

11th day of July 1825
State of South Carolina

In the name of God, Amen. I, John Rainwaters of Spartanburg District in the state aforesaid, farmer, being in health of body and of sound mind, memory, and understanding, praised be God, for the same, do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following.

1st. I will and devise that I may be decently buried and also that all my just debts be paid.

2nd. I give, bequeath and devise unto my beloved wife Susannah Rainwater all my estate both real and personal of what or nature or kind, [unreadable] at the time of my death, to have and to hold and enjoy the same during her natural life. And at the decease of my wife, my will and devise is that the whole of my estate both real and personal be equally divided among all my children who may then be living to them and their heirs forever, except for my son William Rainwaters, and as I have already advanced him [unreadable] part of my estate. My will and devise is that my executor may [unreadable].

And I do nominate [unreadable] and appoint my friend Elisha Boman and James. B. Nance my co-executors of this my last will and testament, [unreadable] revoking and [unreadable], and at any time being [unreadable] by me make and do declare to be my last will and testament. In writing whereof I do hereunto put my hand and [unreadable] the 11th day of July 1825.

Signed sealed and published in the presence of us,
Note in the space where the words friends Elisha Boman and James K Nance were written [unreadable] which were crossed out and then inserted, also the word my between Nance and executor [unreadable] before signed.

John {his X mark} Rainwater

Simpson Bobo
Washington Bomar
Wm Bomar

True Copy of the Sale Bill for the personal property of the Estate of John Rainwater, deceased, Dec. 18, 1833

3 Negros, Hannah, Canzada & Charlotte to Wm. H. Farrow	\$345.00
1 Sorrel mare to Wm. Rainwater	29.50
1 small waggon to Wm. H. Farrow	11.00
1 loom to Wm. Rainwater	1.00
1 lot tables & chairs to Wm. Rainwater	1.00
1 pot rack to Wm. Nance	.87 1/2
1 hoe to Ransom White	.50
1 pot each to James Selmon Jr.	1.00
1 large pot & hooks to Hiram McCarly	.37 1/2
1 large pot & hooks to John D. Harmoning	1.18 3/4
1 lot pots to Jonathan Low	.25
1 [unreadable] to Jonathan Low	1.06 1/4
9 head of sheep to Jonathan Low	10.37 1/2
1 ax and wedge to Zach Wingo Jr.	.62 1/2

1 ax and wedge to Moses McCarly	1.06 1/4
1 frow and coulter* to Daniel Stephens	1.00
1 plow to Marquis Parkerson	.37 1/2
1 mattock to Richard Powell	1.06 1/4
1 pair gears to Wm. H. Farrow	1.00
2 hoes & grubing hoe to Wm. Rainwater	.60
1 jar to Hiram McAbe	.56 1/4
1 jug to Hiram McAbe	.25
1 jar to Wm. Rainwater	.18 3/4
Water vessels to P. C. Caldwell	.13 1/4
Water pails to James Selman	.13 1/4
1 jug to John Fortenberry	1.00
1 grindstone to Jesse Wingo	1.00
1 cutting box to Wm. Nance	2.25
Skillet & pan to James Selman	.37 1/2
1 kettle to Wm. Rainwater	.62 1/2
Tongs & poker to James Nance	.62 1/2
Smothering irons to John Cowen	.50
1 pair to stilliards* James Selman	1.12 1/2
1 barrel to John Fortenberry	.25
Cards & wheel to Zach Wingo	1.18 3/4
Pickling tub to P. Caldwell	.31 1/2

419.62 1/2

2 hogsheads & box to Tho. Tinsley Jr.	.18 3/4
5 first choice hogs to John Fortenberry	5.00
5 second choice hogs to John Fortenberry	3.00
5 third choice hogs to R. White	1.50
5 fourth choice hogs to James Nance	1.00
Tray & sifter to E. Hemperly	.75
1 meal gum to Wm. Rainwater	.25
Coffee mill to John Cowen	.62 1/2
Brass kettle to Wm. Trimmier	2.75
Brass spoon & dish to John D. Harmoning	2.06 1/4
2 brass to John Fortenberry	1.12 1/2
Bucket & spoons to Wm. Lee	.50
Knives & forks to Enos Lewis	1.25
One half dozen plates to Enos Lewis	.25
Cups & saucers to M. McCarly	.31 1/4
1 pole to Jesse Wingo	.50
Bowls to M. McCarly	.31 1/4
Puter* coffee [unreadable] to James Tap	.12 1/2
Candlestick to R. Foster	.50
Candle molds & sheep shears to R. Foster	.50
Cupboard to Wm. Nance	9.50
Decanters & bottles to P. Caldwell	.62 1/2
Walnut table to E. Lewis	2.87 1/2
Large Bible to Thos. Hagnus	3.00
White cow & calf to John Fortenberry	12.50
2 yearlings to John Finch	6.00
Chairs to Rainwater	3.06 1/4
Side saddle to Waters Farrow	2.25
Trunk to Sarah Selman	3.37 1/2
Large chest to James Nance	.56 1/2
Bed and stead and furniture to Enos Lewis	9.87 1/2
Bed and stead and furniture to John Fortenberry	12.37 1/4

88.50

Saw & drawing knife to Ramson White	1.06 1/4
Adds* & square to John Tap	.62 1/2
2 augers & 2 chisels to John Bomar	1.12 1/2

Lot bedding to Sarah Selman	2.06 1/4
Looking glass to Harper Henderson	.31 1/4
1 basket to Marquis Parkerson	.25
Lot men's clothing to Wm. Rainwater	1.00
Lot puter* & razor to James Tap	.12 1/2
Clevis to John Fortenberry	.18 3/4

John D. Harmoning	6.75
	419.62 1/2
	88.50
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*Frow: a wedge-shaped cleaving tool, also spelled froe.

*Coulter: a knife or sharp edged wheel attached to the beam of a plow.

*Stilliards: scales, contemporary spelling is steelyards.

*Puter: pewter

*Adds: adze

This probate file consists of 24 documents. The earliest date is on a document in which E. Bomar declares himself to be the executor of the estate of John Rainwater, on 24 Oct 1832. Application for the will to be probated was made on 17 Sept 1833 by James K. Nance. Administrator's bond was issued to John D. Harmoning on 3 Dec 1833, and an additional bond was issued to John D. Harmoning and Silas Rainwater on 5 Jan 1835. Also included is a bill for \$2.00 from coffin maker John P. Martin. The appraisement of the personal property, dated 3 Dec 1833, is for an amount under \$400.00. Some of the final filings are dated as late as 1836. No significant personal names are mentioned in any of these documents.

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