

John Perry's Will, dated 1777, (including mis-spellings):

*“IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN I John Perry Senr of South Carolina St. Marks Parish and Cravin County being of Perfect helth mind and Memory Thanks be given unto god for it Calling to mind the Mortality of my Body and knowing that it is A Appointed for all men Once to Die do make and ordain this myLast Will and testament That is to SayPrinciply and first of alle I give and Recomend my Soule to god Almighty who Gave it and my body to the Earth to be buried in a Decent Christian buriale and The Desc Desertion of my Executors Nothing Doubting but at the generale Resurrection I Receove the Same Again by the mighty Power of god and as touching my worldly Estate wherewith it has pleasd god to bless me With in this Life I Do give Devise and Dispose of the same in manner and Form following*

*-- first I give and bequeath to Sarah Perry my Dearly bloved wife for the for the term of hir Life alle this Plantation and tract of Land whereon She now Livs – By hir to be possessed with all my houshold goods and furniture with alle and Singular my Stoc Stock of Cattle hogs and hors kind by hir to be Possesed also One negro man Named Cesar and a Negro woman named Phebe and after hir Death to be Divided According to this my Last W. Wille and Testament*

*-- I give to my Loving Son Abiale Perry and to my Loving Daughtor M. Mary Switman I give alle my Stock of Cattle hogs to be with alle my household goods and firniture to Equally Diveded between then after the Death of my wife*

*-- Excepting all my T Tools Alle so I give to my beloved Sons Job Perry & Silas Perry and to be Equally Divided*

*-- to Job Perry after the Death of my wife alle this Plantatation and tract of Land whereon I now Live Containing three hundred Acres by him to be Possessed*

*-- also I give and bequeath the Said Negro Man Named Cesar after the Death of my wife To be Equally Devided between my two Sons Silas Perry & Job Perry WHOME I CONSTITUTE APPOINT AND ORDAIN MY SOLE EXECUTORS of this my Last Will and testament*

*-- also I give to my Loving Job Perry After the Death of my wife the above Negro woman named Phebe*

*-- also I—To my Loving Son Abraham Perry one Shilling Starling*

*-- also I give to Loving Son Thomas Perry one Shilling Starling*

*-- also I give to my Loving Son John Perry one One Shilling Sterling*

*-- also I give to my Loving Daughter Sarah Cole one Shilling Sterling*

*-- also I give and bequeath to my beloved Nephew Abiale Draughn a track of Land One hundred Acres Lying on the north Side of the So. Fork of Black River it being part part of a tract of two hundred Acres Land out to the sd. John Perry senr. Buting and bounding as follows South Cost and part of the Same tract Nort. West on Land Laid out to Nathl. Pace and all other Sides bounded by Land Laid out to Silas Perry*

*-- and I Do hereby Disallow Revoke and Disannulle alle and Every other form or Wills testaments Legices bequeaths And Excutors by me in any ways before named Willed and bequeathed ratifying this and no oth. to be my Last will and testament in witness whereof I have Set my hand and Seal This twentyeth Day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and Seventy Seven*

----- Signed Sealed and Pronounced by the Said John Perry as his Last wille  
and testament in the Presents of us who have hereunto Set out Hands -----

*John Perry (SEAL)*

*Elizabeth (her X mark) Roberts*

*Mornen (hir x mark) Roberts*

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