

BDATA.028 THE WILL OF ESTHER (MCDONALD) WOODWARD, WIDOW OF
CAPTAIN JOHN WOODWARD 3/, SON OF THE REGULATOR.

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WILL OF ESTHER WOODWARD.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN...I ESTHER WOODWARD, of Fairfield
District, being weak in body but of sound mind and memory and
understanding, do make and publish this my last Will &
Testament in manner following, that is to say...

I give my daughters SARAH STROTHER and MARY ANN COLLINS
LYLES, two beds and bedsteads with such common furniture as
is usual to beds not to be taken until beds owned by OSMUND
WOODWARD and JOHN W. DURHAM are first chosen (it) being
property willed to them by JOHN WOODWARD SR., deceased, that
is to say one bed, bedstead & furniture to SARAH STROTHER and
one bed, bedstead & furniture to MARY ANN COLLINS LYLES, to
them and their heirs forever.

I also give to my daughter MARY ANN COLLINS LYLES the infant
child of any named Pansom (sic) (in other words a slave named
Pansom is to give up her child) to her and her heirs
forever...

I give to my son OSMUND WOODWARD my horses named Eighty and
Gig and Harnife (sic) to him and his heirs forever..

I give to my grandson, JOHN W. DURHAM the child of my
daughter CYNTHIA DURHAM, deceased, a Negro girl named THEREY
(DEEKS, or BEEKS CHILD) (sic) provided that if the said John
should die before he attains the age of Twenty-One or before
marriage, or should die without leaving lawful issue at the
time of his death, then and in that case it is my will for
the said girl Thirza to revert to my other children, to be
divided share and share alike...

It is also my wish for the Negroes lent me by my husband JOHN
WOODWARD (SR.) should remain on the place & continue the
making of a crop & the proceeds to be disposed in the manner
following, that is to say...

First...to pay all lawful debts.

Secondly...I give to Miss Elisi Hagood a young lady which has

lived with me some time past, the sum of Twenty Dollars, to her forever...

Thirdly... I wish my Executor or Executors to furnish my sister Nancy Henderson with money sufficient to purchase a suit of Mourning; I also bequeath her a new cloak purchased for me in Columbia once time past to her forever and the residue of the proceeds of my crop (not legible) and benefit of my grandson JOHN W. DURHAM...

It is also my will that if I should be possessed (of) any more property of any not disposed of it should go to & belong to JOHN W. DURHAM, subject to the restrictions above mentioned...

Also it is my wish & and I do hereby appoint my son OSMUND WOODWARD as Executor, to this my last Will & Testament, hereby revoking all Wills which may have been made by me...and declare this my last Will & Testament...

In Witness whereof I have set my hand & seal this 6th day of May in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighteen. (6 May 1818)...

Signed/ Esther (x) Woodward
her mark

Signed, declared and
published as the last
Will of Esther Woodward
in presence of

Jesse (x) Pauls
her mark

Martha (x) Shed
her mark

Eliza Haygood

END