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South Carolina Granville County, Hellena River
In the Name of God Amen.

I John Bernice Lord of the Parish and County aforesaid Planting being in sound mind and memory and calling to mind the uncertainty of human life and for the peace and content of my family have made this my last will and Testament, I call my Estate which it hath pleased almighty God of his great goodness to bless me with recommending my Soul to God who gave it trusting to his Mercy in Jesus Christ my Lord for a blessed life of immortality in his Kingdom in Heaven, My body to be buried near my child Margaret by my Executors after mentioned. — First I order all my just debts and Legacies to be paid as soon as it may be done to the Satisfaction of my Creditors. — Item 2 — I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Catherine Devereux Son in Law Andrew & Grandson Andrew Devereux all that tract of land I bought of Miss Libson Wright, with the Orchard of a pine tract of land adjoining the ~~same~~ other laying and being on Port Royal Island and fronting the broad river, where they now Plant to them and the best Male heir born of her body for ever Also, all those Slaves I have delivered them long ago, with their issue to them and their heirs for ever, Also one Morning Ring to my said Daughter Catherine —

Item 3 I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Ann Devereux — all those Slaves with their issue which I long ago delivered to her Also that tract of land I bought of John Gordon called Parmenters with a small part of Scotts tract running through the Fishpond to Mr. Thomas Wiggs land as is run by Mr. Dobarty unto my said Daughter Ann and Granddaughter Ann Devereux and their heirs for ever —

Item 4 — I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Martha Guerard all those Slaves and Stock of Cattle which I have delivered her some time ago with their issue and increase Also, one Thousand Pounds Currency to be paid by my Son John Bernice Bernice at the death of my Wife to the said

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said Martha & her heirs for ever — Item 5. I give
and bequeath my Daughter Elizabeth Devaux all those
Slaves I have — already delivered her with their issue
with the stock, also with the Monies included in a bargain
of Sale of Horse Island sold to her Husband & to her and
her heirs for ever. — Item 6. I give and bequeath unto
my Daughter Bridget Devaux all those Slaves I have delivered
some time ago with their issue. Also the monies that paid
for the lot N^o 4 with the low water lot opposite containing
sixty-one feet on the bay and one hundred and twenty to the low
water, to her and to her heirs for ever. — Item 7. I
give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary the Slaves
following by name Tamar, Tom, Leasar, Cloe, Harry,
Little Rose, Phane, Rachel, Satia, Pedro, Phebe & John
her Child, to her and to her heirs for ever, to be delivered at
the death of my Wife. Also the tract of land I bought of Mr
John Gordon called Scotts, to her and her heirs for ever —
but if she should die before marriage ~~on which~~ a lawfull
heir of her body, then at the death of my Wife, the said Land
to descend to my Grand Son James Devaux, Son of William
Devaux, & him and his heirs for ever. — Item 8. I give
and bequeath unto my Daughter Phebe, Sarah, this Slave
by name following Dinah, Prosperity, Cuffee, Hannah
Dyer, Jemmy, Little Maria Juno, Billy, old Simon &
Lizzy. Also the tract of land I bought of Mr. Beaman Daniel and
Mr. Daniel Blake on Ladies Island containing two hundred
and forty-four Acres lying next the tract my Father gave
me, to her and her heirs for ever — but if she should die
before marriage, at the death of my Wife to descend to my
Son John Bernis Barnwell and his heirs for ever.
Item 9. I give and bequeath unto my Grand Daughter
Hannah Devaux one lot N^o 70 I bought of Mr. Blakewell
in Beaufort Town, to her and her heirs for ever.
Item 10. I give and bequeath to my Grand Son John
Bernis Devaux one Negro Girl named Hannah Pats
Child and her issue to him and to his heirs for ever.
and I give unto my Grand Daughter Martha Devaux
Daughter of William Devaux all my Lattch at the Plantation
called Leeks, with their enclosures. — Item 11

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NOTE 11 - I give and bequeath unto my Son John Barnes my Island I bought of Kinnaway Norton called Warsaw also a small tract of Pine land adjoining W. Andrew Bureau & my Brother, also two Town lots near the Court house and adjoining Bland's lot, and at the death of my Wife all my Lands on Ladies Island where I now live given me by my Father to him and his heirs forever with these Slaves by name following Isaac, Paris, James, Downey, Anne, Pompey, Cyrus, Peter, Silvia, Affee and her four Children, Abram, Rose, young Rose and her Child and their issue with all the Stock on the Island of Warsaw to him and his heirs forever. -

NOTE 12, I give and bequeath unto my beloved Wife Martha Barnwell, my Dwelling house in Beaupre Town, and two lots Nos 5 & 30 and the low water lot opposite them and to her heirs and assigns forever, also I give my Plantation on Ladies Island with the use of my land - I bequeathed my Daughter Mary called Scott's tract during her natural life with all my Stock on Ladies Island also 1307, Plate &c. &c. also my Chaise, Chair and Horses and all my Stock of Cattle and horses on Ladies Island, and half the Sheep on the Island of Warsaw, with the profits of my said Plantation during my two youngest Daughters ~~the~~ unmarried State, also all these Slaves by name following, Winton, Joe, Major & Tolra his wife, Little Thomas, Pat, Betty, Will, and old Tolra his wife, young Judith, Ryner, Sabina old Judith, Sam and old Nanny, with their issue to her and to her heirs, also, big Thomas, with my present crop, when she pays, all my debts and legacies, to be to her and to her heirs forever. -

Lastly, I appoint my Wife Executrix and my Son John Barnes Barnwell to be my Executor & this my last Will and Testament utterly revoking all other Wills heretofore made pronouncing this and only this to be my last Will - Dated this seventeenth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and twenty three Signed with my hand & sealed with my Seal

At the beginning of the hundred and thirty first year of the work master / for ever and, signed, sealed, declared before us -

J. De Saupere
Thomas Mayhew
L. Revere

John Barnes Test. (S)

Codicil made by me and wrote with my own
 hand this twenty-sixth day Nov^r 73. and the
 fourteenth year of George the third glorious
 King, Witnesseth the contents of my estate, to wit,
 If my daughter Mary should die before marriage
 then my Will in her Slave be equally divided
 between her Mother and Phebe Sarah, and if
 Phebe Sarah should die before marriage
 then her Slave I desire may be equally divided
 between Mary, my wife Martha and John John
 Barnes Barnwell, but if it should happen my
 son should die before marriage or under age
 then I give and be my Will his Slave should
 be equally divided between my wife Martha &
 two youngest daughters Mary and Phebe Sarah
 and his Island called Warsaw I leave to be
 sold, and the money equally divided among
 my five married daughters - Catharine, John
 Martha, Elizabeth and Bridget to them and
 their heirs for ever - his two lots and Pine land
 on Port Royal Island to be sold and divided
 so likewise and at the death of my wife I
 give my lands my Father left me, if my son should
 die to be equally divided between my daughters
 Mary & Phebe Sarah she to have what my house
 stands on south part, Lastly whatever my wife
 should have when she dies, her Will to be sold or given
 & delivered, before good witnesses, whether house
 lots, Slaves, Stock, Plate furniture &c. & order to be
 sold and the money divided among all my
 children. And I do by this present ordains in power
 my friends Lewis Thive, John Barnwell, Jun^r,
 Joseph Jenkins and William Waite to sign with me
 seal and take usual Commission divide &

We the following signers
 are witnesses to this Codicil

J. Barnwell
 Thomas Hughes
 Archer Smith

Signed my own hand

John Barnwell Jun^r

December the eighth 1774 ⁽²⁵⁾ Whereas I have lately bought the
Lot N^o 4 situate lying and being in the Town of
Beaufort of W^m Richard Guerard for the sum of 1445
pounds money paid — I do by this Codicil give the
aforesaid Lot N^o 4 to my said well beloved Daughter
Bridget Guerard, to her and to her heirs for ever —
But if she should die without a Child and before her
present Husband, then my Will is that it should de-
scend to W^m Richard Guerard and his heirs for ever — I also desire that what money I shall
make use of belonging to my daughter Phoebe
Sarah, may be paid her at the day of her marriage
out of my Estate — Signed Seal the fifteenth day of April

Anno 1775. —

Signed in the presence of

D. Desauvure

J^r Rhodes

J^r Williamson

John Barnwell

Beaufort April twenty first 1775. —

The true intent and meaning
of the above Codicil is that the above mentioned
Lot N^o 4, shall not be sold during the Daughter
Bridget Guerard's life and in case she survives
W^m Richard Guerard, then she may sell and
dispose of the same at her death and not
before. —

Signed in presence of

D. Desauvure

J^r Rhodes

J^r Williamson

John Barnwell

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South Carolina } By virtue of a subpoena from William
Beaufort District } Gordon Esquire Ordinary.

Personally appeared before me
William Seavance Esq. one of the Justices of the Peace
for the District of Beaufort - the Hon. Mr. Daniel
Beaufort Esq. who made oath that he was
present and saw John Barnum the testator
execute in the within instrument of writing -
John Isaac and I execute the same together with
the above boarders, as his last Will & Testament,
the said John Barnum being then of sound
mind, memory and understanding and that the
above name Daniel Beaufort Esq. Subscribes
as a witness to the execution of the said Will,
is the Defendant here writing and that Thomas
Hughes and Lewis Paines were also present at
and witnesses to the execution thereof & together with
the Defendant subscribed their names as such
in the presence of each other and that Thomas
Hughes and Richard Smith ^{did} also sign their names
as witnesses to the said bequest and that John Phoy
and Sam Williamson were witnesses and subscribed
their names to the two last bequests.

Subscribed in Beaufort this 30th
day of January 1794. before me
William Seavance J.P.

I do hereby certify the foregoing
Will and bequest to be a true
copy taken from the original &
recorded in Book A pages 55 & 56

Ordinary's Office } James Munro
Ordinary Beaufort District