

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

In the name of God Amen I thomas Grier of the County of Mecklin-
burg and State of North Carolina being of Sound and disposing
mind and memory do make and ordain my last will and testament in
manner and form following Viz

First I will and direct that all my just debts be paid

To my beloved wife Susana Grier I will the management of
the place I now live on (with the assistance of my executors and
guardian here in after to be named) for the support of her and
the family and if that should not be sufficient let whatever ad-
ditional Support may be necessary be taken off the whole head or
stock to keep school and clothe them in suitable manner untill
there are of age or untill my sd Susana marrys should that event
take place I will and direct that an equal division take place
between her and her two daughters Catharine and Susan of all my
cupboard dresor and & kitchen furniture and looking Glasses share
& share alike b'tween the three I further will to my Beloved
wife Sussana her Chest and Chest of drawers her bed and furniture
a horse saddle and Bridle worth one hundred Dollars likewise my
negroes Ben, Rhody, Silvy, Juliet Esther and Eliza and s'd Ne-
groes at her death to be disposed of among our Children as she
may think proper and all the other property that I have above
willed her or may here after will to her to be disposed of by
her in like manner as the foregoing And I further will and direct
that so much as my sd wife Susana and my executors and Guardn
shall deem necessary of my stock of every kind Provisions Farm-
ing and plantation tools and anything necessary to the manage-
ment of the farm and the convienency of my family that may be on

hand at the time of my death be Retained and Kept for the use of s'd Family during the widdowhood of my sd wife Eussanna or until she marrys To my daughter Margaret Neel I will & Bequeath to her the three negroes I gave to her when she married also negro woman Rose which I lately gave to her also a note that I hold on her husband Sam Neel worth at this time \$185.60 cents also all other property of whatsoever kinds I have given to her heretofore To my son James Grier I will & Bequeath that place he lives on that I paid for, and negro man named Jack and negro woman Sally that he mostly worked for and any other property that I have Given him heretofore To my son Thomas J Grier I will & bequeath all that tract of land he lives on following the old marked lines made for it except so mutch thereof as was taken out by Peter Claim also negro man Jack and whatsoever else I have given to him heretofore To my son Alexander Grier I will & Bequath as mutch land in Wilsons or Alexanders destripts agreeable to an arcle entered into Between Myself and the sd Alexander Grier dated September 1821 and negro man Soloman and negro woman Jean also a two hundred and fifty acre tract of land in Sury County and whatever other property I have given to him heretofore To my son Andrew Grier I will and bequeath all that tract of land on Law Creek that he now lives on and negroes Stephen & Bill and all other property that I have heretofore given him To my son William M Grier I will & Bequeath all that tract or parcel of land whereon Alex Hamilton lives near Armors Ford and Consisting of several purchases also that tract of land I purchased of my nephew Robt Bigham also a small piece of land 18 or 20 acres cornering on the Rocky Branch and generally Known by John Putus Entry and my other purchas from Johⁿ Pettus adjoining Recc Rice & others also my negroes Louiza and Isaac, also Four hundred dollars in cash to assist him in Raising a house and other expenses in making

a settlement one bed & furniture a horse Saddle & Bidle To my son Zenas Grier I will and Bequath the place or plantation I now live on subject to the incumbrance of the family as heretofore stated that is while they remain single also the McMicking tract and the Tract I pucased of Faris also my Negroes Frank Leah & Maada one bed and furniture Horse Saddle & Bridle and Two hundred Dollars in Cash. To My Daughter Catharine M^s Grier I will & Bequath my negroes Phillis Jnr., Adam, Bob, Letty, Rachael & Albert also one bed & furniture one Bureau & one table on horse Saddle & Bridle, I wish her to be clothed & Taken good care of and to be under the care and management of her mother and my Executors & Guardeans also her property to be under there care and Management for her sole use and Benefits as she may need during her life time and my will is that sd Catharine nor any person for her or in her name shall dispose of sd property or any part thereof without the consent of her sd mother my Executors and Guardeans first had obtained in writing and duly attested and all sales of sd. property made Contrary to the true intent and meaning of the fore going article I declare to be null and void and my will is that it be so understood, and her mother to have the Care & management of that part of my property which I have Directed in a former part to be divided between her, her mothhr and sister Susan. To My Daughter Susana Grier I will and Bequath my negroes Ruebin Polly, Nelson, George, Edmund, and Clancy one bed and furniture one horse saddle and bridle one Beray and one table and two hundred Dollars in cash to furnish with such other articles as she may stand in need of also her third part of my furniture as mentioned in the former part of my will To all the children either among my immediate relatives or acquaintances that have been named for me I will & Bequath ten dollars in Cash I further will

and Direct that if any of the above willed Negroes that have not been passed over to the persons to whom they are willed by me in my life time should Die or be sold before my death then and in that case my will is that sd Negroes or negroes be replased out of My Estate before a distribution of it takes place to the person or persons to whom sd negro or negroes would have Belonged by this my will To My Beloved wife Susana Grier and each one of my Children I will & bequath to each of them a Bible a Westminster confession of Faith and Act and Testimony and the remainder of my Books I direct to be divided into ten lotts as nearly equal as may be and to be distributed by lott among my wife and Children to Each one a lott To Each Subscriber in the Associate Congregation of Steel Creek of which I am a member I will & Bequeath one pocket Bible and one Act and Testamony And my will further is that while my family Remains in a family Capacity that my Subscription to the Sallary Fund of the associate Congregation of Steel Creek be continued as heretofore And I further will and direct that so mutch of my un willed property of every kind as my wife and executers and Guarden in there wisdom and prudence may think necessary for the Comfortable and decent menteanance of my family as heretofore be Retained By them and when my family ceases to exist as a family that part of my property be Disposed of as my other unwilled property and whereas I have several old and supranidted Slaves that have long been been faithful servants to me particular old Phillis, Peggy & old Nedd my will that they remain under the Care and management of my wife executers and Guardeans and be Comfortably taken care of during their life As to the distribution of my unwilled property my will is that it be Divided into Ten equal shares and that my sons James and Alexander have so mutch of my property as lye in the western Country divided accordingly for which I allow them to be paid out of my estate a suitable Consideration as I know that it will be attended with expense and labor and my wife Executors

and Guarddeans are to attend to and have my property here divided into Ten shares as above and when sd division has been made my will is that it be distributed among my wife and Children afore named by lot to each one a share In case any of my said Children should die before they come of age or without leaveing issue at the time of their death my will is that there property be equally Divided among the surviving Bruther and Sisters Thus having Gon through the destribution of my property which the Almighty in his goodness has bestowed up on me among you my dear Children My Earnest Prare to God is that you all attend to the advice Given by Joseph to his Brethren when about to part with them But if Contrary to my hope and expectatior any dispute should unfortunatly arrise among any of my legatees about any part of my sd will Either for want of legal expression or otherwise though I have been as explicit as possable or at least endeavoured so to be then and in that case my will expressly is that three men of Known Goodd Knowledge and understanding be mutual Chosen and sworn if Required to decide in sd dispute or Contraversy and to a act free and unfettered by law on legal nicety according to there sound judgemints in the case which three men when they dicide in they Case Shall make out their decision in writing under there hands and seals and furnish one Coppy thereof to the parties disputing and one Coppy to my Executors Thos Grier

which decission or Settlement of sd despute Shall be as Binding and final To all intents and purposes as if made by any Court of Law or Equity in the United States and if either parties will not be satisfied with and abide sd decision but will Go to law about sd mater of dispute after all that has been don to have it settled I expressly order and direct there part to be taken from them on Equally divided among my other legatees and they Contention party afore sd who will not abide the decision aforesaid pay all Costs which ther Imprudence may involve them in And lastely I

ordain and appoint my son Thomas J Grier and Andrew Grier ex-
ecutors of this my last will and testament and my beloved wife
Susanna Grier and Nephew Alexander Grier Guardeans of and for
my family and by these presents revoke make null and void all
other wills and testaments by me heretofore made declaring this
and and this only to be my last will and Testament

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal
to this and the preceeding sheets this 4th day of Febuary 1825

Thos Grier

Signed Sealed published and declared
to be the last will and Testament of
the sd Thomas Grier in the presence of

A. W. Anderson

Marther Grier

I thomas Grier of the County of Mecklinburg and State of North
Carolina do this 23 day of January 1828 make & publish this
Codicil to this my last will & testament Vix It is my will that
the frame of a house now on hands for my son William M Grer be
put up and Raised on the cite now chosen by the sd Wm and that
he be assisted out of my estate to complete sd house and finish
it upon his surrendering to my executors the shop notes now in
his hands and Taken in his name and I do by this Codicil make an
additionall appointment of executors to this my last will and
Testament and by these presents do appoint my Son in law Sam Neel
and my Friend John Hull Executors of this my last will and Test-
ament

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
seal the date above

Thos Grier

A. W. Alexander

Stephen M. Brem

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