

Will, SC, York, Arthur Armstrong 1828

In the name of God Amen.

I **ARTHUR ARMSTRONG** of the District of York & State of South Carolina Being weak in body but through the mercy of God in the exercise and use of my reasoning powers & calling to mind the uncertainty of life, do make & constitute this my last Will & Testament in the manner following.

1st I will that I be buried in a decent christian manner.

2nd That all my just and legal debts be paid.

3rd I will & bequeath to my beloved wife **MARY [ARMSTRONG]** the room wherein we lodge together with the cupboard and bed, chest & bed table. Also one half the furniture on the dresser. I also will an bequeath to my wife **MARY** one Negro woman named LIN. also a little Negro girl named HANNAH, together with Burke on the New Testament.

4th I will and bequeath to my son **WILLIAM [ARMSTRONG]** Sixty six Dollars & two thirds cents to be paid him by my son **JESSE** within the space of two years after my death. I also Will to my son **WILLIAM** the cross cut saw, Morse's Geography a Fleetwell's history or the Bible: likewise I will to my son **WILLIAM** thirty three Dollars 33 1/3 cents to be paid him by my son **FRANCIS [ARMSTRONG]** within two years after he become possessed of the property.

5th I will and bequeath to my grand Children **BARNHILLS** Sixty six Dollars 33 1/3 cents to be paid them by my son **FRANCIS** within the space of two years after he becomes possessed of his part of the Estate. I will to my grand daughter **MARY BARNHILL** one cow. I also will to my grand children **BARNHILLS** Thirty three Dollars 33 1/3 cents to be paid them by my son **JESSE**. I also will to them my smooth board gun.

6th I will to my son **FRANCIS** one Negro man named JO & JO to become his at the death of my wife **MARY**. I also will him my family Bible at the death of my wife **MARY** also my rifle gun to be his at my wife's death.

7th I will and bequeath to my daughter **SARAH [ARMSTRONG]** one negro girl named HIDE to her heirs. I will the first child of said negro girl to my son **JESSE**, named HINGE on this condition, that my son **JESSE** at my death, either pays my grand daughter **NANCY MELISSA** the value of said negro or gives her one of the same value of said negro MINGO, otherwise, I will that the said negro MINGO go to my grand daughter **NANCY MELISSA**. I also will to my daughter **SARAH** one half of the furniture on the dresser with what is know to be here being made by her own industry, together with the loom and what appertains thereunto. Spinning wheels, bed & stead & one young sorrel mare & bridle. I allow her the use of I the house with her mother also the use of the Kitchen fire. I also will to her one bible known by the name of Jame's Bible & also one chest. All my bedding I will to be divided between my wife **MARY** & daughter **SARAH** with the exception of one bed & stead which I will to my son **JESSE**. I will to my Daughter's Daughter, **NANCY MELISSA**, one calf raised by her.

8 I will and bequeath to my son **JESSE KINGSBOROUGH [ARMSTRONG]** the Tract of Land on which I live together with all the land claimed & owned by me. I also will him one Negro man named HARRY & one Negro boy named GILBERT All my farming utensils, Coopers tools, augurs, chissles, wagon and geers, one sorrel mare, one black horse together with the clock and Confession of faith.

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I will that all my cattle hogs & sheep be equally divided between my wife **MARY**, my daughter **SARAH** & son **JESSE**, I allow my son **JESSE** to support comfortably an decently his mother during her life, his sister **SARAH** & her daughter **NANCY MELISSA** during her single state. I will to my Son **JESSE** one pot as one pair of saddlebags. I allow my son **JESSE** to have what he has & will make over the support on the farm.

I will to my wife **MARY** After my just debts are paid and all the money in hand & on interest. I also will that every other Article not mentioned in them last will & testament remain on the plantation during my wife's lifetime.

And lastly I do constitute this my last will and testament, revoking and disannulling all former wills & Testaments made by me & claiming this to be by only one.

And I do appoint **JOHN JACKSON** Esq and **JESSE K. ARMSTRONG** sole executors of this my last will and Testament.

In Witness whereof I hereunto set my hand as seal, this second day of April one thousand eight hundred & twenty eight.

ARTHUR ARMSTRONG {seal, his mark}

Signed Sealed & Published in the presence of

I. A. CAMPBELL
THOMAS BARNETT
ROBERT T. ALLISON

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