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July 2, 1951

Dear Miss Fisher (?),

Please forgive me if that name isn't correct - in which case I apologize in advance, my only excuse being that I am stupid about remembering any name other than that of an ancestor!

The 27th of last April my husband and I were in your office, hunting some wills. With your help, Mr. Byram succeeded in finding where photostats were made in the Court House, and in persuading someone there to make us a copy of the **CHARLES MOORE** will. That will, as you may remember, was rather worn and torn and hard to read. Because of such worn, torn, creased and brittle condition, the photostatic copy of the will does have several spots almost impossible - and a few actually impossible for me to read. However, I have enjoyed working with it, and have finally had the time to type what I was able to decipher.

That day we were with your I asked if you would care for a copy of my "translation" to enclose with the original, for the use of those coming after me. You said you would be glad to have one, since you folks were much too busy to struggle with a will so delicate to handle and difficult to read. Therefore, I am sending a copy. With it are our very real thanks for your kindness and courtesy to both of us that day.

Sincerely,

**MARY B. BYRAM**

(Mrs. **FRANK F. BYRAM**)

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WILL of **CHARLES MOORE** of Spartanburg Co., S. C., written May 10, 1798. On file Spartanburg Co. Court House, Spartanburg, S. C.

As read by Mrs. Frank F. Byram, 850 Lake Shore Drive, Chicago 11, Illinois, from a photostatic copy made on April 27, 1951.

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In the name of God Amen.

I **CHARLES MOORE** of Spartanburg County, Pinckney District & State of South Carolina, calling to mind ye mortality of my body and being of perfect & sound understanding & memory, do make & ordain this my Last Will & Testament in manner & form following.

IMPRIMIS It is my will & desire that all my debts & funeral charges be first paid & discharged by my executors herein after mentioned.

ITEM. I Will & bequeath unto **MARY** my beloved wife The feather bed & its furniture on which I lie, Also her choice of any one of my horse creatures together with her saddle & bridle and her choice of two cows & calves out of my stock of meat cattle, & two ewes & lambs, together with her bodily apparel & the use of ye dwelling house in which I now live with all its furniture not herein after willed away together with ye use of three Negroes viz: **ROBERT**, **DINNA**, & **PHILLIS** & their Children not herein willed away. Also four horses & wagon & gears complete, plows & their gears with all my other farming utensils & tools of different kinds to carry on ye farming and business to support her, my two sons **ANDREW** & **CHARLES**, whilst they stay with her, and ye negroes under her care during her widowhood, reserving always to my said son **CHARLES MOORE**, if he attends ye plantation & hands thereon, a sufficient share of ye crops raised on said plantation, his mother having always ye authority to advise & contrive with him in ye farming & other regularities for ye best.

Also I will & bequeath to my loving wife **MARY** One negro wench named **NELLY** & her offspring, to wait on her in ye House & to at her disposal to any of her & my children that she shall think proper to leave her & hers to at her death. At which Period of death of my wife's, the house & household furniture together with the above Negroes, **ROBERT**, **DINNA**, **PHILLIS** & their offspring (not herein willed) horses & cows & calves, wagon & gears, plows & all farming utensils & tools of every kind & description whatsoever, (negro Nelly & offspring and my said wife's bodily apparel & bed excepted to do with as she shall think fit.) All which I will, demise and bequeath to my gt son **CHARLES MOORE** to ye only proper use & behoof of him, ye said **CHARLES**, his heirs and assigns forever. Also I leave my loving wife my large bible & any other three books she shall choose out of my small library, during her life, and at her death, the bible & books are to descend to my son **THOMAS MOORE** during his life, and at his decease to descend to my son **ANDREW B. MOORE** & his heirs. Be it remembered, that if ye said **ANDREW B. MOORE** should die without issue, the bible & books to descend to my son **CHARLES MOORE** his heirs & assigns forever.

ITEM. I will & bequeath to my son in law **ANDREW BARRY** five Shillings Sterling, and to his daughter **VIOLET MOORE BARRY** one feather bed & furniture.

ITEM. I will & bequeath to my son in law **JOHN LAWSON** five Shilling Sterling.

ITEM. I will & bequeath to my son in law **RICHARD BARRY** five Shillings Sterling.

ITEM. I will & bequeath to my son in law **ROBERT HANNAH** five Shillings Sterling. And to his Son **CHARLES MOORE HANNAH** a horse value ten Pounds Sterling.

ITEM. I will & bequeath to my son in law **MATTHEW PATTON** five Shillings Sterling for his two Marriages.

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ITEM. I give, demise & bequeath to my son **THOMAS MOORE** one negro Boy Named PRINCE now in his possession to him his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM. I will & bequeath to my son in law ye Rev. **ROBERT M. CUNNINGHAM** five Shillings Sterling.

ITEM. I give, demise & bequeath to my **ANDREW BARRY MOORE** him his heirs and assigns forever. One negro Boy named SIMON, and negro girl Named FANNEY. & a small negro boy Called BOB. Also one feather bed & furniture complete together with my writing desk one large walnut table, with falling leaves, one half dozen pewter plates, three pewter dishes, one half dozen chairs. Also two cows & calves, two ewes & Lambs, two breeding sows & pigs, One Set of plow irons, One mattock & one felling ax.

ITEM. I give, demise & bequeath to my son **CHARLES MOORE** his heirs & assigns forever, all the land or plantation, on which I now live, bounded by a division line between me and my son **ANDREW B. MOORE**, run by Mr. **ANDREW THOMSON**, Surveyor, and Martin ... North Tyger River to ye west, containing two hundred and sixty five acres, more or less, including the dwelling house together with all other ye Improvements therein, reserving to my wife ye use of said house & furniture during her widowhood or death, at whose decease all ye dowery left by me to my said wife **MARY** shall descend to my said son **CHARLES** (NELLY & offspring, my wife's bodily apparel & bed & furniture excepted), his heirs & assigns forever.

Also I give, demise & bequeath to my to my said son **CHARLES MOORE** two negro boys viz. TOM and TONEY, and a negro girl named DOVE. Also I give, demise & bequeath to said **CHARLES**, after his mothers death, all ye feather beds & furniture, And household furniture, goods and chattels not afore will(ed) or bequeathed together with ye above said Negroes viz. ROBERT, DINNA & PHILLIS & their offspring not herein willed or bequeathed. Also the above wagon, horses & gears, plows and all farming utensils & plantation tools of every kind or description whatsoever. Together with all my other horses, mares & colts, and all my stock of meat cattle, sheep & hogs, not above willed together with all ye debts due me, either by bill, bond, note or book debt or otherwise I give demise and bequeath to my said son **CHARLES MOORE**, his heirs & assigns forever, all ye remainder of my real & personal estate, where ever found or known, I will bequeath & demise to my said son **CHARLES MOORE**, his heirs & assigns forever.

Lastly I constitute and appoint my loving wife **MARY MOORE** & my son **CHARLES MOORE** executors of this my last will & Testament, and my son in law **ANDREW BARRY** & my son **THOMAS MOORE** overseers of ye my last Will & Testament.

In witness whereof i have here unto set my hand & seal this tenth day of May in ye year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight.

**CHARLES MOORE**

Signed, Sealed, published, pronounced & declared by ye said **CHARLES MOORE** as his last Will & Testament in presence of ye subscribers

**JASON MOORE**  
**JAMES MOORE**  
**JASON MOORE Jr.**

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WHEREAS I **CHARLES MOORE**, of Spartanburg District, have made & duly executed my last will & Testament in writing bearing date the tenth day of May one thousand seven hundred & ninety eight & thereby given & bequeathed one negro Girl named DOVE unto my son **CHARLES MOORE**. Now I hereby revoke & make void the said legacy of at negro girl named DOVE, so given & bequeathed by my said will unto my said son **CHARLES MOORE**, and I do give & bequeath the said negro girl DOVE, unto **MARY**, my beloved wife, during her life, in lieu of the negro girl named NELLY bequeathed to her the first Item of said will, but now deceased, and at her death then the said negro girl DOVE I give & bequeath to my son **CHARLES MOORE** & his heirs.

Also I do revoke & make void the legacies given & bequeathed to my son **ANDREW B. MOORE**, if he should fail or neglect, to pay to his mother **MARY MOORE** fifty dollars within six month after my decease.

And I do ordain & declare this present writing to be a codicil to my last will, & that the same shall be annexed thereto & taken as part thereof & do confirm my at will, in every particular thereof that is not hereby altered or revoked.

In witness whereof I have to this codicil set my hand & seal the fifth day of May one thousand eight hundred and three.

**CHARLES MOORE**

Signed, Sealed, declared & published by the said **CHARLES MOORE**, as & for a codicil to be annexed to his last will & Testament, & to be taken as part thereof, in presence of.

**JASON MOORE**

**JASON MOORE Jr.**

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South Carolina  
Spartanburg County

By Gabriel Bumpass, Esq., ordinary

These are to authorize you, or either three of you whose names are hereunder written, to repair to all such parts and places within this district as you shall be directed unto by Captain **CHARLES MOORE**, executor of ht last will and testament of **CHARLES MOORE**, late of this district, deceased, wheresoever any of the goods and chattels of the said deceased are or do remain within the said parts and places of which shall be shewn unto yo by the said Captain **CHARLES MOORE** and there view and appraise all and every of said goods and chattels, being first 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 either three of you, to the said Captain **CHARLES MOORE** on or before the eighth day of June now next ensuing.

Given under my hand and seal this eighth day of May, Anno Domini 1805 and in the 29<sup>th</sup> year of American Independence.

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This 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 1805.

Personally appeared before me, **DRURY MCDANIEL**, Esq., one of the Justices assigned to keep the peace in Spartanburg District, Major **SAMUEL NEELY**, **JASON MOORE Sr.**, **JOHN OTTS** and **ROBERT MILLER**, the four appraisers appointed to appraise the goods and chattels of **CHARLES MOORE**, deceased, who being duly sworn made oath that they would make a just and true appraisement of all and singular the goods and chattels (ready money only excepted) of **CHARLES MOORE**, deceased as shall be produced to them by **CHARLES MOORE**, executor of the estate of said **CHARLES MOORE**, deceased, and that they would return the same certified under their hands unto the said **CHARLES MOORE**, executor, within the time prescribed by law.

**DRURY MCDANIEL**, J. P.



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