

In the Name of God Amen. I Michael Contarike of Bath Town in the County of Beaufort & Province of North Carolina Mercht. Being of Sound mind & memory Blessed be God for all his favors do make & ordain this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following That is to say. Imprimis I Will & desire that all my just debts & Funeral charges be paid & discharged by my Executors herein after named.

I give & demise half of the little Estate I have in Jersey unto my Brother's Children to be equally divided amongst them the other half I give unto the Poor of St John's Parish in said Island Item I give unto my Beloved wife the use of half my Dwelling house Kitchen Smoak house Garden Orchard & Land joining Bath Town during her widowhood.

Item I give unto my beloved wife the third part of my personal Estate including what her Father gave her by his will. The paying the third part of all my just Debts, & all her wearing apparel.

Item. I give unto my beloved Son Michael & his heirs my four Lots with their Fronts together with my Dwelling house & Stores & other houses thereon reserving the use to my wife as is above mentioned & also the Land joining to Bath Town. that I bought of John Ricussek Esq. & my orchard and land adjoining it.

Item. I give unto my Benjamin & his heirs my Plantation near the Read Banks & my third part of the Mills & Land on Pandego Creek & & above ment^d Plantation & Mills or any part of them should be sold before my decease I desire an equal allowance be made up to him out of my Estate before Division.

Item. I give & Demise unto my Daughter Susannah & her heirs my Plantation up Pamlico that I bought of the Heirs of Rich^d Alligood one Lot in Bath Town that I bought of George Gould Esq. & also two Lots near the Court house No 63 & 64 the Lot & houses on it & houses on it that I bought at Vendue of Thomas Williams whereon James Brown formerly lived.

Item. I do give & bequeath the remainder of my Estate Thus Ten Pounds Sterling unto Sister Winifred. Ten Pounds Sterling unto Sister Anne Lillingstone Ten Pounds Sterling unto George Evans the remainder of my Estate I give & bequeath unto my three Children before mentioned to be Equally Divided

amongst them & be delivered to them when they are of age I desire that my beloved wife may bring up my Daughter Susannah & my son Benjamin & their maintenance to be paid out of their parts & I do constitute & appoint my worthy Friends John Ricussek Esq. & Doctor Waller my beloved wife & my son Michael to be Executors of this my last Will & Testament & I desire that they settle my Books Collect my Debts & pay what I do owe & in case there is any Poor Widow or Orphans objects of Charity that are in my Debt at my Decease I give it them.

In Witness I have hereunto sett my hand & Seal this 9th Day of March 1758. The Words including what her Father gave her by his will Interlined to be allowed

Mich^e Contarike

Beaufort County Inferior Court
Sept 12 61

Present His Majestys Justices

These are to Certify that the within Will was proved in Open Court by the Oath of Rich^d Evans. Edw^d Safer, ordered to be Recorded Sarah Contarike Wally Chauncy Qualify at same time as Execor^s thereto
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Wyriott Ormond
Clerk Ct

Beaufort County June Infr Court 1762
Present his Majestys Justices

On the Motion of Rich^d Evans was called upon Thos Resper Wm Henry & Thos Pearce who swore that the within Will was the handwriting of the within Mich^e Contarike to the best of their knowledge as they were well acquainted with the handwriting of the said Mich^e Contarike

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Wy Ormond Co Clerk