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Facsimile of the Will of:

 JAMES JEHU ROBERT

Born: 4 Nov. 1781

Died: 19 Jan. 1852

Son of JOHN ROBERT and his wife ELIZABETH DIXON (granddaughter of II Landgrave Thomas Smith);

married (1) Charlotte Anne LAWTON, daughter of Revolutionary War Officer Lt. Joseph Lawton, (1753 - 1815) and his wife, Sarah Robert.

married (2) Phoebe (Sibby) MCKENZIE, daughter of Revolutionary War Officer Capt. Patrick McKenzie and his wife, Phoebe Mosse, daughter of Dr. George Mosse (1742-1808).

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dated: 9 March 1850

proved: 11 Feb. 1852

Shown by:

Rev. Dr. Robert E.H. Peeples

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Will of James Jehu Robert (1781-1852)

State of South Carolina }
Beaufort District } In the name of God amen:
I, James Jehu Robert of the State and District
abovesaid, being of a sound and disposing mind and
sensible of the uncertainty of human life, now
make and declare this to be my last will and tes-
-tament revoking all others heretofore made by me
Item First. I give my worldly Estate of whatever kind
I may be possessed at my decease, in trust to my
beloved wife Phoebe & my Executors, and my sons
Joseph Thomas, Lawrence James, William Henry,
Milton George, Alexander John, and Francis Wayland
my Executors, to be disposed of as shall hereinafter
be directed:

Item Second. I give to my beloved wife Phoebe &
in lieu and bar of her dower, the following property
that is to say all my house hold and kitchen furniture
my carriage and carriage horses, and four thousand dollars
to be subject entirely to her control and will, and
also during her life the use of whatever house and lot
or premises I may occupy at my decease, and from the
income arising from my Estate the full sum of
seven hundred and twenty dollars annually during
her natural life

Item Third: I give to my sons William Henry and
Alexander John, in trust for for my daughter
Adeline E. Chovin the sum of twelve hundred and
fifty dollars to be appropriated as they may see
fit for the sole benefit of my said daughter and
her children

Item Fourth. I give to my son Milton George

James Jehu Robert

and Joseph Thomas in trust for my daughter
 Juliana Esther the following negro slaves to wit
 Brina, Johnson, Solomon, Rosy Sarah and little
 Rich and (who may be disposed of at the option of the
 trustees) ^{with her consent} and also two thousand eight
 hundred dollars for the sole use and benefit of
 my said daughter Juliana, not to be subject to any
 debt or debts that may be contracted by her or her
 husband, should she marry, but if un married at
 her decease to be subject entirely to her will -

Item Fifth - I hereby direct my Executors and
 Executors to afford to my minor sons Francis Wayland
 Richard Furman, John Stoney and Benjamin Franklin
 an opportunity of receiving a collegiate Education and
 profession should they desire it, an economical arrange-
 ment for this being made from the funds arising
 from the annual income of my property -

Item Sixth I direct that my minor sons at maturity
 or as soon after as they shall have completed their
 education shall each have as his portion of my
 Estate the sum of four thousand dollars in
 such property as my Executors and Executors and
 the heir may think proper.

Item Seventh Whereas my son Alexander John
 has not yet completed his profession although he
 has attained the age of twenty one years, I hereby
 direct that the sum of seven hundred dollars
 be allowed him for the next eighteen months, at
 the expiration of which time he shall receive the
 sum of four thousand ^{and John Robert} dollars as his portion -

Item Eighth: In as much as I have given unto
 my sons Joseph Thomas, William Henry and Milton
 George certain amounts of property over and above

my other children, that is to say, to my son Joseph Thomas the sum of five hundred dollars, to my son William Henry the sum of thirteen hundred dollars and to my son Milton George a negro man named Abel valued at seven hundred and fifty dollars (supposed to have been given him by his Grand mother Esther de Hughes who died intestate) I do hereby direct that these amounts thus given be considered as a surplus over and above what I wish my other children to inherit of my Estate, and therefore that the said amounts shall not be reckoned in the ultimate distribution of my Estate -

Item Fourth: Whereas I have given to all of my children who have arrived at maturity (except my son Alexander John) various amounts of property, that is to say, to my daughter Thirza Eschlin three thousand two hundred and sixty eight dollars; to my son Joseph Thomas three thousand five hundred and fifty dollars to my daughter Eliza Jane three thousand four hundred and fifty dollars, to my son Lawrence James four thousand and fifty dollars, to my son William Henry four thousand dollars, to my son Milton George three thousand nine hundred & seventy five dollars, to my daughter

Est. John Robert

Adeline Eschia four thousand dollars (including the amount mentioned in item third) and to my daughter Juliana Estlin four thousand three hundred dollars. (mentioned in item fourth) but in as much as my three first named children received at the distribution of Mr. Joseph Lawtons Estate, the sum of two thousand seven hundred & eighty three dollars or nine hundred and twenty

dollars and sixty six cents each, I direct that the same be added to their several sums above mentioned which makes Thirya Evelina to have received \$4196.66 - Joseph Thomas \$4477.66: Eliza Jane \$4377.66: But should it appear that that amount was independent of and beyond my control and will, I hereby direct that each of my children by my second wife shall receive a similar amount of nine hundred and twenty seven dollars from my general Estate, before the ultimate division of said Estate, at the maturity of my youngest son as here in after directed. And I do hereby positively direct that in the distribution and equalizing of my Estate strict regard be had to the above mentioned amounts -

Item Tenth, At the maturity of my youngest son or when competent arrangements have been made to secure his Education after his four thousand dollars of my Estate be reserved for him, and the other heirs each had his share, I direct my Executors and Executrix to divide the rest and residue of my Estate, (Except what has been received for my beloved wife during her life) among my children Thirya Evelina, Joseph Thomas Eliza

John Robert

Jam^s, Lawrence James, William Henry, Milton George, Adeline Eustis, Juliana Esther Alexander John, Francis Mayland, Richard Furman John Stoncy, and Benjamin Frankkin or their legal representatives in such a manner as will equalize the heritage of all of my children, from the basis of the preceding items -

Item Eleventh: At the decease of my wife and after

two four thousand dollars given to her in fee simple and
mentioned in item second, be disposed of by her will
or as the law may direct, I direct that such
distribution be made among my heirs of the
amount before residue to be paid for her use during
life as shall equalize as far as possible the
portion of property inherited by each of my
children, taking into consideration all the property
~~they may~~ they may have inherited either from my
property, or from the property of ^{either} my first or second
wife

Item Twelfth: Should any of my children die leaving no
lawful issue, I direct that his or her share of my
Estate be equally divided among all ^{of} my children or
their lawful issue -

Item Thirteenth: Whereas I have now on hand a family
of negroes - viz: Adam, Stella and their children
valued at \$2,400. I desire that my wife if she choose
to have and to hold said family either as a part
of her fee simple: or to have their use as a part
of the annual income of seven hundred and
twenty dollars allowed in item second:

Item Fourteenth: I give unto my son in trust for
himself my man Tony and I direct that he
Jat John Robert
be protected by them and not allowed to suffer for
any necessary of life, should he survive his
ability to make a support.

Lastly: I nominate and appoint my beloved wife
as my executrix and my sons Joseph Thomas, Lawrence
James, William Henry; Milton George, Alexander John;
and Francis Wrayland as my Executors of this my

my last will and testament, as Trustees of my
herein devised property and as Guardians of my
minor children - Giving them full power to
manage and control the same to dispose of
any part thereof, and to visit the proceeds as
they or a majority of them may think best
In testimony of which, I hereunto set my
hand and seal this the ninth day of
March in the year of our Lord one
thous and eight hundred and fifty

Before signing & sealing
in presence of us the
following corrections were

made - Between the

fourth & fifth lines on the
2^d page the words "with her

consent" in the ~~1st~~ 2^d line

on the 4th page "and they"

In the 13th line on the 2^d page

"to yield" - witness

John H. Robert

Wm J. Lawton

J. H. Jandow

J. H. Robert (L.S.)

South Carolina Beaufort District

By Ed. F. Moran Esq. Notary Public Personally appeared
before me William J. Lawton one of the undersigned
witnesses to the foregoing Instrument of writing, who
made oath on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God
that he saw James John Robert, sign, seal publish
pronounce and declare, the same to be his last will
and testament, that he was then of sound and disposing mind
memory and understanding to the last of his knowledge and

and belief, and deponent together with John H. Robert & Alexander J. Robertson
signed their names as witnesses thereto - and the same were
qualified W. H. Robert, Milton C. Robert & Alexander J. Robertson
Executors therein named
Given under my hand this 11th day of February, 1852:
W. J. Lawrence

Ed. P. Morrall C. J. D.

State of South Carolina
To said District

Ed. P. Morrall

Ordinary in the District of said
do hereby certify that the foregoing six
pages contain a true copy of the last
will and testament of John Robert
deceased: and of the probate thereof, taken
from the original on file & recorded in
this Court
Given under my hand & the seal of Court
this 11th day of February, 1852

Ed. P. Morrall
Ordinary, C. J. D.