

he believes is in the hand writing of the
said Washington; and also saith, that the testimony
to that will, he is informed are not within
this State, and so believes

Shewn to before me 24th Nov^r 1791

Meriwether R.C.

Recorded 24th November 1791

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Augusta December 18, 1791

Respectfully appeared before me James Meriwether Esq. Register of Probate for Richmond County

Thomas Gibbons of Savannah Attorney at Law who maketh oath, That the hand writing of Polly Nickles appearing subscribed to a paper writing purporting to be the Last will and Testament of Thomas Washington deceased. The Defendant believes to be the hand writing of the said Washington having often seen him sign his name.

This Defendant is acquainted with the hand writing of the said Thomas Washington and believes the name Thos. subscribed of T. Washington is the hand writing of said Washington. The other names of Thomas Baskett and Peter Le Poer the Defendant cannot say he is acquainted, he believes Le Poer to have been a Merchant in Charleston. Baskett he knows nothing of J. H. Gibbons

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The said Defendant further saith that the paper writing before mentioned purporting to be the Last will of Thomas Washington

Testament 17th 1771 I Thomas Washington make
this my last will in manner following

First I direct that my wife Charles shall receive
all the Estate real and personal to which I got with her, and which
she was entitled to before my Intermarriage with her - for
her sole use & hers for ever - & the value thereof -
or other property or money as she and my Executors
may agree for which together with the Brick house & lot
purchased for her from Nathl Lindolow Esq - shall be in
lieu or lieu of any dower which she may be entitled to
out of my Estate - Secondly I will that all my
bona fide debts be paid out of my personal Estate
and if that should prove insufficient my Executors
herein after named shall have power to sell any part
of real Estate to the best advantage for the purposes
aforesaid.

Thirdly I will that my Children shall
be entitled share and share alike to the residue
of my Estate real & personal after the attain the
age of twenty one - or at the day of marriage - & in
the mean time I allow four hundred pounds Sterling
annually for their support and education - which I strictly
bind my Executors to be attentive to - the last sum
to be taken from the proceeds of any part of my Estate.

Fourthly that my said Children remain

in the place they now are with their

or any other place that my Executors shall think fit - and
that my Executors herein after named shall make all due
diligent enquiry into & prosecute as far as the law will allow
all persons who has aided or acted in procuring me
since my arrival in this State and more particularly in
this last instance - whose not only my character property &
liberty - but also my life has been constantly exposed with
fidelity - I will not doubt that the consequence

of the misrepresentations and guile made use of on the
occasion to convert my innocence my Executors herein after
named shall every in any manner they shall think fit
Richard Simpson, Alex Mendenham, William Gray
Simpson, Robert Guthrie, James Peter Conway, George
Madewick, Newnham and the rest of their associates
on this fatal occasion - all the qualifications which
they are entitled to in consequence of my decease

Lastly I do hereby appoint my Executors Edward
Belgar - their Sonners - Wm Ashmore & George Walter of Virginia
Edward Penman & Jonathan Carragon Esqrs of St Carolina
Executors of this my last will & bequeath my hand & seal
as before mentioned

Signed & sealed
in presence of
Thos Baskett
Peter de Poole
John Michlenger