

This is the last Will and Testament
 of me James DeBeaux of Shaftsbury in the Parish
 of Christ Church and province of Georgia Esquire made
 the Twenty Seventh day of June in the year of our Lord
 One thousand Seven hundred and Seventy One First
 I will that all my just debts funeral Charges and
 charge of proving this my Will be truly and honestly
 paid Then I give and devise unto my Son William
 DeBeaux All that Western moiety or half part of my
 Lot of Land in the Town of Savannah and Province
 aforesaid known by the Letter M. in the plan of the
 said Town in Ellis's Square Decker's Ward containing
 Sixty feet in front on the said Square and One hun-
 dred and Eighty feet in length between Grimbatt and
 Saint Julian Streets and bounded East by Whitaker
 Street which moiety of the said Lot of Land hereby
 devised to my Son William contains Sixty feet in
 front on the said Square and Ninety feet in length
 Eastward Also all that Tract or parcel of Land
 and Plantation called or known by the name of
 Shaftsbury whereon I now dwell situate and being
 on the Island of Argyle in the River Savannah and
 Province aforesaid bounded East and West by the said
 River South by Land formerly of Bartholomew Tub-
 bler but by me purchased of him and North by
 Lands of Matthew Roche Esquire Also all those two
 small Islands situate in the said River Savannah
 opposite the said Tract of Land hereby devised, which
 said Islands are marked with the N. 1. and N. 2. in
 the Plan thereof to this my Will annexed, and are
 also the five mises hereby devised distinguished
 in the same by Red lines drawn about the whole

and contain together Six hundred and forty three Acres and a quarter But my Will and meaning is that the devise to my said Son William of the Premises containing Six hundred and forty three Acres and a quarter shall be and is subject to the Proviso respecting the same herein after mentioned Also all that my Wharf Lot situate under the Bluff or Bank of the said River Savannah on the Common to the East known by the N^o 3. in the plan of the said Wharf Lots Als' all that my Town Lot in Hardwicke on Great Ogeechee River To hold all and singular the premises hereby devised with their and every of their Improvements Hereditaments and Appurtenances whatsoever unto the said William DeBeaux my son To the use and behoof of the said William his Heirs and Assigns forever Subject nevertheless to the proviso respecting the tract of Land Shaftsbury herein after mentioned.

Also I give and devise unto my Son Peter DeBeaux All that Eastern moiety or half part of my aforesaid Lot of Land in Savannah known by the said Letter. No. in the Plan of

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the said Town which said Eastern Moiety of the said Lot contains Sixty feet in front on Whitaker Street and ninety feet in length westward Also All Tract or parcel of Land situate and being on the said Island of Argyle bounded North on the Tract of Land herein before devised to my son William and on all other sides by the River Savannah being the Tract of Land herein before mentioned to be purchased by me of Bartholomew L. Irby.

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ler Also all those four small Islands situate
and being in the said River Savannah opposite the
said Tract hereby devised to my son Peter, marked
with the N^o 3. N^o 4. N^o 5. and N^o 6. in the Plan there
of to this my Will annexed and are with the other
Land hereby devised to my said son Peter distin-
guished in the same by Blue lines drawn about
the whole and contain together five hundred and
Ten Acres Also all that Tract of Land contain-
ing three hundred and Eighty Acres being on an
Island in Savannah River in the Parish of Saint
Matthew bounded Northerly by Lands of Nicholas
Brononburgher and on every other side by the said
River and Ballaw Creek Also all that my
Island of Great Warsaw in the said Province +
containing in Two Tracts One thousand and
Eighty five Acres / be the same more or less / To
hold all and singular the premises hereby
devised with their and every of their Rights Im-
provements, Hereditaments and Appurtenances
whatsoever unto my said Son Peter DeNeaux from
and after his attaining the age of Twenty one years
and not before To the use and behoof / then and
thence forth / of him his Heirs and Assigns forever
But my Will intent and meaning is that in
case the said Peter my son shall happen to die
before he attain the age of Twenty one years or
have Issue of his Body lawfully begotten That
then and on such Event I will that the said
Lot and the said Tract of Land on Argyle hereby
devised to my said son Peter shall be for and
I do hereby devise and bequeath the same to the
said William my son and his Heirs and Assigns
forever And further my Will intent and

meanings and I do hereby order and direct that in case of the death of the said Peter my son before he attain the said Age of Twenty one years or have issue of his Body lawfully begotten that Then and on such event the said Tract of Land containing three hundred and Eighty Acres and the said Island of Great Warsaw hereby devised to my said son Peter shall be sold by my Executors herein after named and the monies arising from such sale to be equally divided between my two Daughters herein after named if they be both living at the time of my death, And if one be dead leaving Heir or Heirs of her Body lawfully begotten then the same to be divided between such Survivor and the Heirs of the deceased, Or if both be dead leaving Heir or Heirs then between such Heirs respectively share and share alike Or if

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One be dead without Heirs then to the Survivor and her heirs and Assigns Or that the said Tracts of land last mentioned be Vallued and the same divided in manner and form and according to the proportions before directed for the monies that might arise by such sale respect being had to the true Value of each share, as in their discretion my Executors may see fit.

Also I give and devise unto my Daughter Mary now the Wife of Archibald Bulloch of Savannah aforesaid Esquire All that farm Lot containing forty five acres (be the same more or less) situate in the Township of Savannah and known by the Number nine in holland Tything Percival Ward Also all that Garden Lot West of Savannah & known by the Number thirty Eight Also all that

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Farm Lot containing forty five Acres (be the same
more or less) situate in the said Township of Sam-
nah and known by the Number Ten in Nopers
Tything Percival Ward Also all that my
Tract of Land situate and being on the Island
of Skidoway in the Parish of Christ Church
and Province aforesaid which I purchased of
Messieurs Harris and Hokerham To hold the
said Tracts of Land and Premises hereby
devised with the Improvements Hereditaments
and Appurtenances thereunto belonging unto
the said Mary my Daughter To the use and
behooof of her and the Heirs of her Body forever.
Also I give and devise unto my Daughter Marga-
ret Deveauz All that my said Tract of Land situate
and being on the said Island of Skidoway called
Springfield containing five hundred Acres (be the
same more or less) which was originally allotted
to Richard Palmer, by me purchased of Major
William Palmer and for which I have since ob-
tained a Grant from the Government Also all
that my other Tract of Land containing One hun-
dred Acres adjoining the said Land called Spring-
field, and Lands of Henry Yonge the Elder and
John Millidge which said Tract was granted to
me by the Government To hold the said Tracts of
Land and Premises hereby devised with the Improv-
ments Hereditaments and Appurtenances there-
unto belonging unto the said Margaret De Veauz
my Daughter from and after her attaining the age
of Twenty years or Marriage which shall first hap-
pen, To the use of her and the Heirs of her Body
forever. But my Will, intent and meaning is that
in case the said Margaret my Daughter shall

happen to die without Issue of her Body lawfully be-
 gotten then and on such event I Will that the said Tracts
 of Land hereby devised to her shall

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before and I do hereby devise and bequeath the same
 to my Daughter Mary and the Heirs of her Body for-
 ever And Whereas my late father had a Tract
 of Land granted him by the Government of South
 Carolina, on the Forks of Salcacha River in the Pro-
 vince of South Carolina containing two thousand &
 four hundred Acres or thereabout And Whereas
 I had a tract of Land granted me also at the same &
 time on the said Forks of Salcacha in the said Pro-
 vince of South Carolina, for five hundred or Six &
 hundred Acres which said Grants never came to &
 my hands and custody: but some short time before
 the death of my brother Andrew DeBeaux he inform-
 ed me that he had found those Grants and that I was
 intitled to a third part of the first mentioned tract of
 Two thousand four hundred Acres under the Will of
 my said late father Now my Will is and I do au-
 thorize, direct and appoint my Executors herein after
 named to expose to sale the third part of the said Tract
 of Two thousand four hundred Acres and also the other
 tract granted to me and that the monies arising from
 such sale be equally divided between my four Chil-
 dren or if any of them be dead their Representatives
 share and share alike according to the proportion their
 parent would have had if living And I do here-
 by give full power and authority for any two or more
 of them to make good and sufficient Titles to such
 person or persons as may become purchaser or
 purchasers of the same.

Also I give and devise all my Negroes and the Resi-
 due of my Estate of what nature and kind soever

and wheresoever being to be divided amongst all
of my Children in equal shares and proportions as soon
as my Estate is free from Incumbrances Subject
nevertheless to the disposition herein after made re-
specting the method of making such division And
I will that the shares that by such division shall
become the property of my Son William DeVeaux
and Daughter Mary be forthwith delivered
over to them by my Executors herein after named
And my will and meaning is that the share
of my said Estate that shall belong to my son
Peter shall not be delivered into his untill his
attainment to the age of Twenty one years And
that my Daughter Margaret's share therein also
shall not be delivered unto her until the day of
her Marriage or her attaining the Age of Twenty
One Years which shall first happen But that
in the mean time the shares of my said son Peter
and my Daughter Margaret shall be kept together
and employed for their benefit by my Executors
on my Tract of Land herein before devised to my
son Peter, if the same be then settled before my
death But Provided the James DeVeaux

same be not, Then the said shares of my said
two younger Children to be employed upon the said
Plantation called Shaftsbury for the term of Five
years within which time I do earnestly request
my Executors to settle the said Tract of Land herein
and hereby devised to my said Son Peter And the
profits arising from their Labor after the defraying
the Expences of the Maintenance and Education
of my said son Peter and my Daughter Margaret
the necessary Expences of such plantation

whereon they shall be employed shall be put out
 all interest or otherwise from time to time laid out in
 the purchase of Negroes for their mutual advantage
 as my Executors in their discretion shall judge most
 beneficial for my said two younger Children And
 it is also my Will and meaning that if it should
 happen that I die after my said son Peter attain
 the Age of Twenty one years, and before my said
 Daughter Margaret attain the said Age or be mar-
 ried that then and on such Event I desire that my
 said Daughter Margarets share of my said Negroes
 be employed on such plantation as my son Peter's
 Negro may be on until she be married or attain the
 said Age of Twenty one years And my further
 Will and meaning is and I do hereby direct that
 my trusty Negro Man named Lincoln and my trus-
 ty Negro Woman named Doll and her Children be
 kept on my said plantation herein before devised
 to my son Peter or on the said Plantation called
 Shaftsbury as the case may happen to be; and there
 work that by their Industry and care they may
 assist to advance the Interest of my said younger
 Children And on the Division of my said Estate
 my desire is that they may be comprized and in-
 cluded according to their value and Appraisement
 in the shares of my said two younger Children
 And Whereas I have lent to my son William a
 negro Woman named Sally and to my Daughter
 Mary a negro Girl called Cloe and a negro Woman
 named Lezia and her Child named Prince Now
 my intent and direction is that those my said
 Negroes or any other Negroes that may be by me
 hereafter lent to my said son William or my said
 Daughter Mary and their future increase sh. be

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be produced and appraised amongst the rest
of my Negroes and make up part of the residue
of my Estate herein before devised and the same
to be divided: Reserving nevertheless to my said
son William and Daughter Mary respectively
the privilege of including those Negroes in their
own shares according to their appraised value.
And Whereas I have already by Deed
given to my son William five hundred acres of
Land and ten Negroes

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which Negroes cost me the sum of Three hundred
and Eighty Eight pounds and also advance to him
the further sum of Ninety four pounds sterling
And Whereas also I have already given to
my daughter Mary the sum of four hundred
and thirty pounds Sterling which said sums
of Three hundred and Eighty Eight pounds and
Ninety four pounds before given to my son
William and four hundred and thirty pounds
to my Daughter Mary, my Will and intent is
that the same be accepted and I do hereby de-
clare the same to have been advanced and to be
in part of their respective shares of my said
Estate and in the division and distribution
thereof shall be considered as such by my
Executors herein after named so that the shares
of my said son William and Daughter Mary
respectively (including the sums before advanced
them) shall amount to no more than the respec-
tive shares of my two other children Also after
my just Debts are paid and before any division
of my said Estate be made I give and bequeath
out of the produce of my plantation called

Shaftsbury the sum of one hundred pounds sterling in building a New Church in the Town of Savannah and for that purpose I do hereby direct my Executors to pay the same into the hands of the Governor and Council of this province for the time being who are to place the same out at Interest on good security until such building shall be set about and then the principal sum and all the Interest that shall have accrued thereon shall be duly and faithfully applied by them for that service and to and for no other use whatsoever.

Also I do hereby manumit and absolutely set free my old Negro man named Lester and his Wife Daphne But Nevertheless I will that they be maintained on such Plantation as my younger Children's share of my Negroes labor on, and sufficiently clothed during their Lives from the profits thereof.

Also my further Will is that before any division of my Estate that each of my Executors and Executrix shall have out of the proceeds a suit of Mourning and a Mourning Ring. And I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my Son William DeVeaux and also my son Peter DeVeaux from and after the time he shall attain his full age of Twenty one Years, Also Archibald Bullock of Savannah in the province of Georgia Esquire and my Daughter Mary his Wife, Also my trusty friends, James Read, James Kofsman and Henry Yonge the Elder all of Savannah Esquires to be Executors and Executrix of this my Will And I do hereby revoke and make void all former and other Wills and Testaments by me at any time heretofore made

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And do declare this only to be my last Will and Testament In Witnesses whereof I the said James DeVeaux have to this my last Will and Testament contained in Seven Sheets of paper fixed together in the Margin and Sealed with my Seal; and to the last Sheet have set my hand and Seal and to every other Sheet my hand only declaring this to be my last Will and Testament the day and year first above written.

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Signed Sealed published and declared by the said James DeVeaux above named as and for his last Will and Testament, in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other of us have subscribed our names as Witnesses thereto —

John Irvine

G Houston

Henry Yonge Jr.

I the within named James DeVeaux of Shaftsbury in the Parish of Christ Church and Province of Georgia Esquire Do make this present Codicil which I order and direct shall be taken as and for part of my annexed written last Will and Testament And which will act all and every the Uses Limitations, Trusts, Gifts, Conditions, Legacies, Bequests, Directions and Appointments therein mentioned, devised, given and contained of and concerning my real and personal Estates therein mentioned I do by this

may be established, ratify and confirm / save and except such Devises, Dispositions and bequests there in mentioned as are by me herein after altered /

Whereas since the making of my said Will I have in this present year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and Seventy four, paid and advanced for my son William DeVeaux to Mess^{rs} Samuel Grove and others the sum of Three hundred and Ten pounds Sterling including the difference of Exchange between this Province and South Carolina which said sum of Three hundred and ten pounds so by me paid lent and advanced I will Direct and appoint to be paid and disposed of by my said son William in manner following, that is to say the sum of One hundred pounds each to my Daughters Mary Bullock and Margaret DeVeaux and the further sum of One hundred pounds to my son Peter DeVeaux to be paid to them together with the Interest arising thereon from the day of the date hereof by my said son William his Executors or Administrators within Twelve Calendar Months next after my decease And in case my said son William DeVeaux his Executors or Administrators shall refuse or neglect to pay the said sums of One hundred pounds to each of my said Daughters Mary and Margaret and my said son Peter in the time and according to my directions here given Then my Will is and I do hereby direct and appoint, that the said sum of Three hundred pounds shall be considered in the appraised Value of my personal Estate as so much advanced for

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my said son William, and to be deducted from
his share of my said Estate in advancement of
my said Daughters and son Peter And Where
as also since the James DeVeau

the making of my said Will I have paid and advan-
ced for my Son-in-law Archibald Bulloch the sum of
Eight hundred and Twenty eight pounds Eleven
shillings and five pence Sterling Money of this pro-
vince for securing the payment of which sum together
with the Interest that may grow due upon the same
the said Archibald Bulloch stands bound to me
in a Bond Or Obligation bearing date the third
day of May in the present Year One thousand
Seven hundred and Seventy four in the penal sum
of One thousand Seven hundred and Fifty seven
pounds, Two shillings and Ten pence with Condition
thereunder written for the payment of the said
sum of Eight hundred and Twenty Eight pounds,
Eleven shillings and Five pence with Interest there-
on on or before the first day of January next 1780
my Will is and I do hereby ^{do} ord^r and direct that
in case the said sum of Eight hundred and
Twenty eight pounds Eleven shillings and five
pence and Interest be not paid at the time of my
death Then the same and the Interest arising
thereon to be divided into four equal part and to
be paid by the said Archibald Bulloch his Execu-
tor, or Administrators within Twelve Calendar
Months next after my decease in manner herein
after mentioned, that is to say, one fourth part
to my son William, One fourth part to my son

241. Peter, one fourth to my Daughter Margaret their
Executors or Administrators and the remaining fourth
to be retained by the said Archibald Bulloch his
Executors or Administrators And in case only part
of the said sum of Eight hundred and Twenty eight
pounds Eleven shillings and five pence and
Interest shall remain unpaid at the time of my
death then such part and the Interest thereon to
be Divided in such parts and paid in such por-
tions and time to my said Children as herein
before directed for the whole And my Will is and
I do hereby order and direct that in case the said
Archibald Bulloch his Executors or Administrators
shall refuse or neglect to pay the parts or portions of
the said sum of Eight hundred and Twenty eight
pounds, Eleven shillings and five pence to my said
Children or such part thereof as may be due at the
time of my death and within the time herein limi-
ted for payment thereof Then that the said sum
of Eight hundred and Twenty eight pounds Eleven
shillings James DeLaure

and five pence and Interest or such part thereof as
may be due at the time of my Death shall be consid-
ered in the appraised Value of my personal Estate as
so much advanced for my said Daughter Mary
Bulloch and such portions of the said sum or so
much thereof as may remain due at the time of my
Death to be deducted from my said Daughter Mary's
share of my said Estate in advancement of my said
sons William and Peter and my Daughter Marga-
ret's shares or portions And I do hereby declare that
my last Will and Testament to which this my bodie

is annexed is my only true last Will and Testa-
ment; and my Will and meaning is that this
Codicil shall be adjudged and taken to be part
and parcel of my last Will and Testament. In
Witness whereof I the said James DeVeaux have
to this my Codicil to my said Will contained in
three Sheets of Paper fixed together in the Margin
and annexed to my said last Will and Testament
G. J. and to the last Sheet have set my hand ^{and seal} and to every
other Sheet thereof my hand only declaring it to be
my Codicil to my said last Will and Testament
and part of the same this Twentieth day of November
in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred
and Seventy four and in the fifteenth year of the
Reign of King George the third.

James DeVeaux (L.S.)

Signed sealed published and
declared by the above named -
James DeVeaux as and for his -
Codicil to his last Will and -
Testament thereunto annexed in
the presence of us who at his re-
quest in his presence and in the
presence of each other have sub-
scribed our names as Witnesses
thereto.

Chas. M. Mackinon
Rich. Davis
Henry Yonge Jr.

Before me George Jones, Esquire
Register of Probates for the County
of Chatham in the State aforesaid

Personally appeared George Houston of Savannah
Merchant, who being duly sworn, maketh oath and
saith, that he was present and did see James
DeVaux of the said County Esquire, Sign, Seal,
publish, pronounce and declare the annexed Instru-
ment of writing to be and contain his last Will and
Testament, and that at the execution thereof to
the deponents belief, he was of sound mind, me-
mory and understanding, and that he the depo-
nent with John Irvine and Henry Yonge Junr
~~or~~ subscribed their names as Witnesses at
the request and in the presence of the said Tes-
tator and in each others presence, and further
the deponent saith he verily believes the name
James DeVaux subscribed to the Codicil annex
to the said Will and dated the twentieth day of
November One thousand seven hundred and eight
four and the name Henry Yonge Junr subscribed
as a Witness thereto, to be the proper hand Writing of
the said James DeVaux and Henry Yonge Junr.

Sworn to this 7th
day of December 1785.
before Geo. Jones

Geo. Houston

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I James DeVeaux of Shaftsbury Esquire do
hereby make this second Codicil to be annex to
and taken as part of my last Will and Testa-
ment. Whereas in and by my said last
Will I have charged my Son William DeVeaux
with the sum of Three hundred and eighty eight
Pounds being the price of ten Negroes I gave
him and also with the sum of Ninety four Pounds
which I advanced him. And Whereas I have
also by my said Will charged my Daughter
Mary with the sum of four hundred and
thirty Pounds Sterling, money which I had
before given her And Whereas in the first
Codicil to my said Will I have charged my said
Son William DeVeaux with the further sum of
Three hundred and ten Pounds, money paid by me
to Mess^{rs} Samuel Grove and others And Whereas
in my said Codicil I have charged my Son in Law
Archibald Bulloch with the sum of Eight hundred
and twenty eight pounds eleven shillings and five
pence, for which I had his bond For all which said
sums of money the said William DeVeaux and
Mary Bulloch were were to be answerable and
accountable to my other Children or the property
given them by my said Will to be liable therefore
Now in consideration of the many losses and mis-
fortunes my said Children have met with since
the making of my said Will and first Codicil these
unto annex I do hereby discharge them of the said
several sums of money above mentioned and the
Interest due on the same and every part thereof
of all other sums of money by me at any time

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paid for them save and except the sum of Two hundred and Fifty pounds Sterling which I paid for my said son William to Mr. Helsall and for which only my said Son William is to be accountable - And Whereas in and by my said last Will I have given unto my Daughter Margaret DeVeaux now the Wife of William Stephens Esquire two several Tracts of Land on Skidoway, and an equal share of my residuary Estate, all which by my said Will she is to hold to her and the Heirs of her Body forever But if she dies without Issue then what I have given her would by my said Will go to my other Daughter Mary Bulloch her Heirs and assigns forever Now my Will is that after the death of my said Daughter Margaret Stephens without issue the property by my said Will given her shall go to her said husband William Stephens to hold to him his Heirs and assigns forever anything in my said Will contained to the contrary notwithstanding In Witness whereof I have to this Codicil set my hand and seal the fifth day of November in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty five.

Signed Sealed Published and declared by the said Testator as a Codicil to his last Will in the presence of us who in his presence and in the Presence of each other have hereunto set our names as Witnesses.

James Chapman

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Before me George Jones, Esquire
Register of Probates for the County
of Chatham in the State aforesaid.

Personally appeared Joseph Welscher of the Town
of Savannah one of the subscribing Witnesses to the
within written Codicil who being duly sworn on
the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God maketh
Oath and saith that he was present and did see
the within named Testator James De Vaup duly
sign seal publish and declare the within writing
to be and contain a Codicil to his last Will and
Testament to which it is annex and that the
said Testator at the execution thereof was to the
Deponent's knowledge & belief of sound and
disposing mind memory and understanding
And further that James Chapman and Mar-
garet Sommeroll together with the deponent
subscribed their names as Witnesses to the said
Codicil at the request of the said Testator in his
presence and in the presence of each other.

Sworn to the 7th
day of December 1785.

Geo. Jones

Joseph Welscher