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## Chapter 13: The Colemans of Fairfield County South Carolina

(29) Charles Coleman, Sr. (son of Cader, son of Robert III) was born in 1762 to Cadar Coleman and Susannah Stephenson.

- b. 1762, occupation blacksmith, gunsmith,
- m. before 1787, in SC, Ruth Gibson, daughter of Abraham Gibson. Abraham Gibson had a brother, the Reverend Jacob Gibson, Jr., who was the pastor of a church in Fairfield. "Gibson's Meeting House" was the place built by the pastor and helpers for this church. This location is mentioned in Colonel Winn's notes as he recorded the activity of the South Carolina militia as it fought the Tories while the Continental Army was away and bought time for the revolutionary army. Jacob Gibson, Sr. died in May 1735 in Prince Williams, VA. His will records his wife's name as Jane.
- d. 1842 in Alabama, possibly Greene County.

The 1820 Census of Fairfield County, SC records:

Gibson, Abraham                      2 0 0 0 0 1 - 0 0 0 1 1  
 indicating two males less than 10 years of age and one male over 45,  
 1 female 26 to 45 and 1 female over 45. If the younger were Ruth, she was born between 1775 and 1784.

Charles' first wife, Ruth Gibson, died 1825 and he remarried (date unknown) to (208) Elizabeth (Eliza) Unknown, b. 1785. Charles Coleman, Sr. died 6 April 1842, in ~~Alabama~~ Fairfield Co.

The will of (29) Charles Coleman, Sr. reads:

Will of Charles Coleman  
 South Carolina  
 In the Name of God Amen

I Charles Coleman, Senior, of the district of Fairfield and State aforesaid, being imperfect and weak in body, but of sound mind and memory, thanks be to God for the same: Calling to mind the mortality of the body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament, to wit, First of all I recommend my body to the earth, to be buried in decent Christian burial, at the discretion of my children and executors herein after mentioned - And as touching such worldly goods and estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life, I give, demise and dispose and have given, demised and disposed of the same in the following manner and form, to wit, I give, will and bequeath to (my well beloved daughter,) Harriet M. Leggo, two negro slaves, to wit, Maria and Cricy, and one horse mule (called Jack) to her the said Harriet M. Leggo for her special and, uninterrupted use and benefit during the term of her natural life, and after her death to the lawful begotten heirs of her body, to be freely and uninterruptedly used and enjoyed by her the said Harriet M. Leggo and after her by the lawful begotten heirs of her body forever.

# Item. I give, will and bequeath to (my well beloved son) James B. Coleman, three negro

Charles Coleman names son, James Buchanan Coleman in will Fairfield Dist. 1836 - He died Apr. 1842

slaves, to wit, Violet, Mashack, and Amanda to him the said James B. Coleman, for his special, uninterrupted use and benefit, during the term of his natural life, and after his death to the lawful begotten heirs of his body, to be freely and uninterruptedly used and enjoyed by him the said James B. Coleman and after him by the lawful begotten, heirs of his body forever.

# Item. I give, will and bequeath to (my well beloved son) George B. Coleman, to wit, one horse mule (called Buck) and one tract of land, containing one hundred and ten acres, more or less, whereon he at present lives, bounded by John Ford and others, to him the said George B. Coleman for his special uninterrupted use and benefit during the term of his natural life and after his death to the lawful begotten heirs of his body, to be freely and uninterruptedly used and enjoyed by him the said George B. Coleman, and after him, by the lawful begotten heirs of his body forever.

# Item. I give, will and bequeath to (my well beloved daughter,) Malinda W. Boyd two negro slaves, to wit, Big Henry and Lena, and one mare mule (Called Gin) to her the said Malinda W. Boyd for her special and uninterrupted use and benefit during the term of her natural life, and after her death to the lawful begotten heirs of her body, to be freely and uninterruptedly used and enjoyed by her the said Malinda W. Boyd, and after her, by the lawful begotten heirs of her body forever.

# Item. I give, will and bequeath to (my well beloved son) Charles S. Coleman three negro slaves and land to wit, Dedny, Big Sinar and Little Sinar and one hundred acres of land more or less of the tract whereon I now live to be divided off as follows, beginning at the hicky [hickory?] - station in the lane (between me and Henry Jones on the side next Winnsborough) thence by a direct line by my house to the spring which we use water out of, thence down the spring branch to the creek, thence down the run of the creek to James Rosborough's line, thence along James & Hugh Rosboroughs lines to David Aikens land, thence along David Aikens line and a small part of Henry Jones' line to the hickory station aforesaid to him the said Charles S. Coleman for his special, uninterrupted use and benefit during the term of his natural life and after his death to the lawful begotten heirs of his body, to be freely and uninterruptedly enjoyed by him the said Charles S. Coleman, and after him by the lawful begotten heirs of his body forever.

# Item. I give, will and bequeath to (my well beloved son) Joseph R. Coleman three negro slaves and forty acres of land more or less to wit, Little Henry, Gelly and George and forty acres of land more or less whereon he now lives to be divided off as follows beginning at a large oak log across the creek, ten or fifteen steps above the lower corner of my new ground, thence by a direct line till it intersects John Tidwell's line (where the road leading from said Tidwell's to my house now crosses Tidwell's line) thence along said Tidwell and William Jones' lines to a small red OK [oak?] corner, thence along William Jones line and James Rosborough's lines to the Wateree creek, thence up the run of said Creek to the place of beginning, to him the said Joseph R. Coleman for his special, uninterrupted use and benefit during the term of his natural life, and after his death to the lawful begotten heirs of his body, to be freely and uninterruptedly used and enjoyed by him the said Joseph R. Coleman, and after him by the lawful begotten heirs of his body forever.

# Item. I give, will and bequeath to my well beloved daughter Judith B. Simpson two negro slaves and one mare mule, to wit, Nelson and Delila (and the mare mule called Sook) to her

the said Judith B. Simpson for her special, uninterrupted use and benefit during the term of her natural life, and after her death to the lawful begotten heirs of her body, to be freely and uninterruptedly enjoyed by her the said Judith B. Simpson and after her by the lawful begotten heirs of her body forever.

# Item. I give, will and bequeath to my well beloved daughter Sarah Ann Coleman two negro slaves, one mare and one bed and bed clothing, to wit, Martha and Bill and the sorrel mare (called Caty fisher) and one bed and bed clothing to her the said Sarah Ann Coleman for her special and uninterrupted use and benefit, during the term of her natural life, and after her death to the lawful begotten heirs of her body, to be freely and u ninterruptedly used and enjoyed by her the said Sarah Ann Coleman and after her by the lawful begotten heirs of her body forever.

# Item. I give, will and bequeath to my well beloved daughter Jane B. Coleman two negro slaves, one sorrel horse and one bed and bed clothing, to wit, Sall and Ephraim (one sorrel horse called Pony) and one bed and bed clothing to her the said Jane B. Coleman for her special and uninterrupted use and benefit during the term of her natural life, and after her death to the lawful begotten heirs of her body, to be freely and uninterruptedly used and enjoyed by her the said Jane B. Coleman, and after her, by the lawful begotten heirs of her body forever.

# Item. I give, will and bequeath to my well beloved son John A. I. Coleman two negro slaves, one horse and bed and bed clothing, to wit, Lee and Adaline one dark coloured young horse (called Bill) and one bed and bed clothing to the said John A. I. Coleman for his special and uninterrupted use and benefit during the term of his natural life, and after his death to the lawful begotten heirs of his body, to be freely and uninterruptedly used and enjoyed by him the said John A. I. Coleman, and after him by the lawful begotten heirs of his body forever.

# Item. I give, will and bequeath also to my well beloved son John A. I. Coleman the following described tract of land, to wit, one hundred and thirty five acres of land more or less whereon I now live, bounded by Henry Jones and John Tidwell's lands on the west, South and East and on the North by the lands above willed and bequeathed to Charles S. Coleman and Joseph R. Coleman, to him the said John A. I. Coleman for his special and uninterrupted use and benefit during the term of his natural life and after his death to the lawful begotten heirs of his body, to be freely and uninterruptedly enjoyed and used by him the said John A. I. Coleman and after him by the lawful begotten heirs of his body forever.

# Item. It is my will that all the personal property of which I may be seized and possessed, of every description whatsoever, at the time of my death be divided equally (if it can be agreeably) between Harriet M. Leggo, James B. Coleman, Malinda W. Boyd, Charles S. Coleman, Joseph R. Coleman, Judith B. Simpson, Sarah Ann Coleman, Jane B. Coleman and John A. I. Coleman (that is such as is not other otherwise willed and bequeathed) but if the personal property and effects of which I may be seized and possessed at the time of my death (and which are not above willed and bequeathed) cannot be satisfactorily divided between the aforesaid legaties, then it is my will that the same be sold at the discretion of my executors herein after mention, and that the proceeds of said sale be equally divided between Harriet M. Leggo, James B. Coleman, George B. Coleman, Malinda W. Boyd, Charles S. Coleman, Joseph R. Coleman, Sarah Ann Coleman, Judith B. Simpson, Jane B.

no other

Coleman and John A. I. Coleman.

# Item. It is my will that the above bequest should stand and abide unalterable forever (even if tried in law or equity--) therefore it is my will and wish that should any one who may be an heir at law, attempt by bringing a case either in law or equity, to destroy this my last will and testament, that he she or they (as the case may be) be entirely, fully, and forever, barred, cut off and hindered from all interest, profit and share in my estate; and that his, her, or their interest in said estate be taken at the discretion of my executors herein after mentioned and equally divided between the remainder of the ten aforesaid legatees, who shall willingly abide by this my last will and testament.

# Item. It is my will that should any one or more of the ten within named legatees die without leaving lawful, bodily issue, that the bequest herein made, together with its future increase return to my estate and be sold at the discretion of my executors and the proceeds equally divided between the surviving legatees above named between those who may be living of the following ten, Harriet M. Leggo, James B. Coleman, George B. Coleman, Malinda W. Boyd, Charles S. Coleman, Joseph R. Coleman, Judith B. Simpson, Sarah Anne Coleman, Jane B. Coleman and John A. I. Coleman.

*son* # Item. I do hereby constitute, make and ordain Mr. A. M. Leggo, James B. Coleman and Charles S. Coleman, executors of this my last will and testament, And I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke and disannul all and every other former testament, will, legacy or bequest by me made, and all other executors by me appointed; ratifying this and no other to be my last will and testament -

*son-in-law* *son*

In witness here of I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this thirteenth day of August Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and thirty six and in the 61st year of the Independence of the United States of America.

updates were then noted:

- page 2d in line nineteenth, (more or less) inserts before signature -----
- page second, in line the eighteenth (and land) inserted before signed
- page the third (well beloved daughter) inserted before signature -----
- page fifth, line the sixth (divided) inserted before signature -----
- page sixth, line the fifth (last word in the line marked out ---
- page sixth, line thirteenth (read) living of the following ten &c.) -----

We whose names are hereunto annexed, at the request of Charles Coleman Senior the testator, at his request & in his presence, also in the presence of each other have seen him sign, seal and acknowledge the above to be his last will and testament & by his request have witnessed the same -----

Jacob Sellers  
Cornelius Brasswell  
John Hollis  
William McQuatters  
James McQuatters

Charles Coleman LS

Proved (unknown)

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Recording date unknown  
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[Fairfield County, Will Book Volume 3, Page 85, dated August 13, 1836, recording date unknown, but estate settled in 1842, as found on Microfilm at the Clayton Genealogical Library, Houston, TX]

(29) Charles Coleman, Sr. and wife Ruth Gibson had these children:

- (209) 1. Harriet M. Coleman, m. Unknown Leggo.
- (210) 2. James B. Coleman, this is Dr. James Buchanan Coleman.
- (211) 3. George B. Coleman.
- (212) 4. Malinda W. Coleman, 1st m. Unknown Boyd, 2nd m. John Keith
- (213) 5. Charles S. Coleman, settled in Bledsoe and later, Hamilton Counties of Tennessee.
- (214) 6. Joseph R. Coleman.
- (215) 7. Judith B. Coleman, m. William Simpson
- (216) 8. Sarah Ann Coleman, m. Thomas L. Simpson
- (217) 9. Jane B. Coleman, m. John K. Smith
- (218) 10. John A.I. Coleman.

[Will and other records, recorded by Coleman, J. P., 1965, pages 374 and 5]

DAR Lineage Book, Volume 56, National No.55464 records:

(29) Charles Coleman [Sr.] served as armorer in South Carolina militia 178?-81.  
born in Virginia [questionable] in 1762,  
died in 1842, in Alabama.  
Married Elizabeth Gibson. [aka Ruth Gibson]

*Ruth was 1<sup>st</sup> wife & my ancestor  
Elizabeth, Ruth's sister, was 2<sup>nd</sup> wife*

- (210) James Buchanan Coleman,  
married Asenath Davis, born 1815, died December 21, 1890,  
she was daughter of  
J. Thomas Davis and Esther Hines, of Longtown, Fairfield County,  
South Carolina.
- (210) James Buchanan Coleman and Asenath Davis Coleman had these children:
  - (219) 1. Essie "Esther" Ruth Coleman, married D. N. Durham.
  - (220) 2. James W. Coleman, born December 2, 1844, died June 13, 1899,  
buried at Aimwell Presbyterian Church, near Ridgeway, South  
Carolina. Married Elizabeth Cason, born July 13, 1852, died  
September 28, 1924. She is buried by him.
  - (221) 3. Harriett Matilda Coleman, married Henry Allen Coleman, a  
Confederate surgeon, (who was son of Joseph Ragsdale Coleman  
and Juliana Banks (Majoribanks). Harriett Matilda Coleman  
was born October 7, 1842, died November 2, 1926. Dr. Henry  
Allen Coleman was born March 16, 1837, and died January 6,  
1908.
  - (222) 4. Minnie Coleman, married James A. Kennedy.

*There are  
more children  
ie - Wiley Madden  
Thomas Hines*

The above Charles Coleman [Sr.] had a brother, Robert Coleman, and they lived over on the Wateree River. Robert sold land to Charles and returned to Virginia.

(221) Harriett Matilda Coleman and Dr. Henry Allen Coleman had daughter:

- (223) 1. Essie "Esther" Ida Coleman, born March 12, 1867,