

Last Will and Testament of Muscoe Boulware 1785-1825

In the name of God, Amen:

I, Muscoe Boulware Sr. of the District of Fairfield and State of South Carolina, being of sound and disposing mind and memory and being desirous of disposing of all such worldly estate as it has pleased God to help me with, do make and ordain this my last will and testament and in manner following that is to say after the payment of my just debts and funeral expenses.

Item 1st, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Nancy Boulware, the seven following negroes, namely, Matilda and her five children, Judy, Adeline, Ardey, Hammoh and Charlotte and a young negro woman known by the name of young Esther absolutely and forever, and at her death to dispose of them according to her own will and pleasure. I also give and bequeath unto my said wife, all my household and kitchen furniture, all my family utensils including my wagon and cotton gin, all my farm stock of every kind consisting of horses, hogs and cattle, etc., and all my crop consisting of corn, cotton and every kind of produce that may be on hand at the time of my death.

I further give unto my beloved wife the use, benefit service of the following 11 negroes v.3: a mulatto boy named Daniel, a boy named George, a woman named Riner, a boy named Moses, a man named Dick, two other boys named James and Squire, a woman named Milly, another woman named Lucy and her son Dave and a man named Ephriam, for and during the term of her natural life.

My will further is that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be paid out of the money in hand, and the debt owing to me at the time of my death and out of the profits and earnings of the above property.

Item 2nd, I give devise and confirm to my eldest son, Thomas Boulware and to his heirs and his assigns forever all that parcel piece or tract of land containing 307 acres more or less situated in the district and state aforesaid, on the South side of Wateree Creek, water of Wateree River, for which I gave him a deed of gift, bearing the date of the 9th day of April 1823; I further give to my son Thomas Boulware at my wife's death, a mulatto boy named Daniel to him and his heirs forever.

Item 3rd, I give and bequeath to my 3 grandchildren, Kisammah Pickett, Muscoe Pickett, Micajab Pickett, children of my daughter Elizabeth Pickett deceased, the 3 following negroes vis: a woman by the name of Minney and her two children River and Esther equally to be divided between them to them and their heirs forever.

Item 4th, I give devise confirm to my daughter, Nancy Pickett, and to her heirs and assigns forever all that piece of parcel or tract of land containing 100 acres more or less situated and being in the district and that aforesaid for which I gave a deed of gift bearing date the 9th day of April 1823. I further give and bequeath to my said daughter Nancy Pickett and to her heirs forever the following negroes, vis; a woman by the name of Fanny and her five children namely Eady, Dublin, Abraham, Esther and Washington and also at the death of my wife, a negro boy named George to her and her heirs forever.

Item 5th, I give devise confirm unto my son, Reuben F. Boulware and to his heirs and assigns forever all that piece, parcel tract of land containing 248 acres and 3/4 more or less situated and being in the district and state aforesaid on the water of the Dutchman

Creek for which I gave him a deed of gift bearing date of the 9th day of April 1823. I further give and bequeath unto my said son, Reuben P. Boulware (at the death of my wife) a negro woman by the name of Riner, to him and his heirs forever.

Item 6th, I give devise and confirm unto my son, Benjamin Boulware and to his heirs and assigns forever all that piece parcel or tract of land containing 247 acres more or less situated and being in the state aforesaid, and for which I gave him a deed of gift bearing the date of the 9th day of April, 1823. I further give and bequeath unto my son Benjamin Boulware (at the death of my wife) a negro boy by the name of Moses, to him and his heirs forever.

Item 7th, I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Sarah Pickett, and to her heirs forever the 3 following negroes; a woman by the name of Lidia, and her daughter Riner and a girl by the name of Chloe; and also (at the death of my wife) a negro man by the name of Dick, to her and her heirs forever.

Item 8th, I give bequeath and confirm unto my son Musco Boulware, Jr. and to his heirs, assigns forever the several parcels or tracts of land, to wit, one tract containing 199 more or less, situated and being in the state and district aforesaid, on a branch of the Wateree Creek; the other containing 63 acres more or less situated and being in the state and district aforesaid on the southside of the Wateree Creek for each of which said tracts of land I gave him a separate deed of gift, both bearing the date of the 9th day of April 1823. I further give devise and confirm to my son Muscoe Boulware, Jr. and to my son William K. Boulware and to their several heirs and assigns forever, equally and as tenants in common, a certain other parcel or tract of line situated and being in the district and state aforesaid, on both sides of Dutchman's Creek, containing 172 acres

more or less, for which I gave my sons Muscoe and William, a joint deed of gift bearing date the 9th day of April 1823. I further give and bequeath unto my said son Muscoe Boulware, Jr. (at the death of my wife) two negro boys, one by the name of James and the other by the name of Squire to him and his heirs forever.

Item 9th - I give and bequeath to my daughter Catherine Rains and to her heirs forever, the following 4 negroes viz: Abby, and her 3 children, William, Henson, and Cudgo; and also (at my wife's death) another negro woman by the name of Milly and to her and her heirs forever.

Item 10th - I give devise and bequeath to my son, William P. Boulware (in addition to his part of the above mentioned tract of land given to him and my son Muscoe Boulware) jointly all that plantation or tract of land where I now reside situated in the district and state aforesaid containing 346 acres, more or less for which I gave my son William R. Boulware a deed of gift bearing date of 9th day of April 1823; he permitting my wife Nancy Boulware to live on and have the use of the said plantation for and during the time of her natural life as mentioned above in the 1st term of this my last will and testament. I further give and bequeath to my said son, William R. Boulware (at my wife's death) a negro named Lucy and her son, Dan, to him and his heirs forever.

Item 11th - I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Eliza Ann Boulware, and to her heirs forever the following: 5 negroes; viz: a negro woman by the name of Esther, and her 2 children Saul and Gusty, a negro girl by the name of Ann and another by the name of Venus; also (at my wife's death) a negro man by the name of Ephram to her and her heirs forever. And I do hereby appoint, nominate and constitute my beloved wife, Nancy Boulware, together with my sons

Thomas Boulware, Benjamin Boulware, Muscoe Boulware, Jr., William R. Boulware, with my trusty friend, Colonel Jesse Harris, Executors of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me amde whatsoever. In witness, whereunto I have here set my hand and seal this 15 day of December A. D. 1824.

Signed, sealed and published and declared by the testators as and for his testament, and in our presence, and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

Muscoe Boulware

Francis Pickett

Thomas Griffin

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