

WILL OF
JAMES CRAIG
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. The third day of September one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight. I James Craig of Camden District in the State of South Carolina being very weak and sick in body but of perfect mind and memory, calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. Principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a Christian like and decent manner at the discretion of my Executors not doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same by the mighty power of God: And as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I Give Devise Bequeath and Dispose of in the following manner First-----

I give and bequeath unto Hannah my well beloved wife the one third of my personal estate / one negre woman named Sally, one large bay mare called Phenix one bed and furnture her choice of three milch cows out of my flock the pewter and furnture of the shelf and one chest all which I give my wife to be appraised on oath by three honest men, but if the same shall be over and above the one third of my personal estate she is to pay in the overplus. And I also allow my beloved wife her living off my land during her life or widowhood.

Item I give and bequeath unto each of my beloved children hereafter named an equal share of my real and personal estate (except my son John whom I give one mare called Doll and my rifle gun over and above his equal share, and my son Robert whom I give a filly called Pigeon over and above his equal share)
My land I give to my sons John and Robert to be equally divided between them, to be appraised on oath by three Honest men and to

go up in part of their share.

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Martha a bed and furniture to be appraised as aforesaid to go up in part of her share.

Item I give and bequeath to my son James McCoy one negro boy named Ben to be praised as aforesaid to go up in part of his share

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Jean one bed and furniture to be praised as aforesaid to go up in part of her share.

Item I give and bequeath to my son William an equal share of my real and personal estate with my other children

Item I allow my books to be equally divided between my wife & children each to have an equal share.

Lastly I do constitute and appoint my beloved wife Hannah Executrix and my beloved son John Craig and my trusty friend Thomas Neel Executors of this my last will and testament, ratifying & confirming this & no other to be my last will and testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the day & year first above written.

Signed Sealed Published & Pronounced by the said
James Craig as his last will & testament in the
presence of us who in the presence of each other
have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses

James Craig (Seal)

Samuel Craig

David Howe

And-W Neel

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