

Will, SC, 96 District, JOHN HEARST [HEARST], 1780

South Carolina

I, **JOHN HEARST**, of Ninety Six [96] District and settlement of Long Cane, being very sick and weak of body but of sound and perfect memory, thanks be to God, calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing it is appointed for all men once to die, do this 9th day of September 1780 published this, my last will and testament, in manner and form following viz.

FIRST I recommend my soul to God, hoping for mercy through the merits of my redeemer Jesus Christ, and my body to the earth to be decently interred according to the discretion of my executors, and of my worldly goods, with which it has pleased God to bless me, I give and bequeath in manner following.

I give and bequeath unto my loving wife **MARY HEARST** 1/3 part of all my movable effects, of whatsoever kind and quality, also to enjoy the full benefit of this house and plantation where I now reside during her widowhood, or if she see fit to marry, then she is to enjoy only 1/3 the benefit thereof during her natural life.

and SECONDLY I leave unto my son **ROBERT HEARST** and daughter **MARY HEARST** one shilling sterling each, if demanded. also I leave unto my son **JOHN HEARST** the sum of one shilling sterling, if demanded.

And likewise unto my sons **JOSEPH HEARST**, **THOMAS HEARST**, **GEORGE HEARST**, and **WILLIAM HEARST** to each of them 100 acres of the woodland belonging to this plantation in manner following:

TO MY SON **JOSEPH HEARST** 100 acres to be laid off to him in quantity and quality when he comes to the age to him and his heirs forever.

TO MY SON **THOMAS HEARST** 100 acres to be laid off to him in quantity and quality when he comes to the age to him and his heirs forever.

TO MY SON **GEORGE HEARST** 100 acres to be laid off to him in quantity and quality when he comes to the age to him and his heirs forever.

TO MY SON **WILLIAM HEARST** 100 acres to be laid off to him in quantity and quality when he comes to the age to him and his heirs forever.

[blot] after my wife **MARY HEARST** deceased.

AND further I will and devise that if any of my four youngest sons should die minors then his or her part shall be given to the survivors of the four above mentioned. But in such sort that the eldest shall inherit allowing his younger brothers what in the judgment of three freeholders, their parts are worth.

AND unto my five daughters **CHRISTIAN HEARST**, **ELIZABETH HEARST**, **MARY HEARST**, and **MARGARET HEARST** and **ANN HEARST** the remaining 2/3 of my movable effects, after my debts and funeral charges are paid, to be equally divided among them.

I ALSO give and bequeath unto my three youngest daughters 100 acres of land I purchased from **JANE HUMPHREYS**, to be laid off equally divided amongst them, over and above their parts of my movable effects. this I give in consideration of their youth and helpless condition.

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AND FURTHER I will and devise that if any of my five daughters should die minors then her or their part shall be equally divided among the survivors, except the land last mentioned which shall be in like manner divided among the three youngest.

AND LASTLY I give and bequeath unto my stepdaughter [ELEANOR] ELONER O'BRYAN £23 currency to be paid her when of age.

AND I do make, constitute, and appoint my loving wife MARY HEARST the sole executrix of this my last will and testament and do revoke all former wills by me made, declaring this, and no other, to be my last will and testament.

and witness were of I have here on to set my hand and seal the day and you're above mentioned and the 20th year of his Majesty's reign.

JOHN HEARST {seal his mark}

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced, and declared by the said JOHN HEARST, as his last will and testament in witness where of we have subscribed our names.

CHARLES TEULON

ROBERT WILSON {his mark}

ROBERT ERWIN {his mark}

Ninety Six District  
Ordinary's office

Memorandum, that this 23rd day of August in the 7th year of American Independence, 1782, personally came ROBERT ERWIN, one of the subscribing witnesses to the before written will, who being duly sworn before me saith that he was present and did see JOHN HEARST, the testator, sign, seal, publish, pronounce, and declare the same to be and constitute his last will and testament, that he, the testator then was of sound mind and memory and understanding, to the best of this deponents knowledge and belief, that he signed or set his mark as a witness thereto at the request and in the presence of the said testator, and also saw CHARLES TEULON sign his name and ROBERT WILSON made his mark as the other witnesses to the same.

ROBERT ERWIN {his mark}

PAT CALHOUN, surrogate

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You **MARY COX**, alias **HEARST**, do swear that you believe the within written will to be the last will and testament of **JOHN HEARST**, deceased, and that you will produce to show and informed inform the appraisers appointed by the ordinary all and singular the goods and chattels of the said **JOHN HEARST** deceased as already have or shall before the day of appraisement come unto your hands, possession, or knowledge, and that you will well and truly administer all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits, of the said deceased and pay his debts and Legacies as far as his estate will extend and that you will make a true and perfect inventory of all the rights and credits of the said deceased and exhibit the said inventory together with the appraisement of the said deceased goods and chattels certified under the hands of three or more of the appraisers aforesaid into the ordinary's office of the said District within the time prescribed by law.

**MARY M. COX** {her mark}

sworn to the 23rd day of July 1782 before me

**PAT CALHOUN**, surrogate

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