

Will, SC, Craven, Luke Whitfield 1767

In the name of God, Amen.

I **LUKE WHITFIELD** Sr. of Prince George Parish, Craven County in the Province of South Carolina, being indisposed of body but of perfect mind, but knowing that there is nothing so certain as death and nothing so uncertain as the hour thereof, therefore, I do make, constitute this my last will and testament, revoking and annulling and make void all other wills, codicils and gives in case of death but will that this, my last will and testament, may stand and in all its force and virtue.

First of all I commit my spirit to the hands of almighty God, hoping for a resurrection at the last day and my body to the earth to be decently interred of my executors hereafter named, in indiscretion, nothing doubting but I shall receive the same at the resurrection of the great day and be again reunited by the almighty power of God. And as for such worldly goods as it pleased God almighty to endow me with, I do hereby dispose in manner and form following.

FIRST of all I give and bequeath to my loving wife **CHLOE WHITFIELD** the plantation I now live on and crop on the said plantation, all my stock of horses, cattle, hogs, sheep and geese and all my household furniture and one negro fellow named **MOLBRY** and my debts being paid out of my wife **CHLOE WHITFIELD's** part of my estate.

SECONDLY I give and bequeath to my two youngest daughters **PENELOPE WHITFIELD** and **TERECY WHITFIELD**, at their marriage or when they com of age, one negro wench named **VILET** and one negro wench named **SAL**, they and their increase, from this day to be equally divided with the two girls **PENELOPE** and **TERECY WHITFIELD** with wife **CHLOE WHITFIELD** having the use of the above named negro wench **VILET** her life time.

THIRDLY I give and bequeath to my son **LUKE WHITFIELD** Jr. one negro boy named **DANIEL**.

FOURTHLY I give and bequeath to my daughter **ELIZABETH [WHITFIELD] MOODY** one negro boy named **SIMON**.

FIFTHLY I give and bequeath the following Negroes: one wench named **CATE**, one girl named **JUDE**, one girl named **DOL** and one girl named **PHILLIS**, one boy named **TIM**, one boy named **MINGO** and one boy named **TOM**, they and their increase from this day to be equally divided between my four youngest sons as they come of age, **WILLIAM WHITFIELD**, **MATTHEW WHITFIELD**, **BENJAMIN WHITFIELD** and **LEWIS WHITFIELD**.

SIXTHLY I leave my negro fellow **SAM** to be sold and the money arising to be applied to the use of schooling the four above named boys **WILLIAM WHITFIELD**, **MATTHEW WHITFIELD**, **BENJAMIN WHITFIELD** and **LEWIS WHITFIELD** I further request my executors to carry, send the four above named boys **WILLIAM WHITFIELD**, **MATTHEW WHITFIELD**, **BENJAMIN WHITFIELD** and **LEWIS WHITFIELD** into Dobbs County in North Carolina, they and their portion of Negroes to **WILLIAM WHITFIELD** and **CONSTANTINE WHITFIELD** to have them in their care to raise their portion of the Negroes in their case & to give each boy his share as they come of age. And I further request of my executors to send or carry the above named negro fellow **SAM** and to put the money the said negro fellow doth fetch to the use of schooling the four above named boys **WILLIAM WHITFIELD**, **MATTHEW WHITFIELD**, **BENJAMIN WHITFIELD** and **LEWIS WHITFIELD** and to give **WILLIAM WHITFIELD** and **CONSTANTINE WHITFIELD** the liberty of selling the above named negro fellow **SAM**.

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And for the execution of this my last will and testament and every article and condition therein contain I have and do constitute, nominate and approve my dear and beloved son **LUKE WHITFIELD** Jr. and my beloved friend **AARON DANIEL**, hoping and well assured that they will, in conjunction, do their utmost endeavor to have every article and clause therein contained performed and fulfilled.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal.

LUKE WHITFIELD Sr. {seal}

Signed, sealed and published the twenty ninth day of August Annoque Domini one thousand seven hundred and sixty seven.

MATTHEW WHITFIELD

CHARLES MOODY {his mark}

Proven by virtue of a dedimus directed by his excellency the Right Honorable LORD CHARLES GREVILLE MONTAGU to JOHN ABRAM ESQ. 21st October 1767.

At the same time qualified **AARON DANIEL** and **LUKE WHITFIELD** executors of the said will.

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