

WILL OF

THOMAS A. RABB

STATE OF S<sup>C</sup> C<sup>C</sup> Fairfield Dist

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN

I Thomas A. Rabb of Fairfield District and State of South Carolina, being weak in body, but of sound disposing mind, memory, and understanding; do make this my last will and Testament in name and form following.

To wit I command anybody to the grave to be decently interred in Christian-like manner, and resign my Soul to God who gave it, hoping that they will be reunited in the victory over death to praise God in eternal life As regards my earthly possessions or property with which I have been blessed in this life I bequeath and dispose of in the following manner.

Item I request my funeral expenses, together with my just and legal debts to be honestly paid by my executrix or executors to be herein after named Item I give and bequeath unto my son John W. Rabb and heirs for ever, two hundred and ninety acres of land (290) called the Alston tract of land, Four negroes named Bob, Lucy, Henry Mariah and their off spring or increase for ever, together with the stock and chattels on said tract of land of which he now is in possession, to be his full portion of my Estate real and personal. Item The land and premises on which I now reside together with a late purchase of land from John Rabb I bequeath and wish equally divided between my two Sons William S. Rabb and Eber A. Rabb in the following form and manner, deviding by a line commencing on the road passing my House to Kincaids Bridge, when the road turns to go to the Sawmill running N. S. E. course.

To wit The lower part including the mill -eat & pond I bequeath to my son William S. Rabb and his heirs for ever, when he arrives at the age of twenty one years or marries. by paying or cause to be paid unto his sister Elisabeth C. Rabb or her heirs, the one half value of/ land at twelve dollars per acre. in four annual installments from the period he be-

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death, by saying or cause to be paid unto his sister Jane M. Rabb or her heirs the one half value of said land and premises, at twelve dollars per acre in four annual instalments from the time or period in which he comes in full possession.

Item I wish and request that all my other property not bequeathed to remain, as it now is for the use and benefit of my beloved wife Mary P. Rabb and my four remaining children William, Eber, Elizabeth & Jane, and that she/ my wife/ have the entire control and management thereof and that she will give to each of my four children named above, each four negroes at the periods of their being of age or marry such negroes as in her judgment is right-- and/or with such portions of stock and other chattles as she may choose. Item <sup>shares</sup> thirty / S. W. R. R. and Bank stock I wish disposed of by my executrix & executors as soon as convenient if not previous to my death & form part of my other estate not yet disposed of.

Item I wish my beloved wife to have controle over the land and property bequeathed to my son William untill the period above stated, and especially of my dwelling land bequeathed as long as she may live to my son Eber/ and that also my two daughters Elizabeth & Jane have a maintenance with their mother as long as they remain single or if single at their mothers death to / <sup>have</sup> a right to my dwelling as their home as long as they remain in that state.

Item I wish and appoint my wife Mary P. Rabb my executrix together with my two Sons John & William for the proper management of my Estate. In testimony whereoff I have hereunto set my hand and seal at my own residence in Fairfield District and state aforesaid this the 23<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty and in the sixty fifth year of the sovereignty and Independence of the United states of America

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Signed by Tho<sup>s</sup> A. Rabb the above named testator as his last will and testament in the presence of us, who in his presence and in the presence of each other and at his request has hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses to the same

J. N. Harvey

H. C. Harvey

David Hilling

Tho<sup>s</sup> A. Rabb 

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