

WILL OF WILLIAM NICHOLSON

I William Nicholson of the state of south Carolina & Pendleton District knowing the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof being weak in body but of a sound memory & understanding do make & constitute this my last Will & testament hereby utterly revoking all former wills by me made do make & constitute this my last will & testament in manner & form following that is to say first I recommend my spirit to God who gave it secondly I give my body to the Earth from whence it was taken lively hopes of a glorious resurrection after a decent Christain burial and payment of all Just debts, I will & bequeath to my beloved wife Martha the plantation with the tools thereto belonging together with the house & household furniture and five Negroes to wit Leath, Febe, Elijah, Jack, & Robert together with all the stock of every kind for the purpose of raising the children during her natural life & then the said five Negroes with their increase (if any) to be valued & distributed among the children to make their portions as nigh equal as may be with convenience provided they are not to go out of the family nor to be slaves longer then untill they are fifty years of age provided also they conduct themselves in a suitable manner for to be free.

To my daughter Sarah Nicholson I give one Negro girl Named Loosey until she is fifty years of age & a horse & saddle together with a bed & furniture & clothes & two Cows & calves.

To my daughter Martha I give a Negro girl named Viney untill she become fifty years of age and a horse & saddle, bed & clothing and Cattle Equivelent to Sarahs portion.

To my daughter Harriet I give a Negro girl named Sarah untill becomes fifty years of age together with a Horse & Saddle, Clothes, bed & furniture & tvro Cows & calves & to be made Equal Sarahs portion.

To my daughter Belinda one Negro Girl named Ony untill she arrives the age of fifty together with a horse & saddle, Clothes, bed & furniture two Cows & calves & to be made equal to the portion of the other Girls.

To my son William Nicholson I give all that part of the plantation, which lies on the other side of the Creek from where the house stands.

To my son Lemuel Nicholson I give all that part of the plantation on the side of the creek which the House stands on which he now Live also the three tracts I bought of the state Lying on the Waters of Craven's Creek.

The other two plantations to be sold & divided.

To my Daughter Mary I give one Negro Woman named Mary to be given to her against the 25 of December next & to belong to her & the Heirs of her body after her the Child that Negro Mary is now with if it lives not to belong to Mary Norton but to be returned to the rest of the family at the age of two years.

At my wifes death what property may be remaining to be Valued and divided in such a manner as to make all their portions as nigh equal as is convenient.

And I do hereby nominate Constitute & appoint my Wife Executrix and my Sons Evan & William Nicholson Executors Jointly with their Mother to Carry this my last will & testament into Execution according to the true intent & meaning of the same.

Read, acknowledged, & signed by the testator in presence of us.

John McWhorter

William Nicholson (SEAL)

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