

Will of William Lawton
South Carolina, fs.

In the name of God, Amen, the ninth day of October, in the Thirty first year of his Majesty King George the Seconds Reign and in the year of our Lord, one Thousand seven hundred and fifth Seven. I, William Lawton of Edisto Island in St. John's Parish in Colleton County in the Province of South Carolina ~~theater~~ Planter being (blessed be God of sound and disposing mind and Memory and considering and uncertainty of this Transitory Life and the certainty of death in order to prepare myself for the great change, do make and declare this my last Will and Testament and do constitute Ordain and appoint my loving wife Mary Lawton Executrix and my loving son Josiah Lawton my loving Brother Isaac Rippon and my loving friend William Maxwell Executors of the same hereby revoking and making Null and Void all and every other and former Will and Wills Testament and Testaments by me heretofore made or declared and declaring and Confirming this and no other to be my only last Will and Testament, that is to say, Principally being sincerely sorry for all my sins and humbly begging pardon for the same I commend my

Soul to the Mercies of God my Creator in and thro' Jesus Christ my blessed Saviour and Redeemer on whom alone I trust for the pardon and remission of all my sins and for Eternal Life and Salvation and my Body and death I Commit to the Grave to be interred in a decent and Christian like manner at the discretion of my Executors herein before named, and as for and Concerning all my Worldly Estate and such lands and Testaments Goods and Chattels as it hath pleased God to bestow upon my Will and desire is that the same and every part and parcel thereof shall be disposed of and bestowed, in manner and form herein after mentioned Respectively and not otherwise, Inprimis I will and desire that all my just debts and funeral expenses shall be well and duly paid, in convenient time after my decease.

Item 1, I give and Bequeath to my well beloved Wife Mary Lawton Nine Negroes named as follows: Viz: Larry, Cuff, Pompey, Will, George, Adam, Wally, Tamer, and Kate with their Issue with their axes, Hoes and Reap Hooks, also my Riding Horse Frisk and New Saddle to be Bought for her out of my Estate, also a Suit of Mourning likewise one fourth part of my Stock of Cattle, and one fourth part of my Sheep and one

third part of all my Household furniture and the use of my large canoe and sails during her life and at her decease to my son Josiah and his Heirs forever, I also leave her the use of my Plantation I now live on ~~my~~ during the term of her Natural life she paying one fourth part of all my Just and Lawful debts and forever Quitting Claim, Right Title to all or any my Estate Real or Personal in any shape or ease whatever further than is herein given and devised Item I give and Bequeath to my well beloved Son Josiah Lawton one Negro Man named Cyrus and the use of my large Canoe her sails till my Wifes decease and then to him and his Heirs forever I also give him one large silver spoon and my Gun to him and his Heirs forever Exclusive of his equal part of my Estate, Item I give and Bequeath to my well beloved Son William Lawton one Negro Man named Abram, to him and his heirs forever Exclusive of his ^{equal} part of my Estate, Item I give and Bequeath to my daughter Sarah Lawton one Negro Woman named Phillis and her son Jacob and all her increase, I also Give her, her Riding Horse and Saddle to her Heirs forever, exclusive of her equal part of my Estate, Item I give and Bequeath to my Well Beloved Son Jeremiah Lawton one Negro Man named Amos to him and his heirs forever

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Exclusive of his equal part of my Estate, Item I Give
and Bequeath to my well beloved son Winborn
Lawton one Negro Boy named Peter one Mustigo
Girl Named Chloe, to him and his heirs forever
Exclusive of his equal part of my Estate, Item I
give and Bequeath to my well beloved daughter
Mary Lawton and one Negro Girl Named Peggy
and her Increase and a pair of Gold Sleeve
Buttons I now wear to her and her heirs
forever, Exclusive of her equal part of my Estate
Item I give and Bequeath to my well Beloved
son Joseph Lawton one Negro Girl named Hannah
and her Increase and one Negro Boy Named Tom
my Silver Watch and Silver Shoe Buckles to him
and his heirs forever exclusive of his equal
part of my Estate, Item I Give and Bequeath
to my beloved son Josiah Lawton one half of
the Tract of Land I Bought from Mr. James
Cuthbert to him and his heirs forever, Item I
Give and Bequeath to my well beloved son
William Lawton the other half of the above
Tract of Land to him and his heirs forever,
Item I give and Bequeath to my well beloved
son Joseph Lawton the Tract of Land I now
live on to him and his heirs forever, and
Lastly I Give and Bequeath all the Remainder
Rest and Residue of my Estate Consisting
of Negroes, Horses, Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, Household

Goods, Plantation Tools and such to be
equally divided betwixt my children or Children
that may be born of my Lawful wife within nine
Months after my decease and it is my desire that
my Estate should be divided, as soon as possible
after my death and that my sons Josiah and W^m
should take charge of the Parts of my other four
Children whose Names are as follows Viz: Sarah Jeremiah,
Winborn and Mary Lawton until they arrive at the
age of Nineteen years or day of Marriage which
shall first happen, In Witness whereof I the said
William Lawton have hereunto set my hand and
seal the day and year first above written.

sealed, published and declared: William Lawton Seal
by William Lawton the Testator of one Wench Dianah the
in the presence of us.

one Wench Dianah the
Sorel stallion to be
sold as soon as possible
after my Will is proved

John Mickell }
John Fry }
John Frack }

Proved before His Excellency William Henry
Littleton Esqr. 9th December 1757 at
the ~~same~~ same time Qualified Mary
Lawton and Isaac Rippon Executors
to the said Will.

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