

Box 1 Testament. Be it Known that I Don Francisco
No 6 Dalcourt a retired Lieutenant of the disbanded regiment of Louisiana
a Native of the Province of the same name a lawful son of Dⁿ Stephen
Dalcourt native of France and of D^{na} Vicenta Adelaida Clarior a
native of Louisiana both deceased being in the full exercise of my Judg-
ment and memory which the Lord our God has been pleased to
give me, and believing as I firmly do all the doctrines which our Holy
Mother the Catholic, Apostolic and Roman Church believes, confesses
and teaches in which belief I have lived and protest to die, Order my
Testament in the following form First I commend my Soul to God
and hope that in his divine Mercy he will be pleased to pardon my
sins and grant it eternal rest. I consign my body to the earth out of
which it was formed and leave to the Will of my Executor the preparations
for my funeral. Secondly I order that the forced legacies shall be
paid and that three Masses for the dead be said for me. Thirdly
I declare that I have been lawfully married to D^{na} Sophia Forbes
and that of the children procreated from our marriage ~~there~~ are now
living five they are D^{na} Juana Camila, D^{na} Catalina Sofia, Dⁿ
Juan Federico, Dⁿ Jose Agustin and D^{na} Teresa Laura. I declare
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Sugar Estate Reunion Descada as a reward for the care which she has
taken of me in my infirmities. Eleventhly and to the remainder of my
property present and future by whatever title or right it may belong to me,
and to all my rights and actions I institute as my sole and universal
heirs my said five children Dña Juana Camila Dña Catalina Sofia
Dñ Juan Theodoro Dñ Jose Agustin and Dña Teresa Laura that they
may enjoy them with the blessing of God and more for such is my will.
Twelfthly As all my said children are minors I appoint for their
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and Licentiate Dñ Ignacio Heredia not doubting that both will
execute worthily so delicate a trust and that my children will find a
second father in Morrison. Thirteenthly and in order that all the
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Executors to be in the first place Dñ Jose Gamaud and in the second
place in case of default of the former, Don Juan Bautista Coffini. Four-
teenthly I revoke and annul all testaments Codicils and any other
kind of last Wills which I may have declared before the present and I do
not wish that any of them may have any validity nor force, nor be given
in testimony in judicature or elsewhere, save the present testament
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Matanzas, twenty fourth of March One thousand eight hundred and
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Proved in the presence of _____ Francisco Delcor

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Proved on the twenty fourth day of March one thousand eight
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of Matanzas. Jany 20 1840 qualified by Ed: before Nathaniel Croft Sec: for
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