

Will, SC, York, Matthew Bigger 1788

CASE #53
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MATTHEW BIGGER, deceased
WILLIAM MCKEE et. al., executors

1789

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York County

In the name of God, Amen.

I **MATTHEW BIGGAR [BIGGER]** of the state & county aforesaid, being weak in body of perfect mind & memory, thanks be to God for the same, calling to mind that it is appointed for all men to once die, do make & ordain this, my last will and testament.

And Principally & first of all I bequeath my soul to God, who gave it me, and my body to the earth to be buried in a decent & Christian like manner at the discretion of my executors hereafter mentioned.

And as for my worldly estate that God hath blessed me with, I dispose of in the following manner and form.

And first of all I do allow all my just debts, together with my funeral expenses, to first be paid by my executors, hereafter mentioned, and the remainder as follows.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my well beloved wife, **ANN BIGGAR [BIGGER]** all my estate I now possess, real and personally (that is after the debts are all paid). To wit the plantation I now live on, likewise one negro man named JACK, one negro woman name KATE, one negro child named SUE with all the offspring of said family of Negroes together with all my horses, cows, hogs, household furniture, beds, pots, pans & c. & c. to have and to hold the same during her lifetime or remaining widowhood, and at her death or marriage, all the above mentioned estate, real & personally to go to the only use an behoof of **JAMES BIGGAR [BIGGER]**, my brother **MOSES [BIGGAR BIGGAR]**'s son.

ITEM I give unto **ANN DRENNAN** one young negro wench out of my estate, that is if she continue to live with her aunt **ANN**.

Likewise I bequeath unto **MATTHEW BIGGAR [BIGGER]**, my brother **JAMES [BIGGAR BIGGAR]**'s son, five shillings, sterling.

And I do constitute and appoint my well beloved friend, **WILLIAM MCKEE**, and my trusty and loving friend **JOHN DRENNAN**, Esquire to be my sole executors of this my last will and testament.

And I do utterly disannul all other wills or testaments by me made or any other executors by me named, but this will only and executors by me named to be my last will and testament.

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In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fifth day of December in the year of our Lord God 1788.

MATTHEW BIGGERS {seal}

Published and declared, likewise signed and sealed the day and year before mentioned in presence of.

THOMAS DRENNAN
WILLIAM KERR
JOHN DRENNAN

State of South Carolina
York County
Clerk's Office

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JOHN MCCAWE, CC