

South Carolina

Charles Lewis, his Last Will

In the Name of God Amen, I Charles

Lewis of the Parish of Christ Church, in the County of Berkeley Planters
weak in Body but of Perfect Mind & memory (Praised be God) & not being Oblivious
of the Certainty of Death do hereby make and appoint this my Last Will & S
pious & form following Viz. -

First I give & bequeath my Soul into the hands of Almighty God hoping and
assuredly believing the Salvation of it through the alone Merits of my Bly
Lord & Redeemer Jesus Christ & as to the Temporal Estate that it hath by
God to bless me with I give & Every Part thereof to my Dear & beloved Son
Charles Daniel Mary Elias Thomas Sharlot Lucia & the rest of the Children
it shall please God to bless me with Equally to be Divided amongst them &
for them & their heirs & Assigns for Ever -

And to my ^{Wife} Elizabeth Mary Lewis I freely Give & bequeath to
to her the Sole Management & Profit of the Said Estate for the Maintenance
of my S. Wife and Children during such time as she shall Remaine & be
widow and at her Marriage or her Decease which shall happen that I do
kindly and justly my will and Meaning is that all & Every Part of my
shall be Divided amongst my Children Charles Daniel Elias Thomas Mary
Sharlot Lucia & the Rest of the Children it shall please God hereafter
bless me with Equally & by Equall Proportion Nevertheless if I should please
Almighty God to Take to himselfe the Souls of my Dear Children before they are
Either of Age or Maturely or Without Children that I then I give to my S. Wife
Wife & Elizabeth Mary Lewis & to her heirs Executors & Assigns for Ever all & Every
Part of the Estate both real & Personal that I am now or shall be hereafter Possessor
I do hereby Nominate Constitute & Appoint my S. Wife Elizabeth Mary Lewis my
Sole Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament & my Last & Well Belov
Son In Law Robert ~~Adge~~ & Elias Lousin So over So that the Same be duly
duly Executed according to the True Intent & Meaning thereof & I do hereby enjoin
make Void & Contradict all other & former Wills by me made to be Void & of no
Effect & Declare this to be my Last Will & Testament In Witness
of the above Named Charles Lewis have hereunto set my hand & seal this
fifth Day of January fifth Day of January 1729/30

Sealed & Delivered

in the Presence of us
Henry Armstrong
Henry Lewis
William Lewis Junr 29 Jan 1730

Ilem For the Love and good Will I bear to my Daughter
Elizabeth I give her fifty
my Debt are discharged

By his Excellency Robert Johnson
in Chief and over his Majesty's Power
of the Same

To Jonah Collins Esq. & Elias Lousin Junr Esq.
I Reposing Special Trust & Confidence in the Integrity Diligence
& Circumspection of you the S. Jonah Collins & Elias Lousin Junr. Have by
Presents Do give to you & either of you full Power & Authority to Execute the Several
Wishes to the Last Will & Testament of Charles Lewis Late of Christ Church
Parish in Berkeley County in this Province & Decided as shall be brought before you
upon their Several Oaths on the Holy Evangelists Touching the due Execution of such Will
According to the form of the Statute in that Case made & provided & also to Administer the
Usual Oath to the Executors therein named & a Due Return of your Doings hereon to
me to make & Give under your Hands and Seals the Return and Seal of either of you
approbation & allowance

Given under my hand & Seal this
fourteenth Day of July Anno Dom 1732 & on the
Sixth year of his Majesty's Reign
Robert Johnson

Questions

- 1 Did you see the Testator Charles Lewis when Seal and as he Act & Sign Deliver This Instrument?
- 2 Did he at the same time Publish & Declare it to be his Last Will and Testament?
- 3 Was the said Testator of Sound & Disposing mind Memory and Understanding

5 To you See the other witnesses & which of them Subscribe their names after him

The Executors Oath

I do believe this Instrument to be the Last Will and Testament of Charles Lewis
 you will Pay all the Debts and Legacies of the Decedent so far as his Effects will
 the same shall bind you that you will return an Inventory into the Secretary
 of this Province within the Time by the Law Prescribed for so Doing & finally
 that you will in all Things (to the Best of your Knowledge behave your Selves as
 Executors by Law ought to Do

So help you God

Elizabeth Mary Lewis Wd
 being duly Sworn Before
 me as Executor to this Last
 Will & Testament of the Said
 Charles Lewis
 Sworn before me this 13 Sept. 1732
 Thomas Elias Solisfen Junr. (S)

Recorded Sept. 26 1732

J^r James Michie for J^r Hammon & Co.

Know all men

by these Presents that
 I Thomas Snow of the Parish of St James Gospel in Berkeley County and Province of
 Carpenter for and in Consideration of the Sum of Two hundred & Twenty Pounds
 money of P^r Province to me in hand Paid by Joseph Hurst of the s^ad Parish
 County and Province to me in hand Paid at or before the Instaling & Delivery
 of these Presents the Receipt Whereof I do hereby Acknowledge and my Self to be
 fully Contented and Satisfied therewith and with Every Part & parcel thereof
 HAVE Given granted and by these Presents Do give grant bargain Sell
 Alien Enfeoff Convey Confirm Assign and Set over unto the Said Joseph
 Hurst to be his heirs & assigns forever one Serv^t maid Named Anne Caddo
 Lately Imported in this Province and Indented for Years a Negro Woman
 Slave named Bate & all my household goods of Every Kind such as my Bed
 and furniture Dishes Pens Parker Plate Spoones Dishes & all other

Wellsells Whatsoever that I have In Use in my house as also my Working Tools
 in general without Particularizing or mentioning all Which Servant maid
 Negro Woman Household Goods & Working Tools &c. More all of my own
 Property and Purchase before the Instaling her of & are hereby fully & freely
 Declared & pronounced by me the S^ad Property & Purchase of the Said Joseph
 Hurst his heirs & assigns for Ever all Which I the Said Thomas Snow do for my
 Selfe his Executors & Administrators Marant to Make good & Defend against the
 Claims of all manner of Persons whatsoever unto the Said Hurst his heirs &c.
 In Witness whereof I the Said Thomas Snow have Set my hand & Seal
 affixed my Seal this Third Day of August Anno Christi One thousand Seven
 & Thirty Two

Signed Sealed &c.

Delivered before me
 Henry Bruen

Ed. Wesley
 his
 Joseph Anthony
 Mark

Thomas Snow (S)

Rec^d August the 3. 1732 of Mr Joseph Hurst the Sum of Two hundred
 and Twenty free Pounds upon Ac^t of the within named Serv^t maid Negro
 Woman Household goods working Tools &c. & is in full of All Ac^ts whatsoever
 I say Rec^d J^r M^r Thomas Snow

Just
 Henry Bruen

Ed. Wesley
 his
 Joseph Anthony
 Mark