

WILL of CHARLES MOORE of Spartanburg Co., SC, written May 10, 1798.

On file Spartanburg Co. Court House, Spartanburg, SC

As read by Mrs. Frank F. Byram, 850 Lake Shore Drive, Chicago 11, IL, from a photostatic copy made on April 27, 1951.

In the name of God Amen. I Charles Moore of Spartan County Pinckney districk & State of South Carolina. Calling to mind ye Mortality of my body; And being of perfect & Sound understanding & memory, do make & ordain this my Last Will & Testament in manner & form following.

Imprimis It is my will & desire that all my Debts & Funeral charges be first paid & discharged by my Executors herein after mentioned.

Item. I will & bequeath unto Mary my beloved Wife The feather Bed & its furniture on which I lie, Also her choice of any one of my Horse or (?)...mare(?), together wither saddle & bridle; And her choice of two cows & calves out of my stock of meat cattle, & two Ewes & lambs, together with her bodily apparel & the Use of ye Dwelling house in which I now live with all its furniture not herein after willed away together with ye **Use of Three negroes Viz Robert, Dinna, & Phillis & their Children not herein willed away.** Also four Horses & Waggon & geers compleat, Plows & their Geers with all my other farming Utensels & tools of different kinds to carry on ye farming Business to support her, My two Sons Andrew & Charles, (Whilst they Stay with her) and ye Negroes under her care during her widowhood, Reserving always to my said Son Charles Moore If he attends ye Plantation & hands thereon, a sufficient share of ye Crops raised on said plantation. His Mother having always ye Authority to advise & contrive with him in ye farming & other regularities for ye best. Also I will & bequeath to my loving wife Mary **One Negroe Wench Named Nelly & her offspring to wait on her in ye House & to be at her Disposal to any of her and my Children that she shall think proper to leave her & hers to at her death.** At which Period of death of my wives, The House & Household furniture together with the **above Negroes, Robert, Dinna, Phillis & their offspring** (not herein willed) Horses & cows & calves, wagon & Geers, Plows & all Farming Utensels & Tools of every kind & description whatsoever, **(Negroe Nelly & offspring and my said wifes Bodily apparel & Bed excepted to do with as she shall think fit.)** All which I Will Demise and bequeath to my said Son Charles Moore to ye only proper Use & behoof of him ye said Charles his heirs and assigns forever. Also I leave my loving wife my Large Bible & any other three Books she shall choose out of my small Libeary, during her life, and at her Death, the Bible & Books are to descend to my son Thomas Moore during his life, and at his Decease to descend to my son Andrew B. Moore & his heirs, Be it remembered, that if ye said Andrew B. Moore should die without Issue, the Bible & books to descend to my son Charles Moore his heirs & assigns forever.

Item. I Will & bequeath to my son in law Andrew Barry five Shillings Sterling, And to his Daughter Violet Moore Barry one feather bed & furniture.

Item. I Will & bequeath to my son in law John Lawson five Shillings Sterling.

Item. I Will & bequeath to my son in law Richard Barry five Shillings Sterling.

Item. I Will & bequeath to my son in law Robert Hannah five Shillings Sterling. And to his Son Charles Moore Hannah a Horse valued at Ten Pounds Sterling.

Item. I Will & bequeath to my son in law Mathew Patton five Shillings Sterling for his two Marriages.

- Item. I Give Demise & bequeath to my Son Thomas Moore **one Negroe Boy Named Prince now in his Possession** to him his heirs and assigns forever.
- Item. I Will & bequeath to my son in law ye Rev'd Robert M. Cunningham five Shillings Sterling.
- Item. I Give, Demise & bequeath to my Andrew Barry Moore him his heirs and assigns forever. **One Negroe Boy Named Simon, and negroe Girl Named Fanney, & a Small Negroe Boy Called Bob.** Also One feather Bed & furniture Compleat together with my writing Desk one Large Walnut Table, with falling leaves, one half dozen Pewter plates, Three Pewter dishes, one half Dozen chairs, Also Two Cows & Calves, Two Ewes & Lambs, two breeding Sows & pigs, One Set of plow Iorns, One Mattock & one felling Ax.
- Item. I Give Demise & bequeath to my Son Charles Moore his heirs & assigns forever. All the Land or Plantation on which I now live. Bounded by a division line Between me and my Son Andrew B. Moore Run by Mr. Andrew Thomson Surveyor and Martin ... N(?) Tyger(?) River(?) to ye West. Containing Two (?) hundred (?) and Sixty (?) five acres More or less. Including the dwelling House together with all other ye Improvements thereon (reserving to my wife ye Use of said House & furniture during her widowhood or death, At whose decease all ye dowery left by me to my said wife Mary Shall descend to my said Son Charles. **(Nelly & offspring my wifes Bodily Apparel & Bed & furniture excepted)** his heirs & assigns forever. Also I give Demise and bequeath to my said Son Charles Moore **Two Negroe Boys viz. Tom and Toney, and a Negroe Girl named Dove.** Also I Give Demise & Bequeath to said Charles after (?) his Mothers Death, All ye feather Beds & furniture, And household furniture, Goods and Chattles not afore willed or bequeathed together with ye **above said Negroes Viz. Robert Dinna & Phillis & their offspring not herein Willed or bequeathed.** Also the above Waggon, Horses & Geers, Plows and all farming Utensels & plantation tools of every kind or description whatsoever. Together with All my Other Horses, Mares & Colts, and all my Stock of meat Cattle, Sheep & Hogs (not above willed) together with all ye Debts due me, either by Bill, Bond, Note or Book Debt or otherwise I Give Demise and bequeath to my said Son Charles Moore his heirs & assigns forever. all ye remainder of my real & personal Estate Where ever found or known I will bequeath & Demise to my said Son Charles Moore his heirs & Assigns forever. Lastly I constitute and appoint my loving Wife Mary Moore & my Son Charles Moore Executors of this my last will & Testament, & my son in law Andrew Barry & my Son Thomas Moore overseers of ye my last will & Testament. In witness whereof I have here unto Set my hand & Seal this Tenth Day of May in ye year of our lord one thousand Seven hundred and ninty eight.

Signed Sealed published

Pronounced & Declared by  
ye said Charles Moore as his  
last Will & Testament in  
presence of ye Subscribers

Charles Moore

Jason Moore  
James Moore  
Jason Moore, Jr.

Whereas I Charles Moore of Spartanburgh District, have made & duly executed my last will & Testament in writing bearing date the Tenth day of May one thousand Seven hundred & ninty eight & thereby given & bequeathed **one negroe Girl named Dove unto my son Charles Moore**. Now I hereby revoke & make void the said legacy of **said negroe Girl named Dove**, so given & bequeathed by my said will unto my said son Charles Moore. And I do **give & bequeath the said negroe Girl Dove**, unto Mary my beloved wife during her life; **(in lieu of the negroe Girl named Nelley bequeathed to her the first Item of said will, but now Deceased)** And at her death then the **said negroe Girl Dove I give & bequeath to my son Charles Moore & his heirs**. Also I do revoke & make void the legacies given & bequeathed to my son Andrew B. Moore If he should fail or neglect, to pay his mother Mary Moore fifty Dollars within six month after my Decease. And I do ordain & declare this present writing to be a codicil to my said will, & that the same shall be annexed thereto & taken as part thereof & do confirm my said will, in every particular thereof that is not hereby altered or revoked. In witness whereof I have to (?) this Codicil set my hand & seal the fifth day of May one thousand eight hundred and three.

Signed, Sealed, declared  
& published by the said  
Charles Moore, as & for  
a codicil to be annexed  
to his last will &  
Testament, & to be taken  
as part thereof, in  
presence of.  
Jason Moore  
Jason Moore, Jr.

Charles Moore

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List of slave names included in the above will (list not part of original document):

Robert	to Mary, then Charles
Dinna & children	“
Phillis & children	“
Nelly & children	to Mary, then to whomever she choses
Prince (boy)	to Thomas
Simon (boy)	to Andrew
Fanney (girl)	“
Bob (small boy)	“
Tom (boy)	to Charles
Toney (boy)	“
Dove (girl)	to Charles in original - codicil rescinds and gives to Mary since Nelly died. However, Mary may not bequeath Dove. She reverts to Charles at Mary's death.