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In the name of God, Amen.

The twelfth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty three, I, **JOHN STALLINGS** of Camden District in South Carolina being weak in body, but of sound and perfect mind and memory (blessed be God) and calling to Remembrance the transitivity of this life, and that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will & testament in manner and form following viz.

My will and desire is, that my just debts and funeral charges be justly & fully paid by my executors hereafter named.

ITEM I lend to my beloved wife **MARY STALLINGS** the one third part of all my movable or chattel estate together with any one of the rooms of my present mansion house that she shall choose to be to her use and benefit during her natural life and from and after her decease then to be equally divided among my then surviving children,

ITEM I likewise lend to my wife one female slave ROSE to be to her use during her natural life and at and after my wife's decease, I give and bequeath to son **SILAS STALLINGS** the said female slave ROSE and the girl child now sucking at her breast, JENNY by name, and all the increase of said slave ROSE to his use and benefit of him and his heirs forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my son **JAMES STALLINGS** a track of Land containing eighty two acres being part of a track of land bought of **PETER KUYKENDALL** bearing date of sixth day June 1768

Beginning at a Black Oak at the road opposite my house and N 70 E 73 rods to a Black Oak; then N 18 W 136 rods to a Hickory on **MILLIKEN's** Branch; then S 73 W 114 rods to a Hickory; thence S 40 E 67 rods to a White Oak; then 30 E 64 rods to the beginning. Containing eighty two acres.

to the use and benefit of him and his heirs forever, also I give & bequeath to my son **JAMES STALLINGS** one Negro girl HESTER, to the use of him and his heirs forever.

ITEM I give & bequeath to my son-in-law **DEMAY WINORN [DEMPSEY WINBORNE]** all that part of my land lying on the west side of Fishing Creek joining **WILLIAM BARROW's** land for his use and benefit forever. Also I give and bequeath to my said son-in-law one girl named LUCY to his use and benefit forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my son **SILAS STALLINGS** my manor plantation and all the land remaining in said tract, after the two above mentioned tracts are taken off, to the use of him and his heirs forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my grand-daughter **LEVINAH COOK** one negro girl CATE, to and her heirs lawfully begotten. And if she should die without an heir legally begotten of her body, that the said negro girl name CATE is to be & I do give and bequeath her, that girl, to my grandson **BENJAMIN COOK** and his lawful heirs. And if he should die without heir lawfully begotten that the said negro girl CATE and her increase shall be sold and the money arising from the sale to be equally divided amongst my now surviving children or their heirs, that is to say **JAMES STALLINGS, SILAS STALLINGS,** and **WINNEY WINBORNE,** to the use of them and their heirs forever.

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ITEM I give and bequeath to my wife **MARY STALLINGS** my roan horse for her use and benefit forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my son **JAMES STALLINGS** a new Rifle barrel for his use and benefit forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my son **SILAS STALLINGS** my rifle gun to his use and benefit forever.

My further will & desire is that all the remainder of my movable estate of every kind, which is not heretofore given and bequeathed away, sold and my just debts paid with the same, and if any remain after my debts are paid it is to be equally divided among my children **JAMES STALLINGS, SILAS STALLINGS** and **WINNEY WINBORNE** or their heirs to their use forever.

And further and lastly I do hereby appoint constitute & ordain **JAMES STALLINGS, DEMSEY WINBORNE** and **DANIEL GREEN**, each of the district and state before mentioned, my whole and sole executors of this, my Last Will & Testament.

IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year before written.

**JOHN STALLINGS** {seal, his mark}

Signed, sealed, published, and declared by the testator to be his last will and testament in the presents of

**HUNTER DAVID ANDREWS**  
**DAVID ANDREWS**  
**WILLIAM ANDREWS**

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