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In the Name of God Amen.

I, **AARON WOOD** of the District of York, In State of South Carolina being at this time in sound and disposing mind, and calling to mind the uncertainty of life and that it is appointed for all men once to die do hereby constitute this my last will and Testament in Manner following Viz.

1st I leave and bequeath to my beloved wife **MATILDA** and my three children **ACHSAH**, **MARTHA**, and **MATILDA**, my plantation known by the Locus Ridge place, containing about one hundred and sixty eight acres more or less according to the boundaries designated in a survey made and platted by **WILLIAM CAMPBELL** on the 14th day of December 1833 which plat is now in my possession, Also Ten Negroes, viz: **EPHRAIM** and his Wife **PATIENCE**, **ADDISON**, **ANDY**, **MINTY**, **MILES**, **GEORGE**, **SAM**, **AMANDA**, and **CYNTHY**, three feather beds and furniture such as my wife may choose out of what we may have on hand at my decease, four hundred dollars in cash, also all my stock of hogs and horned cattle which I have or may have at the time of my decease on the plantation above named known by the Locus ridge place, Together with the increase of the above named property.

The above property viz: 168 Acres of land, 10 Negroes, Feather beds, four hundred dollars in cash, Stock of horned cattle, and hogs on said land and their increase all above named and specified I do hereby will and bequeath to my beloved wife and the three children above named, so long as my wife may live or continue a Widow and at her decease or marriage, If her decease, the above property to be equally divided between the three children above named - If her marriage my wife **MATILDA** to have an equal share With the three children above named of the above mentioned personal property, and the land to be rented but for the use of the three children aforesaid viz: **ACHSAH**, **MARTHA**, and **MATILDA** till the youngest of them is of age, to each for themselves, and then to be equally divided. between them, My wish is that my beloved wife and her three children aforesaid during her life or widowhood, shall with the above mentioned property and cash to assist her in purchasing articles which her and her children, aforesaid may want, live on the said plantation and provide for and educate the children and I do hereby request my son-in-law **JOHN GRIER** to assist, advise with, and help my beloved wife in the management of the affairs of hers and then above named children **AARON WOOD**.

2nd It is my Will and i do hereby bequeath to my son **JOSEPH WOOD** the plantation he live on lying South of the Locus ridge place and bounded by it the division line between these two plantations is designated by the said plat before mentioned. Also a negro girl named **SINAH** and her child which are now in his possession the plantation fallow him includes all the land South of the Locus ridge plantation adjoining where he lives and bounded as above mentioned. unto him his heirs or assigns.

3rd I will nothing to the heirs of my son **RESIN WOOD**, deceased, he having received all the part of my estate that I intend.

4th I will and bequeath to my son-in-law **DERRIT WHITE**, of the State of Alabama, in trust for my daughter **REBECCA ROOKER** for her sole use and her children to be applied and used as the said **DERRIT & REBECCA** may think best for her and her children one bond or sealed note on **JAMES MASON** dated 15th day of February 1834 for seven hundred dollars (\$700) payable five years after dated also the several notes I hold on said Mason for interest on the same unto the said **DERRIT WHITE** (for the use as aforesaid in Trust for **REBECCA ROOKER**).

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5th I will and bequeath to my daughter **MARY MASON** wife of **JAMES MASON** – during her natural life and then to descend to her children four negroes viz: **PERLINA**, and her child, **ALBERT** and **GREEN** with their increase, To the said **MARY MASON** during her natural life and then to her children the heirs of her body forever These Negroes are now in her possession.

6th I Will and bequeath to my daughter **AMELIA GRIER**, wife of **JOHN GRIER** during her natural life and to the heirs of her body 4 Negroes viz: **ELIZA** and her child, **STEVEN** and **FRANK** to her and the heirs of her body forever, All of said Negroes being now in her possession, except **STEVEN**.

7th I Will and bequeath to the two children of my son **ISAAC WOOD**, deceased of Tennessee, to the care of **JOHN R. WOOD** for their use and benefit three hundred dollars.

8th I Will and desire that at my decease the whole of my property not herein willed, or bequeathed, be sold and out of the proceeds my just and lawful debts be paid and the legacies of cash heretofore mentioned respectively paid and all other expenses necessary for the executing of my will and the remainder whatever it may be to be equally divided as follows viz: to my daughter **NANCY**, widow of **ROBERT WHITE**, one fourth part, and to my daughter **ELIZABETH** wife of **DERRITT WHITE** one fourth part to my daughter **CANDACE** wife of **FRANCIS BOSTICK** one fourth part to my daughter **BARZILLA** wife of **[EDWARD] BOZWELL** one fourth part.

9th I do hereby nominate and appoint my friend **RICHARD BARNETT** and **WILLIAM MCBIGGER** to execute this my last will and testament hereby ratifying and confirming this my last will and testament, and hereby eating aside and revoking all former Wills or anything purporting to be a will by me heretofore made.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this nineteenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty four and of the Sovereignty and independence of the United States of North America the fifty eighth.

AARON WOOD {seal}

Signed sealed and acknowledged to be the last will and Testament of **AARON WOOD** in the presence of us Who in the presence of the testator and of each other witnessed the execution.

Witness

NATHAN HARPER Cnr.
JAMES HARPER
JOHN T. HARPER

Probated July 21, 1834
Will Book "G" P-449
Case No. 44 File No. 748

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South Carolina]
York District]

July 21st, 1834 proved the last will & testament of **AARON WOOD** deceased by the oath of **JOHN HARPER** one of the subscribing witnesses to the same at the same time qualified **RICHARD BARNETT & WILLIAM MCBIGGER**, executors.

BENJAMIN CHAMBERS, OYD

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AARON WOOD

Last Will and Testament

Proved July 21st 1834

Recorded in Book Y Pages 449-450, 451-452

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A true and perfect inventory of all the goods and chattles personal & real estate of **AARON WOOD**, deceased, late of South Carolina, York District made by us whose names are hereunto subscribed this 30th day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty four.

[INVENTORY LIST]

Negro men SYE, WHITE
Negro women MARY, JANE, SARAH
Negro woman DINE & child ZILIAH
Negro men STEPHEN, EPHRAIM
Negro boys SAM, ADISON, HARDY, MILLS
Negro girl MANDA, MINTA, SYNTHA
Negro girl PATIENCE & child

EDWARD S. BRANDON
DAVID HORSLY
DAVID JOHNSTON
TALBERT JONES
JOSEPH LAWRENCE
JAMES MASON willed to daughter **REBECCA ROOKER**
NATHAN L. PRAITOR
JOHN ROOKER
CRUCY SMITH
ROBERT EAKINS

Appraised by us the appraisers of the estate of Aaron Wood Sr., deceased, this 30th day of July and in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty four.

Witness our hand and seal

JOHN GLENN {seal}
JAMES L. WRIGHT {seal}
DAVID J. BOYD {seal}
JAMES MCELWEE {seal}

Some geese & poultry & probably some other small articles neglected to be shown the appraisers at the time of appraisal.

[Accounts]

RASON MAYHEW
WILLIAM "WARREN"
NATHAN PRAITOR
DAVID HORSLEY
MOSES BIGGER
E. H. PRAITOR

JOHN GLENN {seal}
JAMES L. WRIGHT {seal}
DAVID J. BOYD {seal}
JAMES MCELWEE {seal}

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Sale Bill November 11th, 1834

G. DUFF
JOHN YARBOROUGH
JERRY ALDERSON
CHARLES ANDERSON
STORY [POLLY] BAILEY
A. BARNETT
JAMES BARNETT
WILLIAM A. BARNETT
F. W. BOSTICK
D. J. BOYD
JAMES BOYD
E. BRANDON
Hepton Bryan ???
DEMPSEY COOK
JOHN COOK
WILLIAM COOK
JAMES S. CAROTHERS
LAWRENCE CULLENDER
LOGAN FORD
JOHN FAKENWIDER
CALEB GAZAWAY
DAVID N. GLENN
HENRY GLENN
S. GRAHAM
WILLIAM HARDY
JAMES HARPER
JOHN HARPER
THOMAS HODGSON
WILLIAM HORSLEY
D. D. HOWE
DR. E. JENNINGS
DAVID JOHNSTON
R. JOHNSTON
WILLIAM KERR
HUGH TATE
JOHN TOMLINSON
R. MAYHEW
JAMES MASON
ROBERT A. MCCALL
PETER MCCOLLUM
JAMES MCCULLY
J. MCCLIVER
J. MCELWEE
JOHN MCGILL
J. E. MCKENZIE
JAMES MCKENZIE
WILLIAM NEELY
WILLIAM NOLEN
JOHN PETERS, ESQ
DAVID PRESSLEY
R. M. PRESSLEY
WILLIAM PRESSLEY
OLIVER ROBERTSON

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DR. J. ROOKER
J. B. ROOKER
J. D. ROOKER
JAMES SIMEREL SENR.
CRUCY SMITH
WILLIAM A. STANTON
LEROY STOWE
LUTHER TATE
JOHN TOMLIN
JAMES WALLIS
C. S. WHITE
NANCY WHITE
JAMES WILKERSON
JAMES L. WRIGHT

The above is a true bill of the property of **AARON WOOD** deceased as exposed to sale on the 11th & 12th days of November [1834] last by **WILLIAM MCBIGGERS**, surviving executor of said deceased.

December 12th, 1834

JOHN A. LANEY, clerk

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William Bigger, executor account with the estate of Aaron Wood, deceased.

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**CRUCY SMITH
ROBERT EAKINS
JOHN ROOKERS
DAVID "HALSEY"
JAMES MASON
NATHAN PRAITOR
R. MAYHEW
WILLIAM WARREN
ROBERT BOYD
MOSES BIGGER
ELISHA PRAITOR**

**WILLIAM A. BARNETT
MARY BAILY
J. A. BARNETT
W. A BARNETT
JAMES BIGGERS
DAVID J. BOYD
G. BROWN
W. CAMPBELL
JOHN CAVENY
BENJAMIN CHAMBERS, ordinary
A. R. ERVIN
JOHN GLENN
J. T. HARPER
J. A. LANEY
JAMES MASON
JOHN MCCLAIN
JAMES MCELWEE
J. MCKENZIE
A. MCWHORTER
N. PRATHER
E. A. THOMPSON
E. WADDEL
A. WILLIAMS
T. WILLIAMS
J. L. WRIGHT, clerk**

Legacy paid to
**M. WOOD
DAVID HERSELY**

Sworn to before me December 26th 1835
BENJAMIN CHAMBERS, OYD

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South Carolina
York District

By **BENJAMIN CHAMBERS** Esquire ordinary of the district aforesaid.

To All To whom these presents shall come, greeting.

Know ye that on the 21st day of July in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty four the last will and testament of **AARON WOOD**, late of this District, deceased, was proven an open court and approved and allowed of before and by the said court and the administration of all and singular the goods and chattels rights and credits of the said deceased within the state was thereupon granted and committed by the said Court unto **RICHARD BARNETT** and **WILLIAM MCBIGGER**, named executors in the said will, they being first duly sworn, well and Faithfully to administer and make full and perfect inventory of all and singular the said goods and chattels rights and credits and to exhibit the same inventory into the office of the clerk of court of ordinary aforesaid in order to be recorded on or before the 21st day of November next and to render a true and just account calculation and Reckoning there of when thereunto required.

Witness **BENJAMIN CHAMBERS**, Esquire ordinary of the said District, the 21st day of July in the year of Our Lord 1834 and in the 59th year of American independence.

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South Carolina
York District

By **BENJAMIN CHAMBERS**, ordinary of said District.

These are to authorize and Empower you or any three or four of you whose names are hereunder written to repair to all such parts in places within this state as you shall be directed by **RICHARD BARNETT** and **WILLIAM MCBIGGER** executor named in the said will, of the goods and chattels rights and credits of **AARON WOOD** late of the set District deceased wheresoever any of the said goods and chattels are or do remain within the set parts and places and which shall be shown on to you by the said **RICHARD BARNETT** and **WILLIAM MCBIGGER** and their view and appraise all and every the said goods and chattels being first duly sworn on the holy evangelists of almighty God to make a true and perfect inventory and appraisement thereof and to cause the same to be returned under your hands or any three or four of you on to the said **RICHARD BARNETT** and **WILLIAM MCBIGGER** on or before the 21st day of September next.

Witness **BENJAMIN CHAMBERS**, Esquire, ordinary of the said District the 21st day of July in the year of Our Lord 1834 and in the 1590 year of American independence.

Two misters **JOHN T. HARPER**, **PRESSLEY HARPER**, **JAMES MCELWEE**, **DAVID BOYD**, **JOHN GLENN**

BENJAMIN CHAMBERS, OYD

Memorandum that on the 30th day of July in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty four personally appeared before me, **JAMES MCKENZIE**, one of the justices assigned to keep the peace in said District, **JAMES MCELWEE**, **DAVID BOYD**, **JOHN GLENN**, and **JAMES WRIGHT** being four of the appraisers appointed to appraise the goods and chattels of **AARON WOOD**, late of the said District, deceased, who being duly sworn made a oath that they would make a just and true appraisement of all and singular the goods and chattels of the said Aaron would deceased as she'll be produced by **RICHARD BARNETT** and **WILLIAM MCBIGGER** executor of the estate of the said deceased and that they would return the same under their hands on to the said executors on or before the 21st day of September next.

JAMES MCELWEE
DAVID BOYD
JOHN GLENN
JAMES WRIGHT

Sworn the day and year above written before me
JAMES MCKENZIE Justice of the Peace.

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State of South Carolina
York District

By **BENJAMIN CHAMBERS** Esquire ordinary for the said District aforesaid whereas **RICHARD BARNETT** and **WILLIAM MCBIGGER** executor of the goods and chattels of **AARON WOOD** Senior, deceased, has petitioned the court for liberty to sell the personal property of the said estate, and it appearing proper, upon due investigation, to grant the prayer of the said petition.

These are therfore to permit and empower the said **RICHARD BARNETT** and **WILLIAM MCBIGGER** to expose to sale at public outcry at the deceased's late residence and the Locust Ridge Place on the 11th and 12th days of November next, agreeable to said last will and testament, deceased's property of the said estate, which may have come into their hands, to the highest bidder on a credit of twelve months for all sums above five dollars, taking bond with sufficient security for five dollars, in all sums under, cash on delivery. Fifteen days previous notice to be given by public advertisement and a return of the proceedings of the said sale to be, by the executors, made to the ordinaries office aforesaid within the time be prescribed by law.

Given under my hand and seal this 15th day of October Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and thirty four and of American independence the fifty ninth year.

BENJAMIN CHAMBERS, OYD

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WILLIAM MCBIGGER, executor to estate of **A. WOOD**, deceased

E. T. BRANDON

D. JOHNSON

J. LAURENCE

J. MASON

E. T. BRANDON

WILLIAM CAMPBELL

E. H. PRATER

J. B. ROOKER

G. W. WILLIAMS

Legacy

ISAAC WOOD

N. WHITE

E. S. BOSWELL

DERRITT WHITE

F. BOSTICK

DERRITT WHITE

F. W. BISHET?

J. M. GRIER

N. WHITE

E. S. BOZWELL

JAMES MASON

R.[REBECCA] ROOKER & her children

Sworn to before me August 15th 1836

BENJAMIN CHAMBERS, OYD