

WILL OF JOHN SCAFF

Darlington County, S. C.

In the name of God amen, I, John Scaff, of Darlington District being of sound mind. and disposing memory but weak in body and calling to mind the uncertainty of life and being desirous to dispose of all such worldly estate as it has pleased God to bless me with do make and ordain this by last Will in manner following - I give unto my beloved **wife Emmilla Scaff** the use of the tract of land whereon the dwelling house stands, except the part deeded to my **son Riley Scaff** about two hundred & forty three acres to have the use of the improvements & buildings during her widdowhood or life time. I also give to my wife Emilla Scaff seven negroes and their increase namely Jesse(?), Zelpha, Mindea(r), LusettaPeter, V(n)ina, and Charity ,(see inventory doc) during her widowhood or life time. I also give my wife, Emilla, two horses (her choice) four milk cows and calves (her choice) and hogs sufscient for her support. I also give my wife Emmilla as above mentioned my household and kitchen furniture, black smith and plantation tools during her life time or widowhood. I desire that the remainder of my stock and other property not desposed of be sold and all my lawful debts to be paid. and the remaining part of the money to be disposed of as follows - one hundred dollars to be paid to **Chloe Hill** and the balance to be equally divided among My wife Emilla Scaf and **my children Mary Hill, Eazekiel Scaff, Zi(e)lp(i)ha Seymore, Children Riley Scaff, and Sarah Morris** - After the death of my wife Emmilla Scaff or after her marriage if she should marry again I give the tract of land will'd to my wife during her life time or widow hood to my **son Riley Scaff**. I desire after the death or marriage of my wife that all the stock of every kind household and kitchen furniture blacksmith & plantation tools &c(?) be sold and out of the money arising from the sale one hundred & fifty dollars be paid to my **grand Children Sarah Ole(i)ver, John Riley Seymore (scaff scratched out), & William Alexander Seymore (children of Zelpha and John Riley Seymore)** and the remainder to be equally divided between my **children namely Mary Hill, Ezekiel Scaff, Riley Scaff, Chloe Hill, and Sarah Morris.** I also desire that at the death or marriage of my wife (if she should Marry again) that all my negroes and their increase which I have lent to my wife(added in above line) during her lifetime or widowhood be equally divided between Mary Hill, Riley Scaff, Sarah Morris, Cloie(probably Chloe) Hill, and Ezekiel Scaff, Children, the ? ? gois to Ezekiel Scaff, Children is not to be sold. or(?) divided among them untill the youngest child comes of age. I desire that if any of my Children should die before they get their portions of my property that thier children shall receive(?) theri fair ? of the property I do hereby constitute & appoint my son Riley Scaff and **son in law William Morris** Executors of this my last will & testament In Witness where of I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 12 day of December A.D. 1846.

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James Newbery

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John X Scaff (Seal)
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Robert Lawhon

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Notes

Both witness signatures very scribbly and both first names blotched out by ink but in Probate Document dated feb 15 1847, both Robert and William are listed as the Witnesses to Johns will.

The date on the Probate document appears to be 1849 but on both the Inventory of Johns Property and the List of bills of sale of some of Johns property clearly show 1847.

Also included with the will is a copy of a survey of Johns land recorded on 17 Apr 1837 under the name John Scalf. And another 6 march 1837. Unsure if it was recorded as Scaff or Scalf.

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