

in the name of God Amen. I Hermon Alexander of York District South Carolina do make and declare this my last will and testament in the manner and form following Viz First I resign my soul into the hands of Almighty God hoping and believing in a remission of my sins by the merits & mediation of Jesus Christ; And my body I commit to the earth to be buried at the discretion of my Executors hereinafter named, and my worldly Estate I give and devise as follows:—

First, I give and bequeath unto my wife the negro woman Minta to be for her use so long as She liveth, and then to be equally divided among the surviving heirs at my wifes death. Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Emeline and her bodily heirs forever a negro girl Calld Melia and her increase forever. Also unto my daughter Elizabeth and her bodily heirs forever a Negro Girl called Eda and her increase forever Also, unto Emeline Moore a little Girl now living in my family if She Continues to live with my wife unto her decease or when the said Emeline Marries I allow her a bed and bedding a cow and calf and a hundred dollars clear of interest any time within the space of seven years when my Executors hereinafter named may find it convenient also unto I give and bequeath unto my daughters Emeline and Elizabeth: Each a Bed and bedding also unto my wife a bed and bedding a cow and Calf The balance of my property I wish to be exposed to Sale and enough of it Sold out of the family to pay all my Just debts, then a Just estimate to be made of the neat amount, and Each of my Sons, Alfred, Oliver, Albert, & Hastings to have an equal division of the Same Never the less provided, that if it appears they have more than equal division of the estate with my daughters then my Executors are to refund to my Daughters Emeline and Elizabeth Severally out of each and every of their parts so much as will make their part equal with

my sons above named as my intention is to give each of them equally and if my Executors hereinafter named can hand the balance to my Daughters Emeline and Elizabeth if any balance there should be to them in such a manner that it may descend to their bodily heirs, it will meet my wishes--

Also. I allow each and every of my children before mentioned to contribute to the Yearly support of my wife during the full term of her natural life that is to say each of them shall contribute and equal proportion, and I allow my Executors hereinafter mentioned to use some lawful method to secure from each of the before mentioned Children Security for their equal Contribution before they give their portion up unto their own hands

The above property I give and bequeath unto my wife in lieu of dower And I do hereby appoint my well beloved Sons Eli, Oliver, & Albert Gallatin Executors of this my last will and testament

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fifth day of October in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and twenty six;

N. B. The words "and her youngest child" were blotted out before signing.

Signed Sealed and published and declared by the Testator as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have Subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

James Wilson

Hermon Alexander (SL)

Wm. Barron

Will Carroll

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