

In the name of God Amen. I Robert Ræ⁵¹
of Augusta in the State of Georgia planter, being weak &
low in Body, but of a sound and disposing mind and memory,
and being well convinced of the very great uncertainty of this
life. do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in
manner and form following - that is to say I give and bequeath
unto my dear nephew James Ræ, of Augusta - my undivided
share of all and every the different Plantations or tracts of Lands
of which I am possessor in Company, with the former different Copart-
nerships of Ræ, Whitefield and Company - Ræ's, Elbert & Co.
or Ræ's, Elbert & Graham. - Together with all and every of their
appurtenances to him the said James Ræ, and his heirs forever -
I give and bequeath unto my dear Brother Matthew Ræ of
the Kingdom of Ireland - all the plantations, Refuges, or
Tract of Land whereon Snow lives in Augusta - and which I
posses by virtue of the Will of my Niece Jane Sommerswile,
deceased - together with all and every the appurtenances there-
unto belonging, or in any wise appertaining to him the said
Matthew Ræ, and his heirs forever. - I give and bequeath
unto the Children of my good Friend Samuel Elbert and Elizabeth
his wife, the eight Negroes which I bought of Joshua Lockwood
of Charles Town, to be equally divided between them at the
direction of my Executors hereafter to be appointed. - I give
and bequeath to Mary Herrick, the use of one Negro Woman
during the life of the said Mary Herrick. - I give & bequeath
unto my good Friends and former Partner George Whitefield, my
Bay Stallion, Saddle and furniture, also my Desk and Book
Case together with all my Books. - I give and bequeath
unto

unto my good Friend and late Partner Samuel Elbert my best Riding Horse, and to my good Friend Leonard Mearns my next best Riding Horse. - I give and bequeath unto my Daughter in Law, Elizabeth Church, my two negro women named Sally and Phillis, together with all their children, when the said Elizabeth Church and her heirs. -

I give and bequeath unto the Children of my Brother James Deas, deceased, and to the Children my Sister Deborah Armstrong, both of the Kingdom of Ireland, all that Messuage or Tract of Land of which I am Possessor, known by the name of Killein in the Kingdom of Ireland, together with all its members and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining, to them the Children of my said deceased Brother James, and Sister Deborah, to be equally divided, share and share alike, to them and their Heirs forever. - It is my Will and desire that my Mullatto fellow named Danist, for his honesty and faithful services during my life, should be emancipated and set free. - I give and bequeath to Anna Johnston of Augusta / Spinster / for her care and attention through a painful illness, with which it has pleased God to afflict me, Ten Cows and Calves, to be delivered as soon after my decease as may be convenient to my Executors, and agreeable to the said Anna Johnston. - It is also my Will that the whole of my Stock of Cattle should be sold, and every thing brought into as small a compass as may be convenient and agreeable to my Dear Wives. - It is my Will and desire

that the Bequest to my dear Brother Matthew Parr, should not take place until after the death of my dear and beloved Wife Rebecca Parr. — I will and request ~~that~~ my Executors to provide Bells and Mourning for my worthy friends and Relations, Mrs Isabella Gubersham, & Mrs Elizabeth Elbert, and as many more of my Relations as they may think necessary. — I give and bequeath unto the Children of my deceased Brother James Parr, and to the Children of my Sister Deborah Armstrong, of the Kingdom of Ireland, and before mentioned, all the residue and remainder of my Estate both Real and personal, as well the Plantations, or Tracts of Land on Savannah River, near the Town of Savannah known by the name of Parrs Hall, an Island in the River Savannah opposite the same, and known by the name of the Little Island, and a Tract of Land on the North end of Hutchinsons Island, of which I lately became Possessor in virtue of the last Will and Testament of my deceased Sister Mrs Jane Sommerswiler, as the personal Estates of the said deceased, yet undivided, and to which I am likewise intitled by virtue of the aforesaid last Will and Testament, & every other parts or parcels of my Estate, to be equally divided & share and share alike, between the Children of my aforesaid Brother James, and Sister Deborah, and their heirs forever.

But my Will and pleasure is that, no part of this my last Bequest to the Children of my deceased Brother James & Sister Deborah, should take place or have any Effect, until after the decease of my dear and beloved Wife Rebecca Parr, whom I wish truly to use and fully enjoy every advantage

arising from the same during her natural Life. -

And as some difficulty or difference may arise respecting the division of my last bequest to the Children of my deceased Brother James Rae and Sister Deborah Armstrong, it is my Will, and I hereby fully empower my Executors, or the survivors of them, (but no others) to dispose of or make Titles to any part or parcels of my Estate, whether Real or personal, and the Product of the same equally to divide share and share alike to the aforesaid Children of my said deceased Brother James, and Sister Deborah, agreeable to my Will on that head already expressed. -

And Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my dearly beloved Wife Rebecca Rae, Executrix, together with my dear Nephew James Rae, my good friend Samuel E. Vert, Leonard Harbury and George Whitefield Executors of this my last will and Testament, hereby revoking and making void all former Wills by me at any time heretofore made. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this thirtieth day of October in the Year of Our Lord, One thousand, seven hundred and seventy nine. -

Rae J.P.

Signed, sealed, published, and declared by the Testator to be his last will & Testament in the presence of us, who in his presence had his request subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

James Goodwin
Thos. Cogbier
Thos. Taylor
A true copy of the last will & Testament of R. Rae recd. certified by J. Goodwin
August 1. 1779. J. Cogbier
Thos. Taylor