

In the name of God Amen.

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I Peter Bard of Savannah, in the State of Georgia, being weak, and low, but in perfect mind and memory, foreseeing the possibility of death and the uncertainty when that it may happen, do make, ordain, and publish this my last Will, and Testament, in manner and form following to me.

Imprimis I give and render up my Soul to the hand and mercifull disposition of its creator, and Redeemer; hoping and believing, that however great may have been my transgressions his mercy will still be greater; and as for my body I wish it to be decently disposed of, according to the discretion of my executors herein after named.

Item. I Will and desire that all my just debts, and funeral expences be paid and satisfied, as soon as conveniently may be, after my decease, applying for my Debts, when recovered, then my personal; and then my real estate for that purpose.

Item I give, devise and bequeath to my Affectionate Sister Susannah Bard, a House and Lot, at the Village of Yamacraw, commonly called the white House, to her heirs and assigns for ever; subject to the payment of any Debts, for which the same may be mortgage and no more.

Item I give, devise, and bequeath to my said Sister Susannah Bard, one equal, undivided moiety, of Tract ~~tract~~ or parcel of land, containing about eight hundred acres, lying in the fork of the Great Ogeechee and Canoochee Rivers, of the same I purchase

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from the public. Subject to the payment of whatever sum of money may remain due for the purchase thereof, after applying all the Certificates now in my desk, of whatever kind they may be, and also, all the money that now is or may hereafter become due to me from the State of Georgia, to the payment of the said debt; to be held by her my said Sister her heirs and assigns forever—

Item I give, and bequeath to my said Sister, Susanna Bard One hundred, and fifty pounds sterling, to be paid her, by my executors, as soon as soon as conveniently may be after my decease.

Item. I give and bequeath to my said Sister Susanna Bard, her executors, administrators, and assigns, all, and all sorts of profits, and advantages, which shall, or may accrue to me, as my share, upon a settlement of the Accounts of William Pierce & Co. whereof I am one. And I desire my executors to bring the accounts to a close as soon as possible.

Item. I give, devise, and bequeath to my dear and tender wife, Anne Bard, and to her heirs, Executors, Administrators and assigns for ever, all the rest residue, and Remainder, of my Estate real, and personal, in possession, Remainder, Reversion, or Expectation, of whatever Nature, or kind it be, to be, and remain at her own absolute disposal, without the interference or control of any person, after payment of my Debts as aforesaid—

249. I request my Executors herein after named to use
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their utmost exertion to recover, and receive all debts
due to me, and the concern of Bard & Thompson,
and apply the remainder after paying my Debts,
to the repairing the two houses I have at Yamacraw
and of the ferry commonly called Tubby's ferry.

Item I will and desire my executors to settle my affairs
as soon as possible, & cause a division of the Estate
given by the House of Assembly to John Tubby &
myself to be made upon the terms of equality,
in which he has already agreed I shall have the
brick house at Yamacraw, paying him half its
appraised Value, which I request my executors to.

Item With respect to the Devise above mentioned of the
white House at Yamacraw, to my sister Susanna
Bard, I have and do revoke the same, and give &
devise the same to my dear Wife Anne Bard her
heirs and assigns forever.

Item In lieu thereof I do give devise & bequeath to my
said Sister Susanna Bard her heirs and assigns
forever, a fifty acre Lot, lying, a small distance
from the Town of Savannah —

Lastly, I do nominate constitute and appoint my
Dear Wife Anne Bard executrix, and my worthy
friends Nathaniel Pendleton, & William Pierce my
Executors of this my last Will and Testament, revok-
ing & cancelling all other and former Will or Wills
by me made. In Witness whereof I have hereu
to set my hand this Twenty first day of July, One
thousand Seven hundred and Eighty five —

Signed published and declared
by the Testator to be his last
Will and Testament in
presence of us who subscribed
the same in his presence -

Peter Beard (P.S.)

W. Stephens
John Brickell
N. H. Bugg

Georgia

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

Personally appeared John Brickell of the
County and State aforesaid Practitioner of Phy-
sick one of the subscribing Witnesses to the announ-
ced last Will and Testament of Peter Beard late
of the said County Merchant deceased, who being
duly sworn, maketh oath, and saith, that he was
present and did see the said Testator Peter Beard
sign, seal, pronounce, publish and declare the
paper writing to be and contain his last Will
and Testament, and that at the execution
thereof the deponents belieff he was of sound
and disposing mind, memory and understand-
ing, and further that he the deponent with
William Stephens and Nicholas H. Bugg sub-
scribed their names as Witnesses to the said Will
at the request and in the presence of the said

251. Testator and in each others presence.

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Sworn to this 4th day of } John Brickell
January 1786. }
Geo. Jones

At the same time Nathaniel ^{Pendleton} named an Execu-
tor in the said Will qualified as such.

Given under my hand the 4th day
of January 1786 Geo. Jones

State of Georgia.
County of Chatham

In the name of God Amen I Elizabeth
Stone of the State and County aforesaid being
very infirm in body but of sound and disposing
mind memory and understanding Do make and
ordain
this my last Will and Testament in manner
& form following that is to say First. It is my
will that the Plantation I now reside on known
by the name of Buckland Hall, containing Five
hundred Acres. more or less and in the County afo-
said - shall be in the possession of my Dear Husband
Thomas Stone to use as he thinks best, during
his natural life, and at his death to become the
property of my God Daughter Elizabeth Butler
Maxwell, to her and the heirs of her body forever.
Item, I give & bequeath to my Daughter in
law Susannah Stuart the negroe Women named
Nanny particularly named to me in the Will
of my late Husband James Stuart of the

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