

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

In the name of God Amen. I James Feemster of the District of York and State of South Carolina being sick of body but of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding praised be God for the same do make this my last Will in manner and form following First I give and devise unto my Three sons William, Joseph and James D. Feemster the plantation whereon I now live to be so divided among them as to make the share of each when added to the plantation or parcel of Land which I have previously deeded to each of them of equal value this division may be done by themselves or whom soever they call to assist them in making it. Second As relates to my personal Estate I will to my two single daughters Mary and Nancy Feemster in kind as much as will be equal to what my two married daughters Prudence Brown and Lettitia Gaston received at their marriage and thirdly I give my daughter Jane Leech three Hundred dollars to be placed at interest for her until called for by her or her representative Fourthly I give to my four daughters Prudence Brown, Lettitia Gaston, Mary Feemster and Nancy Feemster each the sum of seven hundred dollars--- And after the Legacies are paid over I will that the balance of my property be equally divided among my children Prudence Brown, Lettitia Gaston, William Feemster, Joseph Feemster James B. Feemster and Mary and Nancy Feemster share and share alike. And now that I have specified my bequests I wish to make known my wishes respecting that part of my property which consists of Black persons and in the first place I order and ordain that old Mariah be comfortably maintained out of my estate and in the next place as it has been the under-

with me and my family that the little motherless child Caroline which has been nursed by my daughter Mary Feemster should and ought of right to belong to her the said Mary Feemster and I do hereby acknowledge and confirm the aforesaid understanding and claim And thirdly as the Black persons belonging to me have been long in the family and it would appear a harshness to force them contrary to their desires to leave the family--Therefore I will and ordain that where any or all of them wish and make choice to live with any of my children (when the arrangement can possibly be made) that the said negro or negroes so choosing shall be appraised with my other personal property and shall be given to the child or children whom the make choice of aforesaid at the appraisal, And in the close I will that my Just debts and funeral expences with one year provision and necessaries for my two daughters Mary and Nancy Feemster with the sum sufficient to maintain Mariah during life be provided for before any other division or payment is made. And I do nominate constitute and appoint my three sons William, Joseph and James B Feemster sole executors of this my last Will & testament revoking all others wills and declaring this my last will and testament. Signed sealed declared and published by the above named James Feemster the Twenty third day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty four as and for his last Will in presence of us who in his presence and at his request have subscribed our names as witnesses

James Feemster (LS)

William Jamison

Thos. K. McKnight

J. J. Foster

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