

~~South Carolina~~

York District

I, Samuel Lowry of the district and State aforesaid do make ordain
and declare this instrument my last will and testament

Imprimus, All my debts of which there are but few, be speedily
Paid off and the legacies hereinafter bequeathed are to be dis-
charged as soon as circumstances will permit and in the manner
directed

Item. I give to my wife Susan Lowry during her Natural life or
widowhood that part of my plantation whereon I now live Known by
the name of the McWhorter tract together with all its improvemen
But should she cease to be my widow either by death or marriage
whichever Shall first happen the said part of my Plantation Shall
be disposed of as the ballance of my real Estate is hereafter
disposed of, I also give my wife at her death to and the heirs o
her body forever Eight negroes, named as follows Amy Sally Lancas
ter, Delpha, Jos. Edmond, Chany, & Dick they being the negroes
She inherited of her father, I also give her four horses ^{her} & choice
of my Stock, one third part of my cattle & hogs, and half of my
Sheep one third of my farming utensils one third of all the grain
crop and one fourth of the cotton raised and made on my planta-
tion the year of my death. My pigs & harness one waggon and gear
all my household and kitchen furniture, the furniture I enjoin on
her to divide equally between herself and my daughters as they
marry or arrive at the age of twenty one years.

Item.. All the ballance of my property not above disposed of to

placed in the hands of my Executors hereinafter named and by them to be disposed of in the following manner (Viz.) all my negroes not above named to be Kept together on such part of my land not above disposed of as my Executors may think proper to Quarter them one for the purpose of working my land provided however that if my executors should think it best for the interest of the Estate they may hire such as can be hired to advantage

Item It is my will that all my Lands except the McWhorter tract disposed of above do remain undivided and be worked by my negroes at the discretion of my executors untill my youngest child arrives at full age and then to be equally divided between all my children unless my Son Samuel Should wish to Settle on a part of it when or after he arrives at full age, in that case I leave it to the discretion of my executors whether they let him have a part of the Said Land at a fair Valuation or not.

Item. It is my express will and wish that my Son John do Continue at School untill he attains the age of twenty one years and then to receive from my executors one seventh part of all my personal Estate not before disposed of subject however to a deduction of of all the moneys hereafter expended for his Schooling boarding and clotheing.

Item. I do will and bequeath my Sons Samuel, James, and William, each one seventh part of my Personal estate, not above willed when they arrive at the age of twenty one years, but if either of my sons Should die before they attain that age without issue of their body the Estate to be equally divided then between my surviving children

Item Inconsequence of an intimation to my Son Sam'l, that I would give him a negro boy called Little Joe I do will and bequeath to my Said Son Samuel a negro boy called Little Joe Exclusive of
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remain in the common stock till Samuel attains the age of twenty one years.

Item I will and bequeath to my three daughters (Viz) Mary Susan & Minerva, each one seventh part of my Personal Estate when they ~~live~~ at the age of twenty one years or marry a man of full age but if either of them should die before they arrive at that age without issue of their body then and in that case their share to be equally divided between all my Surviving children

Item It is my express desire that my five youngest children do have a good English education and to be paid for by my executors out of the moneys arising from the proceeds of my farm or any other source connected with it.

Item My house and lot in the Village of York I direct my executors to rent annually and the money arising therefrom to be put at Interest for the purpose of Division among my heirs. Unless either of my Sons John or Samuel Should when they arrive at the age of twenty one years wish to take it at a fair Valuation in part of their share of the estate---then my executors are authorized to let either of them have it.

Item All my Stock of every description farming utensils waggon gears and Smith tools except such as were before disposed of to be moved to that part of my plantation on which the negroes are to be Quartered and Kept together on the plantation for the support of my negroes & farm unless in the opinion of my executors there should be a Surplus --then that Surplus to be Sold by them together with my Stud Horse and Sulky

Item, All the moneys arising from the sales of my property, the products of the farm or from any other source connected with them

My Notes and Cash on hand I direct to be put at interest for the

purposes of Clothing educating and division amongst my children
Item. I do authorize my executors to build or cause to be built
on such part of my plantation as they may think proper comfort-
able houses for my negroes together with other Suitable building
~~for carrying on the business of the farm and preserving the crop~~
when gathered

Item It is will and desire that when my oldest living child ar-
rives at the age of twenty one years he or She Shall Choose one
man known for his good Sense and probity, and my executors anot
which two when chosen Shall proceed to make an estimate of all
personal property not before willed, and Select therefrom one
Seventh part for such legatee arriving at full age, which estima
and selection shall be final and conclusive as if it were my
~~own act and deed. The Estimate and division to be made with a~~
view to the interest of the whole estate

The above rule of Estimation and division to be observed as each
of my children arrive at the age of twenty one years but no one
to receive more when he or she She arrives at age than was Sele
ed for the oldest legatee at the first division except Sam'l who
is to receive Little Joe

Lastly I constitute and appoint Minor Sadler and Andrew M. Hanna
Executor of this my last Will & Testament.

In witness of all and each of these things I have hereunto Set
my Hand and Seal this 1st day of December 1830

The interlineation between 16th & 17th lines done before Signing

In presence of

Sam'l Lowry (L. S.)

W. H. Melton

Larken Davis, Robert Carr