

In the Name of God Amen.--

I Samuel Ferguson Senr. of Big Rocky Creek State of South Carolina and Chester District Being Verry sick & weak but yet in perfect mind and memory thanks be Given to God calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to Die do make and ordain this my Last will and Testament that is to say principally and first of all I Give & Recommend my Soul into the hand of Almighty God that Gave It and my body I Recommend to the Earth to be Buried in Decent Christian Burial at the discracion of my Executors nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection I Shall Receive the Same again by the mighty power of God And as touching Such worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to Bless me in this Life I Give demise & dispose of the Same In the following manner and form----

Item First I Give & bequeath to my beloved wife Isabella three Negros During Life VIZ Jack Aly & Aimy also Nance Till Samuel comes ~~at age when Samuel get hand to my wife one half of my Stock of~~ horses cows hogs sheep & poultry also one half of all My household & Kitchen furnature her Riding Saddle & Bridle clothing & ornaments of every Kind that she now heth with one half of all my farming Tools The whole of the above to be at her own disposal as my wife thinks proper at her Death Except the Negro before mentioned to my son Samuel.

Item Second I Give to my son Samuel Six Negros VIZ Henry Lewis Sally Herriot Samson & Johnson with one half of My stock of horses cows hogs sheep & poultry with one half of my household & Kitchen furniture and one half of all My Farming Tools of all Kinds

Thirdly I allow My daughter Margaret being incapable of Taking care of herself to be Taken care of and Supported Decently out of my son Samuel share at the Discracion of My Executor

Fourthly My Son Joseph I allow to have one Negro Named Tom--

Fifthly My Daughter Agnes McKown I Gave one Negro named Ratchel-

Sixthly My Daughter Mary one Negro named Aly Jnr.

Seventhly My Grand daughter Isabella Baily I Give a Negro named Jean-

Eighthly My Son James I Give one Negro named John Also I allow My son James whom I appoint My sole Executor to Collect all My Debts Due to Me to pay all My Oraditor & Burial Charges and the Ballance ~~to my family~~ it out to benefit of my widow and the family on the platation

My Two Grand children Marinda & Mary Morgan I give & bequath a Bond that I have on their father for four hundred Dollars to be paid when collected which is when they come of age or Marries and I do hereby utterly Disalow Revoke and Disanull all and every of My other former Testaments wills Legacies bequests and Executors by me in any wise before named willed and bequeathed Rati-fying and confirming this & no other to be my Last will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set My hand and Seal this 31st day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred & Seventeen and of the Sovereignaty & Independance of the united States the fourty first

Samuel Ferguson

Signed Sealed published pronounced & declared by the Said Saml. Ferguson as His Last Will & Testament in the prests. of us who in his prests. and in the prests. of each other have hereunto subscribed our names-----

Gard. Jamieson
Zach. Hicklin
William robertson

I, Hattie Y. Harden, Judge of Probate for Chester County, South Carolina, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Last Will and Testament of Samuel Ferguson, as taken from the original on file in this office in Apt. No. 20, Package No. 305, probated Nov. 13, 1817.

Judge of Probate