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State of South Carolina ]  
York District ]

**JOHN ROOKER** of the state and District aforesaid, calling to mind the frailty of human nature and being far advanced in age but in full possession of my rational facilities that almighty God and mercy have been pleased to bestow upon me do make and ordained this my last will and testament, in Manner and form following, revoking all others but this and this only.

1<sup>st</sup> I desire for my body to be decently interred in the most northwest corner of the Baptist Sugar Creek graveyard at the discretion of my wife, children and friends.

2<sup>nd</sup> My desire to give my soul and body to almighty God who first gave it.

3<sup>rd</sup> I desire for all my lawful debts to be paid.

4<sup>th</sup> I lend to my wife all my land, Negroes, stock of all kinds household furniture, kitchen furniture, farming utensils, with all and everything else that I may die in possession of.

5<sup>th</sup> I have given my daughter **BILLY REEVES** all I intend for her to have.

6<sup>th</sup> I have given my son **JENNINGS** all I intend for him to have.

7<sup>th</sup> I have given my son **JOHN HAWKINS** all I intend for him to have.

8<sup>th</sup> I desire after the death of my wife for all my land to be sold on a credit of two or three years and the payments secured by a mortgage on the land and for my son **JACOB** to have one half of the proceeds of this sale and the other half to be equally divided by the three grandsons **WILLIAM, JOHN, and MOSES**, sons of my son **JOSEPH DORRIS**, also what perishable property my wife may have divided in the same manner except the following property.

9<sup>th</sup> I give to my daughter **ELEANOR HARPER, LUCKY MILLY, or MILDRED** two negro women, one of which is now in her possession, and the other after the decease of my wife.

10<sup>th</sup> I lend to my daughter **MARY WYATT SPEARS** a negro woman and children in her possession, the woman called Sylvia and her children. After her decease of **MARY WYATT SPEARS** the said Negroes to be divided amongst my grandchildren, viz: **CLARISSA MORROW, ANN G. T. REEVES, WILLIAM, JOHN MOSES**, sons of my son **JOSEPH DORRIS ROOKER**, deceased, and **SUSANNA DAVIS ADAIR'S** oldest daughter and **JACOB ROOKER** oldest daughter **MARY ANN MARGARET JANE**

11<sup>th</sup> I give to my daughter **SUSANNA D. ADAIR** all the children left of a negro woman, deceased, call JUDY witch died in her possession and my negro girl **MARY ELVIRA**.

lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my friends **ISAAC WITHERSPOON**, Esquire attorney at law residing in Yorkville and **JAMES BOYD** my sole executors of

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this, my last will and testament, renouncing in revoking all others but this and this only.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand affixed my seal this 23rd day of May in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand eight hundred and thirty two.

**JOHN ROOKER {seal}**

**JOHN T. HARPER  
ROBERT J. HARPER  
WALKER QUINN**

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I **J. D. WITHERSPOON** do hereby renounce and refuse to qualify as one of the executors of Reverend **JOHN ROOCKER**, deceased, being named as such in his will this therefore is a renunciation and refusal to accept the trust.

August 3rd 1840  
**J. D. WITHERSPOON**

**J. D. WITHERSPOON** did this day appear and renounce his appointment under the within will as one of the executors.

August 3rd 1840  
**BENJAMIN CHAMBERS** O. Y. D

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I **JAMES BOYD** doth hereby renounce and refused to qualify as one of the executors named in this within will.

September 21st 1840  
**JAMES BOYD**

The above renunciation this day made before me.

21st September 1840  
**BENJAMIN CHAMBERS** O. Y. D

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Personally came before me **WALTER QUINN** one of the subscribing witnesses to the last will and testament of **JOHN ROOKER**, deceased, and on oath said that the deceased was, at the time of subscribing his name to this instrument, of sound mind, and memory, and understanding, and that he was a subscribing witness, at deceased request, and so were the other two subscribing witnesses, and in his presence and in presence of each other.

Sworn to before me October 13th 1840

**WALTER QUINN**

**BENJAMIN CHAMBERS** O. Y. D.

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I **BENJAMIN CHAMBERS**, Esquire, ordinary of the District of or said do hereby certify that the within sheet of paper contains a true copy of the last will and testament of Reverend **JOHN ROOKER**, late of said district, deceased, and also a true copy of the renunciation and refusal of **J. D. WITHERSPOON** and **JAMES BOYD**, the executors named in said will, and a copy of the probate of **WALTER QUINN**, one of the subscribing witnesses to the same.

Given under my hand and seal of office at York courthouse this 10th day of December 1840.

**BENJAMIN CHAMBERS** O. Y. D

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The last will and  
testament of Reverend  
**JOHN ROOKER**, deceased

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copy will	\$0.68
certificate	\$0.50
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total	\$1.18

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B. COYD

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