

to settle and pay off all demands that may
come against me, to take unto their possession
all my books of Merchandise to wit one set of
Books tittled Courteney & Watts in partnership
another my own accounts, & another set of
& Sytle in partnership, which said three sets
of Books are now in possession of William Sytle
Esq. together with sundry goods ware &c. and
not accounted for also sundry Bonds &
notes of mine in his possession all which said
Books my Executors to have properly states &
settled so that Justice may be done to all
my Creditors as far forth as they shall extend
after all lawful debts are duly discharged the
residue of my estate both real and personal
to be equally divided between my loving Wife
Susannah & my loving Daughter Susannah
also a sum of money due me in South Carolina
to be equally divided between them. In witness whereof
I have hereunto set my hand & affix my seal
this sixth day of July one thousand seven hundred
and Eighty Eight making null and void all
former Wills and Testaments or Indemnities of
writing acknowledging this as my only last
will and Testament

Signed Sealed Acknowledged &
pronounced this my last Will
and Testament In presence of
the Subscribing Witnesses
Vincent P. Williamson
William Courteney Esq.

Watts Esq.

In the name of God Amen this first day
of July 1788 I Thomas Searns being in my perfect
sense and memory make this my last will and
Testament first of all my sole unto god who gave
it, and my body to be decently buried at the discretion
of my Executors. first of all I lend unto my beloved
wife Elisabeth Searns all my Estate both real and
personal during her natural life or widowhood
and if she should die before before my Son William
comes to the age of twenty one years for the whole
of my Estate to be kept together until he arrive to that
age, and if my Daughter Elisabeth lives single to have
her place of abidance on the plantation until my Son
William arrives to the age of twenty one years, and if
my wife should die before William comes of age
for her and her children to live on the plantation
with Elisabeth Searns till her decease. It is my Will
and desire after my wife's decease for my Son
William to have my Land, I give unto my son
Joseph twenty pounds in money likewise I give to my
Daughter Mary twenty pounds it is my
will and desire that my Negroes be equally divided
among the rest of my children to wit Thomas, Elisabeth
John, Henry and William. Last of all I appoint my
wife Elisabeth Searns my sons Thomas & John Searns my
executors to this my last will and Testament witness my
hand & seal this 1st day of July 1788

Signed Sealed In the presence of
William Glenn Esq.
Henry Searns Esq.
Elisabeth Searns

Thomas Searns