

In the name of God Amen, I John Bellairs of the state of S^t. Carolina
a man of health being, but yet under very declining circumstances
of health & remonstrating that it is appointed to all men to die, do
at the same time being of a sound mind & memory Do publish
this my last will & testament in manner & form as following

I commit my body to the dust to be buried in a decent

manner at the discretion of my Executors, and my soul to
God who gave it hoping & confiding in the mercy of God ac-
cording to the provisions and law of that new & noble orthodox
covenant.... And my dying benefit to my dearest beloved
wife & my children severally is that they all be saved walking
of Gods commandments that through riches or pen-
sions we may all be prepared to meet in a better world

Item. As touching the worldly substance which God in his good pro-
vidence has bestowed upon me I dispose of as follows viz.

Item I desire that all my just debts be paid out of my prop-
erty in the Ground or otherwise there be any failure in this but
of that property that my Executors may judge can best serve

Item The whole remaining property I commit I have been to my
Executors in trust to be kept together for the comfort & main-
tenance of my well beloved wife & children & for the education
of my Children I desire that out of this common property all
my single children be appertained off to whom they shall come
of age or marry You are equal to those that are already born
and appertained off

Item I desire to my well beloved wife I give her full legal share of my
possessed property during her natural life & of my perishable pro-
perty three times as much as will fall to the equal appertaining
of any child, and further at her disposal

Item I desire that all the balance of property after the preceding appor-
tion to my wife's legal share of land after her decease be the common
equal property of all my children

Item I best it unto the power & discretion of my Executors to
lend to sell any property that in their judgment the interest of the
state may require... Finally I do hereby constitute & appoint

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manner at the discretion of my Executors, and my soul to
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covenant.... And my dying blessing to my dearest beloved
wife & my children severally is that they all be saved walking
of Gods commandments that through riches or poverty
many we may all be prepared to meet in a better world

Item. As touching the worldly substance which God in his goodness
providence has bestowed upon me I dispose of as follows viz
I desire that all my just debts be paid out of my Goods
now in the Ground or otherwise there be any failure in this out
of that property that my Executors may judge can best appear.
Item. The whole remaining property I commit I have given to my
Executors in trust to be kept together for the comfort & main-
tenance of my well beloved wife & children & for the education
of my Children I desire that out of this common property all
my single Children be left provided off to whom they shall come
of age or marry you do equal to them that are already born
and proportioned off.

Item I desire to my well beloved wife Agnes her full legal share of my
landed property during her natural life & if my posterity be too
many three times as much as will fall to the equal apportionment
of any child, and so even at his disposal.

Item I desire that all the balance of property after the preceding apportion-
ment & my wifes legal share of land after her death be the common
& equal property of all my children.

Item I give it unto the power & direction of my Executors from time to
time to sell any property that in their judgment the interest of the
state may require.... I wholly & solely hereby constitute & appoint
my dearest beloved wife Agnes my true & faithful friend Deb't. to
the execution of this my last will & Testament, Published this 16th of Jan
A.D. 1825 In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal
In presence of John Barker &

John H. Weston

John Barker *John H. Weston*