

WILL OF ROBERT SAMS - Died after Feb 6 1760

IN THE HAMS OF GOD, AMEN, I Robt Sams of Wadmalah Island in the Parish of St. John in the County of Colleton SB Province of South Carolina, Planter being Weak & Low of Body but by the Blefsing of God of Sound Mind 80 Memory do Make this my Last Will Testament in Manner Form following ----- Imprimis I Give bequeath my Soul into the Hands of God Trusting in his Mercy thro Christ Jesus my Blefsed Saviour for the Life Happinefs of the World to Come my Body to the Ground from Whence it was taken to be decently interr'd at the Discretion of my Exors Hereafter Earned in Hope of the Resurrection to Eternal Life ITEM I Give Bequeath unto my Loving Wife Mary Sams to her Heirs Twenty four Negro Slaves Which were Given to her by her Father Mr. John Stanyarn Sen^R. Since our Marriage that is to Say Hercules Morris Cuffey Janaaey Isaac Nanney her other four Children lamed Pat, Aleck Anthony Luna also Affey & her two Children Joe Carolina also The Wench Clarinda her Child Delia Fortiber her two Children Cretia & Limus Phebe & her Three Children Peter Judith & Dinah also Rose one Child Sambo ITEM I Give & Bequeath unto my Said Loving Wife Mary Sams S her Heirs all my Household Furniture & Plate excepting two good Beds Bolfters/ pillows four Pair of Sheets & two Blankets hereafter to be Dispofed of Item I Give bequeath & Devise unto my Eldest Son Robert Sams & to his heirs for ever in Fee Simple all that Tract of Land Whereon he now Lives Which I bought of William Myddelton Containing by Estimation about five hundred acres More or Lefs alfo I Give & Bequeath & Devise unto my Said Son Robert all my Right Title interest that I have in one other Tract of Land Lying being at a Place Called Hilton Head Containing by Estimation five Hundred acres & to his heirs Item I Give bequeath unto my Said Son Robert Sams his Heirs Thirteen Negro Slaves Which he has now in Pofsefsion Viz*/ Tom, Bob, Billy, Daniel Moses, Will, Thought, Adam Cato, Safsex, Moll, Leah & Fortiber Provided that my Said Son Robert Shall do pay one fifth part of all my Debts now outstanding against me ITEM I Give bequeath devise unto my Second Son, John Sams & to his Heirs in Fee Simple all that Tract of Land Which I lately bought of Williaia Gibbons (now of Georgia) Lying & being on Wadmalah Island containing by Estimation five hundred forty five Acres more or Lefs Item I give bequeath devise unto my third Son William Sams & to his Heirs in fee Simple one Tract of Land Lying being on Wadmalah Island Which I bought of Richard Freeman Containing one Hundred & Ten acres More or Lefs Likewise I Give bequeath & devise to My said Son William his Heirs one other Tract of Land Which I bought of Thomas Stanyarne Deceased, Said Land Lying & being on Said Wadmalah Island Containing by Estimation one hundred fifty acres more or Lefs ITEM I Give bequeath & Devise unto my fourth Son Charles Sams & to his Heirs in fee Simple the tracts of Land Whereon I now Live Containing by Estimation one Hundred & Seventy Acres more or Lefs With the Manfion House & other out Houses & Appurtenances thereto belonging Likewise I give bequeath & devise unto my Said Son Charles & to his heirs in Fee Simple one other Tract of Land Lying Being upon said Wadmalah Island Containing by Estimation Three hundred & Seventy Acres more or Lefs being the Tract of Land Which I bought of Benjamin Dennis ITEM It is my Will that my Loving Wife Mary Sams have the use of the Plantation 8t of the Manfion House thereon Wherein I now Live together with the Use of the Other Tract of Land Given to my said Son Charles for & During The WholeTime of her Widowhood & no Longer. ITEM I give 8;; bequeath unto my Eldest Daughter Elizabeth Godfrey Widow to her Heirs Eight Negroe Slaves being the Same which are now in her Pofsefsion that is to say Jacob Isaac Tony London Bella Eager Cloe & Amey----- ITEM I give & bequeath Unto my sd Daughter Elizabeth fourteen Head of Black Cattle Which I bought of Thomas Little ITEM I Give & bequeath unto my Said daughter Elizabeth the sum of Five Hundred Pounds Currency to be Paid by my Executors hereafter

Named at the Time of the Devifion of my Estate as here after is Mentioned. ITEM Whereas I suppose my Wife to be now with Child Whereof if it Please God She be delivered the Child be alive Then I Give bequeath unto the Said Child born Within Nine Months after my Decease if it be a Son to him to his Heirs a Certain Tracts of Land Lying being on Said Wadmalah Island Which I bought of Henry Younge Containing by Estimation one Hundred Ninety Acres more or Less ITEM I Give unto the Said Infant if Born as aforesaid an equal Share of my Personal Estate not Yet Mention'd that is to say one fifth Part of all the residue of my personal Estate not above Devised ITEM The other four Parts of my Personal Estate not Devised as above I Give Bequeath unto my Son John Sams William Sams Charles Sams Sarah Sams to be equally divided among after the Expiration of Two Years it is moreover my Will that all my Estate Excepting only What I have hereby Given devised to my son Son Robert Sams my Daughter Elizabeth Godfrey be kept Together for the payment of my Just Debts Funeral other Necessary Expenses all Which Debts it is my Will That they be punctually & Justly Paid by my executors hereafter Named Item it is my Will I hereby appoints that after the Expiration of the aforesaid Term of two Years any three Freeholders appointed by my Exors hereafter Named Shall have full Power to make a Devifion of my Personal Estate between my Sons John William Charles the Infant Son or Daughter that may be Born my Daughter Sarah as is hereby Devised sb given to them by this Will but in case my Wife be delivered of a Daughter Then it is my Will I hereby give bequeath upon that Supposition unto my Son John Sams & to his heirs That Tract of Land Containing one hundred Ninety Acres which I bought of Henry Younge as aforesaid ITEM I hereby Constitute ordain & appoint My Loving Wife Mary Sams Executrix together with Mr John Stanyarne Senr My Sons Robert Sams William Sams Exors to this my Last Will Testament I do hereby Declare this to be my Last Will & Testament hereby Annulling revoking all other Wills Testaments heretofore or at any other Time made by me IN WITNEFS Whereof I have hereunto Set my Hand Seal to this my Said Last Will Testament, Contained on Three Sheets of Paper Written on one Side the Middle Sheet Containing an Erafement in the 9th Line Between the words Thereon And Wherein Dated, this Thirty first day of January in the Year of our Lord one Thousand Seven hundred & Sixty & in the Thirty Third Year of his Majestys Reign

Robert Sams (Seal)

Signed Sealed & Published
in the Presence of

Jonathan Copp Hugh

Wilson Matthias

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