

Peter Esnard's Will

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In the name of the Most Holy and undivided Trinity, Amen

I, Peter Esnard of the City of Charleston in the State of South Carolina, being in the human union of the One Holy and Apostolical Roman Catholic Church and at this time infirm in bodily health but of sound and disposing mind & memory and understanding and mindful of the uncertainty of life, do make, declare and publish this, my last will and testament, hereby revoking & making void all other wills by me at any time heretofore made: That is to say,

I give, devise and bequeath all my property and Estate, whosoever and whatsoever the same may be, unto my wife Sarah Esnard, now residing in the City of Charleston, to have and to hold the same for and during her natural life, the term of, and from and immediately after her death, then I give, bequeath and devise the remainder of my said Estate unto our children surviving her, to them and their heirs forever, to be equally divided among them, share and share alike, And it is my intention, that in case any of our children shall have died at any time before the decease of their mother, my said wife, leaving issue surviving her, such issue shall represent their deceased parent in the division of my Estate.

It is my will, and I hereby direct, that the portion of my Estate, to which my daughters may become entitled, shall be strictly settled on them to their own separate use, free from the debts and Contracts of their husbands.

It is my wish, in case the Estate of my deceased father Peter Esnard of the Island of Cuba, shall have not been settled at the time of my death, that my wife shall endeavor with all convenient dispatch to obtain a settlement of my interest therein: That Estate is now in the hands of my brother Mr John Esnard of the Island of Cuba the surviving Copartner, and Executor of our deceased father, and is situate at Habana.

In giving my whole Estate to my wife during her life time, it is with the expectation that she will occasionally bestow such assistance upon our children, as in her discretion may be most advantageous for them, and I prefer confiding this matter in all respects to her own judgment and free will.

I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my said wife Sarah Esnard the Executrix of this my last will and testament

In witness whereof I the said Peter Esnard, have, to this, my last will and testament, set my hand and seal at Charleston on the Thirtieth day of September in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty

Peter Esnard (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the above named Peter Esnard, as his last will and testament, in the presence

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who at his request, and in his presence, have hereto subscribed our names as witnesses thereto, the same having been read in the presence and hearing of the testator, and in our presence

Peter Pordner M.D.

Joseph L. Betts

Richard Potts

Probate before George Buiet Esq. O.C.D. 27th February 1861, at same time qualified Sarah Esnard Executrix therein named

State of South Carolina Charleston County

Probate Court

I do hereby Certify the foregoing pages to be and contain a true and correct Copy of the last Will and testament of Peter Esnard deceased, admitted to Probate and Record in this Court on the day and year above set forth

Given under my hand and Seal of Office
this Sixth day of August A.D., 1877



Macon B. Allen

Probate Judge

Filed in office of the Ordinary of Muscogee County Georgia
this August 8th 1877

F. W. Proctor

Ordinary