received their education, and in case there should be a greater sum levied, that proves necessary, Then, in that case, the balance to be equally divided amongst all of my children. And in case, any of the negroes belonging to my Estate Should become unable to do their ordinary work through disease, or old age it is my desire in that case, that they should be furnished with victuals & sufficient cloathing as long as they live. It is my will, & desire that my lands lying on the East side of the Georgetown road be rented out during the widowhood of my wife Ann Williams, and the money arising from such rent be equally divided amongst my children And it is my will and desire at the expiration of the widowhood of my wife Ann Williams, that the whole of my lands, be sold both on the West & East side of the Georgetown Road aforesaid, and the money arising from such sale be equally divided amongst my children and I authorise my Executors or as many as may be of age to make a good & sufficient Title to the purchase of the said land And it is my will and desire that all the remaining part of my personal property, the beds Excepted be equally divided amongst my wife and Children Viz- Mathew Williams, Alexander Williams, Mary Williams, Thomas Williams, Sarah Durant, Charles Williams Margaret Williams John Williams, Louisa Williams Benjamine Judge Williams, Eliza Ann Williams, with any child, or children, which maybe born of my wife in my life time, or within nine months next after my death to them and their heirs forever subject to a proviso hereafter to be made share and Share alike together with my wife Ann Williams an equal

share during her natural life, and at her death it is my will,
that her part, be equally divided amongst all my children shar
& sharealike. Provided nevertheless that in case, one, or more of
my children should die before he, she, or they should arrive to
the age of twenty one years of having lawful issue, then in that
case it is my will and desire, that the part of such child, or
children so dying as before mentioned be equally divided amongst
the surviving part of my children as well the half blood as those
of the full. Blood and it is also my will and desire that those
of my children should receive a less share of my property whom,
I have advanced by giving a negro, or negroes, than those not
advanced by receiving a negro or negroes in proportion to the
value of the property advanced, that is the greater the value of
the property advanced, the smaller the share of my Estate, they
shall receive, that is, those that are advanced, and the property
to be valued by the commissioners who divide my Estate the time
of Valuation being at my death, and not at the time which it was
given, so that the increase of the negroes be not taken into
consideration, nor any of the negroes, that may be dead before
the division, but any that may have been sold that were given, the
price received for such, shall be the valuation and no property
but negroes shall be considered as an advancement. And I do here
by constitute nominate and appoint my sons Mathew Williams, Thomas
Williams, and John Williams Executors of this my last will and
testament and I do appoint & constitute my son Mathew Williams
the lawful guardian of all my children who may not be of the age
of twenty one years. I hereby revoke all former wills and testa-
ments heretofore by me made. Witness my hand this twentyeight day
of December in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred
and twenty five

Signed and acknowledged in the presence

of us