

Will

South Carolina, In the name of God, Amen!  
Laurens District, I, Peter Harrison of Laurens  
District and State aforesaid being weak of  
body but of sound mind, memory and understand-  
ing praise be to God for it, and considering the un-  
certainty of Life and to the end that I may be  
better prepared to leave the world when it shall

Please God to call me hence, do make and  
clare this to be my Last Will and Testament—in  
manner and form following, that is to say, I  
recommend my soul to Almighty God (my Creator  
who gave it and my body I desire to be decently  
interred), and as to such worldly Estate as  
hath pleased God to bless me with I dispose of  
the same as follows—

In the first place— I desire all my just debts to be paid  
as early as practicable.

Secondly— I give and bequeath to my beloved wife  
Marston during her natural life of widowhood  
my Estate both real and personal for the use and  
support of my wife Sarah and my children, and  
after the death of (my) wife Sarah or marriage I  
desire that my property be sold both real and  
personal and divided equally between my chil-  
dren, John Speak, Elizabeth Calmes, Sarah Foran,  
William Peter and Martha Catharine.

Thirdly— Should my wife Sarah deem it best at  
any time to sell any part of my personal Estate  
she may do at public sale and the proceeds thereof  
if not wanted to defray expenses, to <sup>be</sup> placed out at  
interest for the benefit of my Estate and my wife  
Sarah may, if she thinks proper, as my children arrive  
of full age, may make advancement and take their  
receipt for any money she may give them, the same  
they receive shall be accounted for in the general ac-  
count of my Estate

Lastly— I do nominate, constitute and appoint my wife  
Sarah Marston Executrix of this my Last Will and  
Testament, hereby revoking and annulling all other  
heretofore made by me. In witness whereof I have  
unto set my hand and ~~affixed~~ seal, the 20<sup>th</sup> day of  
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
Forty Four

Peter Marston 

Signed, sealed pub-  
lished and declared by  
the above named Peter Marston  
to be his Last Will and Tes-  
tament, in the presence of us  
who have herunto subscribed