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In the name of God Amen.

Hi, **DANIEL STURGIS**, being weak in body, but a perfect mind and memory, thanks be to God for the same, calling to mind that I must leave this world for it is appointed once for all men to die, I do make & ordain this my last will and testament.

That principally and first of all, I recommend my soul to God who gave it to me, and my body to the Earth to be buried in a decent and Christian like manner at the discretion of my executors is hereafter mentioned.

And as for my worldly the estate, that God has blessed me with, I give, demise, and dispose of the same in the following Manner and form.

THEN this is my will that all my just debts, together with my funeral expenses, be first paid by my executors.

THEN this is my will and desire to give unto my well-beloved wife **JANE [BRATTON] STURGIS** all my estate, real and personal, to viz. the land I now live on and all my personal estate such as my horses, cows, sheep, Hogs, and household Furniture such as beds, bed cloths, pots, pewter, dresser and furniture and all the iron tools belonging to the plantation & c. Likewise it is my desire that my wife have all the above mentioned articles during her remaining a widow.

And I do appoint my two sons, to viz: **LABAN [STURGIS]** and **JOHN STURGIS** to be guardians of my estate during my wife's lifetime. And after my wife's deceased it is my will and desire that **LABAN STURGIS** my oldest son have all the lands and improvements on the South side of the Wagon Road beginning at the mouth of the Spring Branch and to run a straight line to the Wagon Road. And it is my desire and will that my son **LABAN** to make his brother **DANIEL [STURGIS]** equal to himself on the north side of the said Road, that is, in building of houses, and planting of fruit trees & c. And it is my will that **LABAN** my oldest son after the land I now live on is paid for do pay on to **JOHN STURGES** my third son 4 pounds sterling a year for 5 years in country produce, wheat at a three shillings, corn and oats at 2 shillings & c.

Likewise is it is my will and I do desire that all my children, more especially my daughter **MARY [STURGIS]** have free access to my house that I now live in as their homes during their leading a single life.

It is my will and desire that my fourth son **JOSHUA** shall have one half of the profits arising from my boat as she now stands together with one acre of land on the south end of Punches Landing, with timber and firewood to support the same during the running of said boat and no longer. And if **JOSHUA STURGIS** should dispose of said boat out of the family it show immediately to descend on to **DANIEL STURGIS** with all the above-mentioned premises.

I give and bequeath unto the above mentioned **JOSHUA STURGIS** one feather bed and its furniture to him to be his mother's decease. Likewise it is my will to give and bequeath unto my son **DANIEL** all the land lying on the north side of the Wagon Road beginning at the mouth of the Spring Branch, since a straight line onto the Wagon Road, since along said Road onto the outside line of said tract of land about a course of South and West. And I do will that **DANIEL**, my son, to pay unto **JOSHUA** the sum of 20 pounds for the space of five years. That is at the rate of 4 pounds per annum, in country produce, wheat at 3 shillings, corn at 2 shillings, oats at 2 shillings & c.

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ITEM I give to my son **JAMES ARMSTRONG STURGIS** one new chest.

ITEM I give unto my daughter **MARY STURGIS** one negro wench named ROSE, which **MARY** is to have during her lifetime, and at her death said wench is to descend to my son **DANIEL STURGIS** and his lawful layers of his body be gotten forever. Likewise I give unto my daughter one feather bed and bed clothes. Likewise unto my daughter **MARY** one mare of a bay color and her mother's saddle at her mother's decease, one cow and calf at the day of her marriage, a live and good one, new pewter dish and three plates.

Likewise over and above what I have willed to my sons **LABAN** one feather bed and clothes, to **DANIEL** one feather bed and clothes that I now make use of myself.

Likewise all the remainder part of my state which I have not particularly giving away to any of my children I allowed to be equally divided amongst all my children. Viz. **LABAN, JAMES, JOHN, JOSHUA, DANIEL** and **MARY**.

And I do ordain, ratify and confirm this and no other to be my will and last Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 22nd day of October in the year of Our Lord God 1787.

**DANIEL STURGIS** {seal}

Signed, sealed, and declared to be my last will and testament in the presence of

**ABRAHAM MCCORKEL**  
**ANDREW FERGUSON**  
**JOHN DRENNAN**

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York County

Personally appeared before me **JOHN DRENNAN** and **ABRAHAM MCCORKLE** and being sworn according to law say it that they did see **DANIEL STURGIS** signed, sealed, and acknowledge that within mentioned will as his last will and testament. And likewise the within named **ANDREW FERGUSON** did sign as an Evidence with them to the same.

Sworn before me the [date not filled in]

**JOHN BRENNAN**

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**DANIEL STURGIS**

Bond of administration  
Will annexed

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**DANIEL STURGIS** Sr deceased

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South Carolina  
York County

Know all men by these presents that we **DANIEL STURGIS, DAVID WILSON, and JOSHUA STURGIS** are holding and firmly bound unto **ALEXANDER MOORE** Esquire ordinary for the District of York in the full and just some of £2,000 lawful money of the state to be paid to the said **ALEXANDER MOORE** or to his successor, ordinaries of this district or there certain attorneys or assigns, to which payment well and truly be made we find ourselves and every of us our and every of our heirs, executives, and administrators for the whole and in the whole jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

Seals with our seals and dated this 15th day of January in the year of Our Lord 1802.

The condition of this obligation is such that if the within bounden administrator, **DANIEL STURGIS**, of all and singular the goods, chattels, and credits of **DANIEL STURGIS** Sr., deceased, do make or cause to be made a true and perfect inventory of all and singular the goods, chattels, and credits of the said deceased which have or shall come to the hands, possession or knowledge of the said **DANIEL STURGIS** or into the hands or possession of any other person or persons for him, and the same so made do exhibit or cause to be exhibited into the ordinaries office of this District at or before the second day of September next ensuing and the same goods, chattels, and credits and all the other goods, chattels, and credits of the said deceased at the time of his death which at any time Hereafter shall come do the hands or possession of the said **DANIEL STURGIS** or into the hands and possession of any other person or persons for him, do well and truly administer according to law, and further do make or cause to be made a just and true account of his acting and doing of his administration at or before the 2nd day of August next and all the rest and residue of the said goods, chattels, and credits would show be found remaining on the set administrators account, the same being first examined and allowed by the ordinary of this District before for the time being shall deliver and pay on to such person four persons, respectively, as the Ordinary by his decree or sentence pursuant to the true and intent and meaning of the statutes, and acts of assembly a force in this state, for the better settling of Estates shell limit and appoint then just obligation to be void and non effect or else to remain in full force and virtue.

**DANIEL STURGIS**  
**DAVID WILLSON**  
**JOSHUA STURGIS**

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