

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

In the name of God Amen.

I George Ross of the District of York, being in a low state of health, but of sound and disposing mind & memory, do make the following as my Last Will & Testament.-

1st I recommend my soul to God & my body at my decease, I desire to be buried in a decent christian like manner 2nd I order & direct all my Just Debts to be paid, & as regards my Estate, both Real & personal I order & direct the same to be desposed of as follows--To my beloved wife Mary Ross I will & bequeath & devise to her, the mansion House in which I now reside together with a negro woman Delila, to her during her natural life, & I also will & bequeath to my said beloved wife all my Household & Kitchen furniture, the same to be hers, during her natural life & I also order & direct, that my said beloved wife Mary, be supported decently off the plantation, on which the Mansion House is situated, & that my son Eli A. Ross is to do it, in as much as I, devise the plantation to him- To my son Eli A. Ross, I will & devise the plantation whereon I now reside containing about four hundred acres, being a part of two tracts of land; bounded by I. D. Witherspoon. Daniel James, George Steel, Hillanah McCall, & Mrs Dickey & Thomas B Hoover to him his Heirs, & assigns forever, subject neverthe less to the support of my wife as above directed- I also will & devise unto Eli A. Ross at the decease of my wife Mary, the mansion House willed to her during her natural life, to him his Heirs & assigns forever- I also will & bequeath to my son Eli A. Ross, three of my choicest negroes; the said three negroes to be selected by him at my decease, from out of all my negroes,

with the Exception of the girl Delila, (left to my wife) the said three negros, to him his Heirs & assigns forever-, To my son Eli A. Ross at the decease of my Wife I will & bequeath two beds & furniture to be taken by him out of the beds or Household furniture, left to my said Wife during her natural life; to him his Heirs & assigns forever-. The remainder of the House hold & Kitchen furniture at the decease of my Wife (after my son Eli received the two beds and furniture) I will & bequeath the same to be equally divided amongst my children, Towit Eli A. Ross, John M. Ross & Jane Burris, with the condition that Jane Burris Share is to be held in trust by J. M. Ross & Eli A. Ross, for the support and benefit of my said daughter Jane & childrenas I shall hereafter more particularly direct, to them their heirs & assigns forever.

To my son Eli A. Ross I will & bequeath my Wagon & Gears, My Gin. Black Smith Tools, & farming utensils, to him his Heirs & assigns forever-My mule & what cows & Hogs & soforth, I may have at my decease, I order & direct the same to remain on the plantation, in the possession of Eli A. Ross, to be by him used, during the natural life of My Wife Mary, in order to contribute to her support, & at her decease, I order & direct, the mule cattle Hogs & soforth, remaining, to be agreeably divided amongst my children, Towit Eli A. Ross, John M. Ross & Jane Burris. with the condition that the share of Jane Burris is to be held in trust as above stated-, The remainder of my negros, (with the exception of Delilah & the three negros left to Eli A. Ross), I will & bequeath them to be equally divided amongst my three children, Towit Eli A. Ross, J. M. Ross & Jane Burris, the share out of said negros, which in the division, will fall to my daughter Jane Burris; I will & bequeath the same to my sons Eli A. Ross & John M. Ross in trust for my said daughter Jane

Burris, during her natural life, & at her decease the said Eli A. Ross & John M. Ross is to hold the same in trust for her child or children, but if my said daughter Jane should depart this life, without leaving children, or living issues- or should the children of my said Daughter Jane, decease before they arrive to the age of twenty one years, then & in that case, I order & direct the whole Estate held by the said Eli A. Ross & John M. Ross in trust as aforesaid, to fall back & be divided equally amongst my legal heirs-. The whole of the Estate herein bequeathed to my daughter Jane Burris I order & direct the same to be held by Eli A. Ross & J. M. Ross, upon the trusts & conditions as aforesaid, to be by them used, appropriated, & applied, for the support & maintenance of my said daughter Jane & children-The legal Estate of the said property left to my daughter Jane; is to remain in the Trustees as aforesaid, & not in any manner, to be subject to the Debt, Contracts or contrroll of any other person whom soever-. I also order & direct, that in case my said Daughter Jane, should at any time, before or after my decease, take up, go back to, or live with John Burris, then in that event, ~~I will & bequeath~~ the whole estate herein held by my sons Eli & John; in trust for my said daughter; to be equally divided amongst my said sons John M. Ross & Eli A. Ross;- in this event I allow my Daughter Jane to receive no part of my Estate: at the decease of My wife Mary, I will & devise the negro woman Delilah-, should go to John M. Ross or Eli A. Ross, allowing My said negro woman to choose which of the two she may desire to live with, & upon her making choice, the one half of her values to be paid by the son that gets her, to the other-. The devision of my property is to be made by three persons to be chosen by my two sons Eli A. Ross & John M. Ross-The negroes bequeathed to my sons Eli A. & John M. I give to them their Heirs & assigns forever-& Lastly I do nominate & appoint John M. Ross & Eli A. Ross Executors of this my last will and Test-

ament, hereby revoking all other wills by me heretofore made-
The property herein left to my wife is in lieu of Dower-2d of
May 1838-

his
George x Ross (L S)
mark

Signed, sealed & acknowledged as my
Last Will & Testament in the presence
of us who have signed as witnesses to
the same in the presence of the testator
& at his request.

Arthur Erwin

Francis Miller

I. D. Witherspoon

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