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CHICAGO 11, ILLINOIS

TELEPHONE WHITEHALL 4-4850

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 you, 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,

(Mrs. Frank F. Byram)

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.

IN the name of God Amen. I Charles Moore of Spartan County Pinckney
districk & State of South Carolina. Calling to mind y^e 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
or(?) ... mares(?), together wither 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 y^e Dweling
house in which I now live with all its furniture not herein after
willed away together with y^e Use of Three negroes Viz Robert.
Dinna, & Phillis & their Children not herein willed away. Also
four Horses & Waggon & geers compleat, Plows & their Geers with all
my other farming Utensels & tools of different kinds to carry on y^e
farming Buisness to suport her, My two Sons And^w & Cha^s, (Whilst
they Stay with her) and y^e Negroes under her care during her
widowhood, Reserving always to my S^d Son Cha^s Moore If he attends
y^e Plantation & hands thereon, a sufficient share of y^e Crops
raised on S^d plantation. His Mother having always y^e Authority to
advise & contrive with him in y^e farming & other regularities for
y^e best. Also I will & bequeath to my loving wife Mary One Negroe
Wench Named Nelly & her offspring to wait on her in y^e House & to

be 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 wifes, The House & Houshold furniture together with the above Negroes, Rob^t. Dinna, Phillis & their offspring (not herein willed) Horses & cows & calves, waggon & Geers, Plows & all Farming Utensels & Tools of every kind & description whatsoever, (Negroe Nelly & offspring and my S^d wifes Bodily apparel & Bed Excepted to do with as she shall think fit.) All which I Will Demise and bequeath to my S^d Son Charles Moore to y^e only proper Use & behoof of him y^e S^d Cha^s 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 Tho^s Moore during his life, and at his Decease to descend to my Son And^w B. Moore & his heirs, Be it remembred, that if y^e S^d And^w B. Moore should die without Issue, the Bible & books to desend to my son Charles Moore his heirs & assigns forever.

- Item. I Will & bequeath to my son in law Ad^w Barry five Shillings Sterling, And to his Daughter Violet Moore Barry one feather bed & furniture.
- Item. I Will & bequeath to my son in law Jno Lawson five Shilling Sterling.
- Item. I Will & bequeath to my son in law Richard Barry five Shillings Sterling.
- Item. I Will & bequeath to my soninlaw Rob^t Hannah five Shill^g Ster. And to his Son Cha^s Moore Hannah a Horse value Ten Pounds Sterling.
- Item. I Will & bequeath to my soninlaw Mathew Patton five Shillings Sterling for his two Marriages.
- Item. I Give Demise & bequeath to my Son Tho^s Moore one Negroe Boy Named Prince now in his Possession to him his heirs and assigns forever.
- Item. I Will & bequeath to my soninlaw y^e Rev^d Rob^t M. Cunningham five

Shig^g Sterling.

- Item. I Give, Demise & bequeath to my Andrew Barry Moore him h(1)s heirs and assigns forever. One (N)egro Boy Named Simon, and negroe Girl Named Fannee. & a Small Negroe Boy Called Bob. Als O(n)e feather Bed & furniture Compleat together with my writing Desk one Large Walnut Table, with falling le(ave)s, one half dozen P(ew)ter plates, Three Pewter dishes, one half Dozen chairs, Also Two Cows & Calves, Two Ewes & Lambs, two breeding Sows & (p)igs, One Set of plow Iorns, One M(a)tttock & one felling Ax.
- Item. I Give Demise & bequeath to my Son Charles Moore his (he)irs & assigns forever. All the Lan(d) or Plantation on which I now live. Bounded by a division line Betw(een) me and my (So)n (A)n(d). B. Moore Run by M^r. Andrew Thomson Surveyor and Martin
N.(?) Tyger(?) River(?) to y^e West. Containing Two(?) hundred(?) and Sixty(?) f(1)ve acres More or less. Including the dwelling House together with all other y^e Improvements ther~~en~~ (reserving to my wife y^e Us(e) of S^d House & furniture during her widowhood or death, At whoes decease all y^e dowery left by m(e) to my S^d wife Mary Shall desend to(m)y S^d Son Charles. (Nelly & ofspring my wifes Bodily Apparel & Bed & furniture excepted his heirs & (as)signs forever. Also I give Demise an(d) bequeath to my S^d Son Charles Moore Two Negroe Boys viz. Tom and Toney, and a Negroe Girl named Dove. Also after(?)
I Give Demise & be(qu)eath to S^d Charles^{after(?)} his Mothers Death, All y^e feather Beds & furniture, And houshold furniture, Goods and Chattles not afore will(ed) or bequeathed together with y^e above S^d Negroes Viz. Rob^t Dinna & Phillis & their offspring not herein Willed or bequeathed. Also the (a)bove Waggon, Horses & Geers, Plows and all farming Utensels & plantation tools of every kind or (d)escription whatsoever. Together wi(th) All my Other Horses, Mares & Colts, and

all my Stock of meat Cattle, Sheep & Hogs. (not ab(ov)e willed) together with all y^e Debts (du)e me, either by Bill, Bond, Note or Book Debt or o(th)erwise I Give Demise and bequeath to my S^d Son Charles Moore his heirs & as(i)gns forever. all y^e remainder of my real & personal Esta(te) Where ever found or known I will (be)queath & Demise to my S^d Son Char(le)s Moore his heirs & Asigns forever. Lastly I constitute and appoint my loving Wife Ma(r)y Moore & my Son Charles Moore Ex(ec)utors of this my last will & Testament, & my soninlaw And^w Barry & my Son Thomas Moore overseers of y^e my last w(1)ll & Testam^t. In wittness whereof I have here unto Set my hand & Seal this Tenth --- Day of May --- in y^e (ye)ar of our lord one thousand Seven hundred and ninty (e)ight.

Signed Sealed publishe(d)
Pronounced & Declared by
y^e S^d Chales Moore as his
last Will & Testament in
presence of y^e Subscribers

CHARLES MOORE

JASON MOORE

JAMES MOORE

JASON MOORE Jun^r

Whereas I Charles Moore of Spartanburgh District, have made & duly exe(cu)ted my last will & Testament in writing bearing date the Tenth day of May one thousand Se(ve)n hundred & ninty (eig)ht & thereby given & bequeathed one neg(r)oe Girl named Dove unto my son Charles Moore. Now I(?) here(?)by (r)evoked & make void the s^d legacy of s^d negroe Girl named Dove, so given & (b)equeathed by my s^d will unto my s^d son Charles Moore. And I do give & bequeath the s^d negroe Girl D(ov)e, unto Mary my beloved wife during her life; (in lieu of the negroe Girl named Nelley bequeathed to her the first Item of s^d will, but now Deceased) And at her death then the s^d negroe Girl Dove I

give & (b)equeath to my son Charles Moore & his heirs. Also I do revoke & make void the legacies given & beque(at)hed to my son Andrew B. Moore If he should fail or neglect, to pay to his mother Mary Moore fifty Dollar(s) within six month after my Decease. And I do ordain & declare this present writing to be a codicil to my (s)^d will, & that the same shall be annexed thereto & taken as part thereof & do confirm my s^d will, in ev(er)y perticular thereof that is not hereby altered or revoked. In witness whereof I have to(?) this Co(d)icil set my hand & seal the fifth day of May one thousand eight hund~~red~~ and three.

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.

CHARLES MOORE

JASON MOORE

JASON MOORE Jun^r

South Carolina
Maitland District & By Gabriel Bumpass Esq. Ordinary

Gab Bumpass

These are to authorize & empower you or
either three of you whose names are hereunder
written to repair & all such parts & place
within this District as you shall be directed
unto by Capt Charles Moore Executor of the
last Will & Testament of Charles Monette
of this District deceased, whosoever any
of the Goods & Chattels of the said Deceased are or do remain
within the said parts & place & which shall be shown unto
you by the said Capt Charles Moore and that view &
appraise all & every of said Goods & Chattels, Being first
sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God to
make a true & perfect Inventory & appraisement thereof
and to cause the same to be returned under your
hand 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 & seal this Eighth day of May
Anno Dom 1805. And in the 29th Year of American
Independence

This 1st day of June 1805 Personally appeared before me
Jury M^c Daniel Esq^r one of Justices assigned to keep
the peace in Spartanburgh District Maj. Saml. Gray
Jason Moore Senr John Otter & Robert Miller the
4 appraisers appointed to appraise the goods & chattels of
Charles Moore dec^d, who being duly sworn made oath
that they w^d make a just & true appraisement of
all & singular the goods & chattels (ready money only
excepted) of Chas Moore deceased as shall be pro-
duced to them by Charles Moore Executor of the
Estate of the D^d Chas Moore deceased & that they w^d return
the same certified under their hands unto the D^d
Chas Moore Executor within the time
prescribed by law

Done at Daniel J. Moore

John Otter
Robert Miller
Jason Moore Senr
Maj Samuel Gray
Jury M^c Daniel

Charles Moore

Inventory & Appraisement

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\$ 3832 42 7

8 Bee hives, log chain, grind stone & 2 Sars--

21 25

Corn, & bacon & 2 pad locks

34 --

A lot books

41 75

Loam & gear

8 25

\$ 3937 42 7

Appraised by us the day

7 year above written

Samuel Kelly

Jason Moore

John Ott

Robert Miller

Reuben Oath 14th June 1805 examined & filed

