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at the descretion of my executors, I likewise constitute, make and ordain my wife, Nancy and my two sons Jesse Williams and Richard Williams executors and executrix of this my Last Will and Testament and I do hereby ritter by, disallow, revoke and disannul all and every other former testaments, wills, legacies, bequests and executors by me in any wise named willed and bequeathed, ratifying and conforming this, and no other, to be my Last Will and Testament. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this seventh day of September, in the year of our Lord 1806, and in the 31st year of the independence of the United States of America. Signed, sealed, published and pronounced and declared by the said Fredrick Williams as his Last Will and Testament in the presence of us

Jeremiah Williams

Sion Mitchell

Fred Williams (SEAL)

James (X) Mitchell

Nancy (X) Williams

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Recorded March 25th 1808

Sn. Simkins O.E.D.

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WILL OF DAVID BOSWELL

In the name of God, Amen, I, David Boswell, being in perfect mind and memory, but very weak and calling to mind the mortality of body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this to be my Last Will and Testamen. Viz. ----- First, I give unto my wife, Margaret and my son, David, eight negroes Viz. Moses, Beck, Auron, Milly, Baltimore, Charity, Dick and Amy, together with the plantation, wheron I now live, household and kitchen furniture, plantation tools, horses, hogs and cattle, except such of the horses as shall be hereafter named with all sums of money due me, to her and her heirs forever. Second, I give unto my daughter Elizabeth, three negroes Viz. Moll, Harriot and Isaac and to my son George, three negroes Viz. Perry, James and Henry, and one hundred acres of land adjoining the home house tract and adjoining Matthew Deveres land lying on Chaveses Creek, to be equally devided between my daughter, Elizabeth and my son George, the above named proper to be delivered to them at their arriving at the age of twenty one, and if either of them should die with an heir, the property to return to the other. It is my will and desire that my horse Spread Eagle be sold on a credit of two years, and the money, when collected to be equally devided between my wife and three children, Elizabeth, George and David. It is my will and desire that my daughter Elizabeth have one horse colt called Daredevil, and one feather bed and furniture. And my son George, one Spread Eagle horse, colt and one feather bed and furniture. It is my will and desire the proper be kept together except the house above mentioned until the children comes of age. I appoint my wife, Margret and my daughter, Elizabeth and my son George and John Barnes executors to this my Last Will and Testament. In witness whereof, set my hand and seal this eighteenth day December, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and seven.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of

John R. Bartee

John Barnes

Benjamin Roper

David (X) Boswell (SEAL)

South Carolina, Edgefield District, by John Simkins, Ordinary personally appeared before me, Benjamin Roper and John Barnes who being duly sworn, do make oath and say they were present and saw David Boswell, sign, seal and deliver the within to be his Last Will and Testament, and that the said David Boswell was then of sound and disposing mind and memory, to the best of this deponents knowledge and belief and that they saw John R. Bartee sign his name as the witness thereto at the request of the testator, at the same time qualified Margret Boswell and John Barnes executors and executrix to the within, given under my hand, at my office the 23rd day of April 1808.

Recorded in Will Book "A" Page 257

Recorded April 29, 1808

Jn. Simkins O.E.D.

Box 33 Pkg. 1220

WILL OF VAN SWEARINGEN

South Carolina, Edgefield District. In the name of God, Amen. I, Van Swearingen of the said district, being weak in body, but of sound and perfect mind and memory, considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and blessed be the Almighty God for the same, do make and publish this my Last Will and Testament, in manner and form following, that is to say, First, I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife, Rachel Swearingen, one negro woman by the name of Philes, to be at her own disposal during life, also eight negroes to witt Grace, Rose, George, Bob, Hannah, Nan, Isbell and Jude to remain in the possession of my beloved wife, until my youngest child attains the age of twenty one, then to be equally divided amongst my children named as follows, William, Milley, Joel, Zilpah Moses, Van, Eliz, Peggey, Frances, John and Aneel. Secondly, I give and bequeath unto my beloved son, Van Swearingen, one hundred and fifty acres of land, lying back of the Dulz old field, joining Stephen Medlocks and Noah Clouds land, to be laid of at the discretion of my executors. Thirdly, I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife, Rachel Swearingen, all the rest of my land being the place where I know her including the Piney Woods house, containing four hundred and twenty eight acres, be the same monean lifs him natural life time and then to be equally divided between my two beloved sons, Eli and John Swearingen at the discretion of my executors. Further give and bequeath unto my beloved wife, Rachel Swearingen, after my buriel expences, doctor bills and lawful debts is paid, al my stock of horses, cattle, hogs and household furniture. As to all the rest of my residue remaining of my personals, estate goods and chattels of whatsoever kind and nature it may be, I give and bequeath the same unto my beloved wife, Rachel Swearingen, to wit. I do hereby appoint Thomas Swearingen, Fredrick Swearingen and Ezekie McClandan sole executors of this my Last Will and Testament, here by revoking all former wills by me made in witness whereof I have set my hand and seal this 22nd day of January, in

divided amongst them as they come of age, Rebecca Ballantine
Ann Waldram, John Butler and Patsey Mosley. To them and their
heirs forever. Also, my deceased son James butler two sons,
Starling and James Butler, I allow each of them two dollars,
I constitute, make and ordain my beloved son, John Butler and
Hugh Ballantine executors of this my Last Will and Testament, and
I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke and disannul, all and every
other former testaments, wills, legacies, bequeaths and executors
by me in any wise before mentioned willed and bequeathed. Rati-
fying and confirming this and no other, to be my Last Will and
Testament. In witness hereof, I set my hand and seal, this
fourteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eleven.
Signed, sealed and acknowledged in the presence of
William Byon
Joseph Prinn

James Butler (SEAL)
South Carolina, Edgefield District by John Simkins Ordinary
Personally appeared before me, Joseph Prinn, who being duly sworn
do make oath and say he was present and saw James Butler sign, seal
and deliver the within to be his Last Will and Testament, and that
the said James Butler was then of sound and disposing mind and
memory to the best of this deponants knowledge and belief, and that
he saw William Lyon sign his name as a witness thereto, at the re-
quest of the testator, and in his presence, at the same time quali-
fied John Butler and Hugh Ballentine executors to the within.
Given under my hand at my office this seventh day of June 1811.
Jn. Simkins O.E.D.

Recorded in Will Book "A" Page 298
Recorded July 24, 1811
Jn. Simkins O.E.D.
Box 6 Pkg. 192

WILL OF WILLIAM ROPER

In the name of God, Amen. I, William Roper of the District of Edge-
field, being in a health of body, mind and memory, thanks be given
to God, calling unto 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, that is to say principally and first of all.
I give and recommend my soul, into the hand of Almighty God, that
gave it, and my body I recommend to the earth, to be buried in a dec-
ent christian burial, nothing doubting, but at the general resur-
rection, I shall receive the same again, by the mighty power of God.
And as touching such worldly estate, where with it hath pleased God
to bless me with in this life, I give and demise and dispose of the
same, in the following manner and form.
First, I give and bequeath unto my son, Wiley Roper, all that piece
of land known by the name of Horns Land, and at my wifes death as
much of the tract where I now live, to be taken along side of that
tract of Horns, as will make an equal division of both tracts, be-
tween my son Wiley and my son Joel. I also give unto my son Joel,
one young mare. I leave unto my wife, Lary Roper, my horse, cattle
and hogs, together with all the balance of my estate, which is not
already bequeathed, nor hereafter mentioned in this, my Last Will
and Testament. I leave unto my daughter, Nancy and Sally, one feath-

er bed and furniture a piece, when they are married, or at the death of my wife. And it is my desire that all that part of my personal property, which I have pointed out to my wife, that at her death, the whole shall be sold and equally divided among my six children. I constitute and appoint my son in law Benj. Roper and my son Joel Roper to be my whole and sole executors to this, my Last Will and Testament. In witness whereof, I have herunto set my hand and seal, this seventh day of June, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and three, and 27-28 of American Independence.

Witness

William Glover Jun.

William Roper (SEAL)

Anderson Glover

Recorded in Will Book "A" Pages 190 and 191

Recorded May 21, 1804

Jn. Simkins O.E.D.

Box 44 Pkg. 1883

WILL OF JOHN WHITLEY

In the name of God, Amen. I, John Whitley of the District of Edgefield and state of South Carolina, being sick of body, but of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, thanks be to God for the same, do make this my Last Will and Testament, in the manner and form following, that is to say, I give to my beloved son, Lewis one grey horse and saddle, one bed, cow and calf. I further request that there should be a sale and that they should sell such property as may be thought best, my plantation and negroes namely, Moses and Su, to be left to my beloved wife until William Whitley, shall come of age, and than his money to be raised, and Anna likewise, and then the rest to be left ot my wife, her life time, and then the plantation to be left to Lewis Whitley, and the balance to be equally divided betwen Lewis Whitley and Kisziah Culbreth. I hereby constitute and appoint my wife and Lewis Whitley executors of this my Last Will and Testament, herby revoking all former wills by me made declaring this my Last Will and Testament. Signed, sealed, published and declared as the Last Will and Testament of John Whitley at the request of, in the presence of whom we subscribed our names as witnesses. In the presence of each other the 15th day of September in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eleven.

Anna (X) Whitley

Lewis Whitley

John (X) Whitley

Charles (X) Carter

Recorded in Will Book "A" Pages 299 and 300

Proven October 4th, 1811

Original will not in files of probate judge.

WILL OF JOSEPH HIGHTOWER

In the name of God, Amen. I, Joseph Hightower of Edgefield District in the state of South Carolina, being of sound mind, do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament, in manner and form following, that is to say I give unto my beloved wife, Elizabeth Hightower, the use of my negro slaves, Ab, old Rachel, old Billey, April, Cillas, Nancy and

Recorded in Will Book "A" Page 341
Proven April 7th, 1815
Jn. Simkins O.E.D.
Original will not in files of Probate Judge.

WILL OF DRURY ADAMS

In the name of God, Amen. I, Drury Adams of the District of Edgefield, and state of South Carolina, being weak in body, but of a disposing mind and memory, thanks be given unto Almighty God for the same, calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this as my Last Will and Testament, that is to say 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 decent christian burial, at the discretion of my executors, nothing doubting, but at the general resurrection, I shall receive the same again, by the mighty power of God, that gave it. And as touching such worldly estate, wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life with, I give, demise and dispose of the same in the manner and form following- Viz. I lend to my beloved wife, Sarah Adams, the land and plantation, whereon I now live, with ten negroes namely Dick, Judith, Mima, Barbra, Little Jeany, Quash, Fanny, Anmes, Martha and Charles, four head of horses, ten head of cattle, ten head of sheep, thirty head of geese and the stock of hogs then remaining on the plantation. Also all the household and kitchen furniture and plantation tools, all which property, after my death already named, I lend to my beloved wife, Sarah Adams, during her natural life and at her death, my will and desire is that my son, John Adams, shall have the land and plantation, whereon I now live. All the rest of the property above mentioned at her death, my will and desire is that it should be sold on a credit of twelve months, and the money thence arising to be equally divided among my young set of children then remaining by my present wife Sarah Adams, to them and their heirs forever. Also I lend to my beloved wife Sarah Adams, my wagon and all the gear, with the other property already named during her natural life.-----
Viz. I give and bequeath unto my loving son, Abraham Adams, at lawful age or marriage, one tract of land, cornering on Miles's lands a north course, from thence running a south course to lands held by John Moore, more or less, in that boundry. One negro girl named Betty, and her future increase, one bed and furniture, one set of cuttings, one cow and calf, one rifle gun and one large trunk, to him and his heirs forever. My will and desire is that if my son, Abraham Adams, should die without lawful heir, that all his personal estate, shall be sold and equally divided between his elder brother and sisters. And all his real estate to be sold and equally divided between his younger brothers and sisters then remaining.
Viz. I give and bequeath unto my loving son, James F. Adams, one small tract of land, lying cross the Martintown Road. My will and desire is that all the property then remaining be sold on a credit of twelve months and equally divided between my four children

namely, James F. Adams, Mary Devore, Peggy Bird and Elizabeth Roper, all which I leave to them and their heirs forever. My will and desire is that my executors, sell as much of my personal estate as will pay all my just debts.-----
Viz. I give and bequeath unto my two step children naemely, Benjamin Roper and Polley Roper, the tract of land known by the Walnut Hill, one bed and furniture each, one cow and calf each, at lawful age or marriage, one negro, Dick, at their mothers death, all which property, I give to them and their heirs forever-----
This I csertify to be my Last Will and Testament, revoking all others heretofore made by me. Lastly, I nominate and appoint my loving wife, Sarah Adams and my trusty friend Jonathan Devore and Daniel Roper, my whole and sole executrix and executors to this my Last Will and Testament. In witness where of I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this ninth day December, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, and in the thirty ninth year of American independence. Signed, sealed and acknowledged in the presence of us

Roger M. Williams

Benj. Hargrove

Benjamin Roper

Drury Adams (SEAL)

South Carolina, Edgefield District by John Simkins Esqr. Ordinary Personally appeared before me, Benjamin Hargrove, who being duly sworn, doth make oath and say he was present and saw Drury Adams sign, seal and deliver the within, to be his Last Will and Testament and that he the said Drurey Adams, was then of sound disposing mind, memory and understanding to the best of this deponants knowledge and belief, and that Roger M. Williams and Benjamin Roper together with this deponant, signed their names as witnesses to the within at the same time qualified Sarah Adams executor, Jonathan Devore and Daniel Roper executor to the within. Given under my hand, at my office, the 26th day of May 1815. Jn. Simkins O.E.D.

Recorded in Will Book "A" Pages 344 and 345

Recorded July 10, 1815

Jn. Simkins O.E.D.

Box 2, Pkg. 31

WILL OF JOHN HUFF

State of South Carolina, Edgefield District. In the name of God, Amen. I, John Huff of the state and district aforesaid, knowing that it is appointed for all men, once to die, do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament, in the manner and form following. Revoking all other wills by me heretofore made.

First of all, I give unto my two sons, Julius Huff and Allen Huff, a certain tract of land, containing two hundred and twenty five acres, lying in the state of North Carolina, Granville County, on the waters of Neuce River, to be equally divided between them, to them and their heirs.-----

I give unto my son, Daniel Huff, all that tract of land, I purchased of George Cheney, containing two hundred acres, and part of a tract of land, that I purchased of Colo. Lery Hammond, on the west side of the school house spring branch from the mouth to the first fork of the before mentioned branch, from thence up the valley to a white