

In the name of God, Amen. I Robert Bolton
of the city of Savannah in the State of Georgia Merchant being of
sound and disposing mind and memory and knowing the uncertainty
of life do make the following arrangement and disposition of my
wardly estate with which Divine Providence hath been bountifully
planned to bless me, to wit first and principally I commit my
soul to Almighty God, in full assurance of a happy immortality -
I desire my executors to have a brick Vault erected for the deposit of
my body with that of my family and friends.

Also I wish paid (if any) altho to my knowledge I have not
one dollar except the debts which may be contracted by the executors,
Robert and John Bolton.

To my dearly beloved wife, who has aided me by her frugality when
poor and comforted me in tribulation when rich, I would freely give
my property at her disposal, but believing it would prove better
to her I make the following arrangement to wit, to my dear wife, for
during her natural life, the house at present occupy in and on
and all the buildings on lots No. 2 and 3 and as much of lot No. 1 as
occupied by the buildings appertaining to said house, together with
all the household furniture, horses, carriages and as many of the negroes as
she may wish to keep about her, also whatever money she may want out
of the annual income of my estate - submitting the disposal (by her will) of
any of the furniture, horses or carriages to such of my children as she may choose.
I give to my daughter Sally, at the death of her mother, the two No. 4 and
No. 5 and as much of lot No. 1 as is occupied by the buildings which
are present occupy and which is intended for her mother during her natural
life which said lot I give to her my said daughter Sally during her natural
life and in case of issue then to such issue forever, for want of issue then to
my next eldest daughter - also the following Negroes to wit Sam (blacksmith)
and Warden his wife with their children Jenny and Sam with the
future increase during her natural life and after her death to her children
but in case of her having no children then the negroes to go to such of my
daughters as they may choose at the time - also the sum of ten thousand
dollars to be paid her as follows, two thousand dollars when she
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arrives at the age of twenty two and ten thousand dollars each succeeding year until she receives the whole sum - but in case of her death without issue before the age of twenty two then the sum above stated to be divided among her surviving sisters and the issue of such as may be dead per stirpes and not per Capita. Also all the furniture belonging to the house that may not be otherwise dispos'd of by her mother - shall be hers at the death of her mother.

1 To my daughter Nancy, I give the lot N: four (with the improvements) in and on ward.

By joining the lots N: three given to my daughter Sally - which said lot N: three I give to my said daughter Nancy during her natural life and in case of issue to such issue forever - for want of issue then to my next ^{daughter} younger who may survive her - also the following negroes George a blacksmith and Hannah and all her children. Also the sum of ten thousand dollars to be paid her as follows two thousand dollars when she arrives at the age of twenty two and ten thousand dollars each succeeding year until she receives the whole sum - but in case of her death without issue before the age of twenty two then the sum above stated to be divided among her surviving sisters and the issue of such as may be dead per stirpes and not per Capita. To my daughter Francis Anne Parker I give the North half part of lot N: one with the improvements (which said half part joins eastward on lot N: two given to my daughter Sally) which I give to my daughter Francis during her natural life and in case of issue to such issue forever - for want of issue then to her surviving sister and her heirs forever - Also to my daughter Francis I give the following negroes Jack a blacksmith - Cudjoe a Boy - Ben & George a woman also ten thousand dollars to be paid her as follows two thousand dollars when she arrives at the age of twenty two years and ten thousand dollars each succeeding year until the whole ten thousand shall be paid - but in case of her death without issue before the age of twenty two then the sum above stated to be divided among her surviving sisters and the issue of such as may be dead per stirpes and not per Capita. It is my will and desire that if my wife dies before my daughter Francis arrives at the age of twenty two that she should receive the interest of her legacy - the death of her mother until she receives the full installment - which

Maintenance and educate her.

To my daughter Rebecca Nimell Bolton I give the south half part of Lot No. one with the improvements for and during her natural life and in case of issue then to her youngest surviving sister and her heirs forever - also give to my daughter Rebecca the following negroes - Joe, Jim, John and Bradman also ten thousand dollars to be paid as follows - two thousand dollars when she arrives at the age of twenty two and two thousand dollars each succeeding year until the whole ten thousand dollars be paid her, but in case of death without issue before that time, the sum before stated be divided among her surviving sisters and the issue of such as may be dead for stripes and not per Capita. It is my wish and desire that if my wife dies before my daughter Rebecca arrives at the age of twenty two, she receive interest on her legacy from the death of her mother until she receives her first instalment, which will maintain and educate her.

To my son Robert I give my wharf Lot No. west of Bull street (bought of M^r. Samuel Niles by Nimell and Bolton and afterwards wholly by myself) together with all the improvements thereon to him or his male heirs, but should he die without male heirs, the wharf and improvements I devise to my son James M^r. Lusk Bolton he paying to the widow or female children of my said son Robert if any there be, two thousand dollars to each that is to say to the widow of my son Robert, within six months after his decease and to each of his daughters two thousand dollars as they may survive at the age of twenty two with interest - which interest is to be applied for their maintenance and education -

I also give my son Robert my half the rope walk in Baltimore (held in joint copartnership with my worthy friend James Beyer) to him and his heirs forever - also my negroes Cudjoe a Cooper and Lou his daughter.

I give to my son James M^r. Lusk Bolton my half Wharf Lot No. west of Bull street and adjoining to the west of the wharf given to my son Robert and bounded east by a half wharf Lot owned by Joseph Clay and bought at Marshalls sales being the property of the lot of John Smith made dead with all the improvements thereon to him and his male heirs, but should he die without male heirs this half wharf and improvements I devise to my son Robert and his heirs forever, he paying to the widow

children if any of my said son James two thousand dollars each that is to say to the widow of my son James two thousand dollars to be paid her in three months after his decease and to each of his daughters two thousand dollars as they may arrive at the age of twenty two with interest which interest is to be applied to their education and maintenance. I strictly

enjoin it on my said sons Robert & James as they respect my memory to enjoy the possession of their wharves in a brotherly manner, giving each other every accommodation in their power - but should they unfortunately be unfriendly and attempt to interrupt the communication with each others property to which it is liable from its present situation I desire the offenders properly to be liable for the payment of any sum not exceeding five thousand dollars to the party injured to be judged & determined by my executors hereinafter named. I give my son James my two thirds of the Yamachewi wharf from the top of the Bluff to low water mark to him and his heirs forever.

I give to my beloved wife during her natural life my plantations in Durham County with all the negroes thereon and with all the improvements and stocks - and her death I give the same to my son James and his heirs forever on condition that he pays to each of his brother and sisters their equal share of the value of said property when he arrives at the age of twenty two years - the property to be valued by my executors or men appointed by them - and at said valuation my son James is to hold said property and pay his surviving brothers and sisters and to be considered as withholding one share for himself.

I give to my son in law John Jackson one thousand dollars.

I give to my nephew Thomas Powell a lot in the Village of St. Gall N. E. to him and his heirs forever and one thousand dollars.

I give to my nephew Robert Powell a lot in the Village of St. Gall N. E. to him and his heirs forever and one thousand dollars.

I give to my sister in law Ann Gibson five hundred dollars.

I give to my cousin Orelis Bolton one third of a wharf lot at the trustees Gardens South of M^{rs} Flynting to him and his heirs forever and I give to my cousin Orelis Bolton the other third of said wharf lot at the trustees Gardens to him and his heirs forever.

I give to my nephew Samuel of Woodstock in trust for his son Bolton one thousand dollars.

I am further to be desired to John Bolton in trust for my affectionate sister
Parchana Howell during her life and after her sons Thomas & Robert Howell
of all the late letter Y bought at Marshall's sale as the property of Thomas
Hill all the clear with all the improvements thereon and also I give to my said
sister a negro boy named Pompey and as her daughter to my nephew Thomas Howell
I desire that two hundred dollars may be distributed among the indigent widows
in this city who are of good Character to be appointed out or approved by my
Wife.

I desire that two hundred dollars be paid to the consumption of the masonry
as soon as the first story of the building is erected provided this same is built
within one mile of this City.

I strictly forbid a publick sale of any of my negroes either for the purpose of
of division or for any other cause if they must be sold they shall choose their
own master.

I desire that title be given to the heirs of Henry Airdington for a forty five
acre lot at Hampstead which I sold said Airdington in his lifetime
should I have more children either male or female after the date of this will.

I desire that they or each of them shall have ten thousand dollars out of the
residue of my estate either in real or in personal property not before bequeathed
which is to be allotted to them or either by my executors but if the residue
is insufficient then the difference shall be made up out of the other childrens
property in proportion to their respective Estates.

All the residue of my real and personal property I may be possessed of
I wish held in one general stock that is to say let the real property be conveyed
and the rents vested in six or eight joint stock of the United States or other
good security upon Bond & Mortgage of real property and the personal property
remain in a stock in trade conducted under the same firm as now exists say
"Robert & John Bolton" and under the superintendence and direction of my
executor John Bolton hereinafter of the profits until his
brother Curtis Bolton arrives at the age of twenty one years when it is my
will and desire that he be taken in as a copartner and entitled as such to draw
of the profits and it is my desire that when my son Robert attains
the age of twenty one years he also be admitted as a partner and entitled
as such to draw of the profits and that

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son Robert, be immediately after my decease taken in the House and counting
house of Robert & John Pollock and be brought up and instructed in the business
of a Merchant, but it is my desire and express direction that neither my own
Cousin Pollock nor my son Robert be admitted into the partnership, until
their conduct and ability they arrive at age should prove their prudence and discretion
entitle them to such confidence the propriety of which measure it leave to be judged
of by my executors and the business be continued by my present partner or partners
the present firm and names whether they or either of them be admitted into the Partne-
rship or not until my youngest child attains the age of twenty one years then the whole of
my ~~estate~~ ^{estate} not before bequeathed to be divided in the most equitable manner possible
one my full and sole at the discretion of my executors amongst all my children
which may be alive at that time or the heirs of those who for some or for part
I should wish my son James be educated at the universities or in this state so as to qualify
him for the study of Divinity or Physic (not Law) but if his mother should not
consent to his going away, my executors are requested to decline it, he must be
consulted at a proper age as to the business he may wish to follow.

I desire that my funeral be plain, there must not be allowed any thing superfluous
among those who attend my friends without desire it.

I give to my son Robert my gold watch that he may have ^{him} time & paper and to
teach him to improve it, also my largest Bible which he must have bound
in six volumes.

I give to my son James my silver mounted small sword, never to be unsheathed but
in a virtuous cause, also my Bible in two Volumes.

So which ever of my sons that way be most inclined to much company and drinking of wine
my portrait strictly enjoining on the unfortunate youth to insert the most conspicuous
place in his dining room, that when he views it he may recollect that it represents
a father who never was intoxicated and whose detestation of that vice should
restrain him from the practice of it - but if neither of my sons acquire this
unjust habit (which way be good) let my portrait remain with that of my wife
and sister in the possession of my daughters who I doubt not will respect the
Image.

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I have directed that my share say ^{one} third of the stock and share
with John Pollock & also the balance which may become my share
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the said John Bolton as before mentioned. I therefore desire that my other
executors should give him only an account of my private account with them and
unless John Bolton should die, then they are to have the whole property under
their direction and to comply with the requisites contained in this will.
Having bequeathed to my son James my two thirds of the Yarmouth endow-
ment I desire that the same may continue an undivided property in conjunction
with my cousin John Bolton who owns the other third and that if my son
James should wish to dispose of his part, the whole shall be valued by some
respectable and disinterested free holders and my cousin John Bolton shall
have the preference as the valuation.

There is real property belonging to the estate of R. & J. Bolton and before
deceased which I desire may be settled to my children giving each an equal share
in the case will admit at the discretion of my executors there & there alike as
they arrive at the age to be entitled to it.
But as this is an undivided property and cannot be sold in separate parcels but
those who wish to sell, dispose of his, her or their part to those whom
the other part or draw lots with my cousin John Bolton who owns one
third and my heirs owning two thirds but it is my express desire that none
of said real property be sold out of my family connection.

I have bequeathed to some of my children's schools of the negroes belonging
to R. & J. Bolton of which I own two thirds now I desire that if my
cousin John Bolton should wish to hold any of these negroes that my
other executors should draw lots for the same and have the negroes valued and
if John Bolton draws them he will pay two thirds the value with intent to the
child they were intended for, or if they are drawn by my heirs then they shall
pay him his one third of said value.

My reason for giving all my Household furniture to my daughter Sally
(at the death of her mother unless she wills it otherwise) is that there is but
one complete set for a house which she is to occupy and it would create
an unnecessary confusion to divide it. I have no partiality for any one of
my children in particular.

It is my wish and desire that in case my son James on his attaining the
age of twenty one years should feel disposed to become a soldier in the
army that he may be admitted and so on.

Robert, under the same condition, being at present unable to determine what proportions of profits arising from the copartnerships, shall be drawn by each or either of the copartners, I have left the same blank and in case the should not be filled up before my death I leave the same to be ascertained and fixed by my executors hereafter named.

Being desirous of having as large a stock in trade as possible I hereby direct that the real estate and profits of the real property bequeathed to my children shall go into the general stock in trade until each of said children arrive at the age to which they shall be entitled to receive their several portions hereby devised and bequeathed to them and each of them and whereas I have provided for the education and maintenance of my children during the life of my wife in case of my death before her, I hereby empower their guardians to draw upon my estate from time to time such sum or sums of money as may be judged necessary for their support and education until they severally attain the age necessary to entitle them to their property provided my wife should die previously thereto.

Should it so happen that any of my children should die without heirs of their body in which event the real property hereby bequeathed to them and devised to descend to their surviving brothers or sisters it is further directed that in case of either of the said survivors dying without issue the property of the brother or sister so dying without issue shall devolve to and be settled in my surviving children and their heirs share and share alike as tenants in common and not as joint tenants.

It is my will and desire that the legacies to my daughters shall be paid out of my personal estate or herein and hereby otherwise disposed of, but should it so happen by misfortune in trade or otherwise that their fund should prove inadequate to the payment, then it is my desire that the same should become a charge on my estate both real and personal.

The legacies left to my friends and relatives (the time for payment of my children legacies being fixed) shall be paid within twelve months after my decease without interest unless my executors should prefer paying them sooner.

The plantation and improvements in the county of Parker which in the preceding part of this will I bequeathed to my wife during life and then to my son James on certain conditions I hereby direct to be sold by my executors to the best advantage at private ^{sale} or otherwise if ^{any} ~~any~~ should it so happen that my private partner John B.

before my youngest child attains the age of twenty one and after the admission of
either of my sons into the partnership I am willing that the
business should be carried on as before directed provided my executors are of
opinion that the surviving partner or partners can conduct it to advantage
any preceding clause to the contrary notwithstanding.

In witness whereof I have this nineteenth day of November in the year of our
lord eighteen hundred and two to this my last will and testament contained in
twenty one pages of paper set my hand and seal in manner following that is
to say to the first ten sheets and to each page thereof I have set my hand
and sealed the same with my hand and to the last sheet thereof I have signed
and subscribed my name and set my seal.

signed sealed published and declared
by the before mentioned Robert Bolton
as and for his last will and testament in
the presence of the three persons whose
names do here under appear to be by them
subscribed as witnesses to the signing
reading and publishing the same
in which several persons did subscribe
their names in the presence of the said
testator and in the presence of each other.

Robert Bolton (H)

The following words say the age of twenty two in page three line sixteen
and in page fourth line seventeenth the word "without issue"
and in eighteenth line the word "say the age of twenty and in page a
fifth line second the word "half" and line seventeenth the word
say the age of twenty two" and in page sixth line fourth the word
from the death of her mother" and in page seventh line eighth
the word "from the death of her mother" and in page ninth
line eighteenth the word "should" being forth inserted.

Wm L Adams Secy.

Benjamin Brooks
In H Hordhouse.

Having by mistake omitted to name the executors to this my last will and
testament, I do hereby nominate and appoint my beloved wife Sarah
& my worthy friends John Polson
Polson, William Waller and George Woodruff and my sons Robert &
James as they severally attain the age of twenty one years, executors of this
my last will and testament, writing my hand and seal this
nineteenth day of November in the year of our Lord 1821.

and I also appoint ^{my} Joseph Habersham as of my
widow's executors

Nathl Adams

Benj Brooks

W Habersham

Robert Polson

Georgia Before the Hon^{ble} the court of ordinary for the county of
Chatham in the state aforesaid personally appeared John
Habersham, one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing last
will and testament of Robert Polson, late of the city of
Savannah Merchant deceased who being duly sworn saith that
he was present and did see the said testator sign, seal,
publish and declare the same to be and contain his last will
and testament, and that he was of sound mind at the time
to the best of this deponent belief and that Nathaniel
Adams and Benjamin Brooks, together with the deponent,
subscribed their names as witnesses at this request and in the
presence of the testator and of each other.

sworn in open court

1 January 1822

Edw. White Clerk

County of ordinary

W Habersham

I do hereby declare to have to my brother Joseph Thompson of
Warren County all my property whatever
Testimony February the 26. 1803.

W^m Thompson

We the under written witnesses certify the above to be the last
intention of M^r. Thompson.

C. Gunn.

St. French.

Le Mercier priest Rector of St. John's Church
Georgia. Before the honorable the court of ordinary for Chatham
County personally appeared the reverend Le Mercier, who
being duly sworn saith that he was present and did William
Thompson late of Savannah Mariner do sign and publish
the foregoing instrument of writing as and for his last will &
testaments and that he was of sound mind at the time of the
last of this deponent's belief and that Christopher Gunn & St.
French together with the deponent subscribed their names as
witnesses at the request and in the presence of the said testator
and of each other.

sworn in open court

5th March 1803.

Le Mercier priest rector of St. John's
church

E. White Clerk.

In the name of God Amen.

I John Rice do make this my last will and testament.
I give and bequeath unto Catherine Rice, Sarah Rice, and James Rice
my children all my estate both real and personal to be equally divided
between them share and share alike and I appoint Catherine Rice my
daughter my sole executrix In witness whereof I have hereunto set
my hand and seal this sixteenth day of May in the year of our
Lord one thousand eight hundred and two.

signed, sealed and delivered in the presence as well
as published or he in the presence of the testator & each other

off in names hereto...

C. Gunn
St. French
Le Mercier

John Rice