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WILL of
John Robert
(1742 - 1826)

FOUNDER of ROBERTVILLE
St. Peter's Parish
Beaufort District, S.C.

Dated 31 Oct. 1819

Proved 6 March 1826

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Prepared Oct. 1, 1819; modified Dec. 11, 1822

IN THE NAME OF GOD. AMEN. I John Robert of the parish of St. Peters, Beaufort, District and State of South Carolina. Planter being in good health and of sound and disposing mind and memory, blessed be God for the same but knowing that it is appointed for men once to die, I do make and ordain this to be my last will and Testament in manner and form following viz. First and principally I give and bequeath my soul to Almighty God my heavenly Father hoping that through the merits of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ my sins will be pardoned and forgiven. My body I desire may be decently buried at the direction of my Executors here after named. Such of this worlds goods as God has been pleased to bless me with, I give bequeath and devise away the same in the manner following which seemeth to me most just and equitable, viz. First after the payment of all my just debts and funeral expences I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth Robert her choice of ten negroes to be selected out from among those which I may die possessed of with their Issue and increase to hold good to her and her heirs forever, which said negroes she may dispose of as she may think proper, I also give her all my household furniture, two horses, carriage and chaise, with their furniture, ten cows and calves with their increase to her and her heirs and assigns forever, moreover I give her the use of the plantation whereon I now live together with the buildings stocks of all kinds and all the negroes which I may be possessed of during her natural life or state of widowhood notwithstanding she may dispose of the monies arising from the crops as she may think proper without being accountable to any of her children, and let it be understood ~~that~~ IN THAT CASE ALL that part of my estate loaned to her during her widowhood shall immediately thereafter be equally divided between my children or their representatives share and share alike, and whereas I have given and lent to all my children now living and also to my daughter Harriet Bostick who is now dead a number of negroes I do hereby confirm said negroes to them their heirs and assigns forever saving and excepting those of my children herein after particularly specified. Item, I give and bequeath unto my son John Hancock Robert the half of two tracts of land bought of William Hazael Gibbs sold at court of Equity as the property of John Rutledge being on Palachucala Savannah and Sand hills which said two tracts of land lies on each side of the road leading from Robertville to two sisters ferry adjoining each other containing in the whole Eight hundred and Sixty two acres be the same more or less (by said William Hazael Gibbs titles dated second of November Eighteen hundred and one) to him and his heirs forever. I also have given unto my son John Hancock Robert that part of the tract of land containing Five hundred and seventy nine acres including Wilcox old field by a plat cut off from a tract of land I bought from Grimbald Robert which said land bought from said Grimbald Robert contains twelve hundred and twenty acres, and for which I have made my said son John H. Robert titles to and which will appear by a plat made out by Adam F. Brisbane dated the twenty ninth of June Eighteen Hundred and nineteen. Item I have given unto my son William H. Robert a tract of land on Blood Hill containing nine hundred and seventy acres more or less, which I have however made him titles for already. Item, I give and bequeath unto my son James Jehu Robert (the following tracts of land adjoining each other composing one general tract on which I now live viz, one tract of three hundred and ninety six acres bought of John Audebert one tract of one hundred acres bought of Thomas Paterson one tract of fifty nine acres bought of Colonel William Stafford one tract of three hundred acres bought of Samuel Manar also seventy four acres bought of Henry Lancaster sixty five acres from William Taylor seven acres from Richard Bostick three hundred and fifteen granted to myself and three different tracts containing eight acres in the whole bought of John Maner Esquire containing in all twelve hundred and sixty six acres more or less as will appear by the

DIFFERENT PLATS and titles), to him and his heirs forever. Item, I give and bequeath to my Grand daughter Elizabeth Ann Bostick one tract of land containing two hundred acres more or less known by the name of my Lumber Yard to her and her heirs forever also a tract of land in Boggy Cut containing six hundred and forty acres more or less known by the name of Parkers Mill to her and her heirs forever. Item I lend unto my daughter Elizabeth Ann Bostick during her natural life one tract of land Bought of Richard Singelton containing three hundred and thirty acres more or less whereon she now resides and after her death I give and bequeath to my Grand daughter Harriet Charlotte Singelton the said tract of land bought of said Richard Singelton as aforesaid to her and her heirs forever. Item I give and bequeath to my Grandson Charles Singelton son of Elizabeth Ann Bostick all my right title or interest in or to a tract of land containing four hundred acres more or less which tract of land I bought from Doctor Henry Richardson and for which he has only warranted titles against himself and his heirs and which lies adjoining that tract bought of Richard Singelton as above mentioned and which land my Grandson Charles Singelton as aforesaid is not to take possession of until he arrives at the age of twenty one ***** at that age my right title or interest in said land I give and bequeath to my Granddaughters Mary Miller Jaudon and Harriet Charlotte Singelton share and share alike to them and their heirs forever let it be also understood that my daughter Elizabeth Ann Bostick is to have the use of the above tract of land until my said Grandson Charles Singelton arrives at the age of twenty one years if she the said Elizabeth Ann Bostick should so long live and whereas I have lent to my daughter Elizabeth Ann Bostick during my pleasure a negro girl called Rinah also a negro woman called Delia, I now also lend said negroe Ciel Rinah and negroe woman Delia and their issue to my said daughter Elizabeth Ann Bostick during her natural life and after her death to be equally divided between her children and be it further understood that the negroes which my daughter Elizabeth Ann Bostick may be entitled to at my death or the death of her mother shall be for her use during her natural life and at her death they are to be equally divided between her children share and share alike to them and their heirs forever. Item I give and bequeath unto my son Benjamin Nathaniel Robert that tract of land on which he now lives bought of Thomas Grimbel containing three hundred and sixty acres more or less to him and his heirs forever also I give and bequeath to my said son Benjamin Nathaniel Robert and his heirs forever the whole of that part of the land bought of Grimbel Robert which remains after taking from said land bought that part given by deed to my son John Robert as heretofore mentioned and which part remaining is supposed to contain Six hundred and forty one acres which together with Five hundred and seventy nine acres given to my son John H. Robert as above make the number of twelve hundred and twenty acres bought of Grimbel Robert as afore said, also I give and bequeath unto my son Benjamin N. Robert that tract or parcel of land Bought of Benjamin H. Buckner sold by order of the court of Equity as the property of Phoebe McKenzie containing one hundred and thirty seven acres to him and his heirs forever. I also give and bequeath unto my said son Benjamin N. Robert that tract of land bought of Sarah H. Robert widow of Thomas . Robert containing one hundred and fifty nine acres more or less to him and his heirs forever. I lend unto my Granddaughter Mary Miller Jaudon wife of Peter Jaudon a house and lot in Robertville purchased from Grimbel Robert containing about one acre of land for and during her natural life for the use of husband Peter Jaudon during his residence on said lot in case however the said Peter leaves the lot then said lot to be rented out for the use of said Mary Miller Jaudon and her children during the natural life of said Mary Miller Jaudon and after her death to go to the use of her children forever. In case however Mary Miller Jaudon should die leaving no child or children then and in that case the said lot I give and bequeath to the use of my Grandson John Paisley Robert _____ I also lend unto my Granddaughter Mary

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(Signed) John Roberts (LS)

SIGNED sealed and delivered
in the presence of us
John J. Maner
Alexander Lawton
Joseph M. Lawton
Thomas Hamilton

Be it known to all whom it may concern that I John Robert aforesaid (planter) have hereunto disinherited Sarah Lowery the present wife of the Rev. James Lowery from inheriting any part of my real or personal Estate I do hereby give and bequeath unto the said Sarah Lowery her heirs or assigns the sum of ten dollars in full consideration of any claim or claims she may have to my Estate or any part thereof. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this Eleventh day of December in the Year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and twenty two and in the forty seventh year of the Independence of the United States of America.

Signed sealed and delivered
in the presence of us
H. A. Boyd
Alexander I Lawton
George Rhodes
Thomas Willingham

(Signed) John Robert (LS)

We the subscribed do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a will known to be that of John Robert Esquire made according to the above dates (this transcript examined and compared with the original by us)

Gristram Verstitto
George Rhodes
Robert G. Norton
Elias E. Robert

South Carolina)
Beaufort District)

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct and true copy of the last Will and testament of John Robert as proved recorded and filed in my office the 6 March 1826

Wm. Hutson