

Deed of Gift by Jonathan and John Watson

I now declare by these presents that I Jonathan
Drake of the Province aforesaid for the respected
cause of John Watson and Phillis his wife of the
said Province and for other good considerations making
known thereto I have given said John and Phillis his
wife one acre of land being on James Island and lying
by a parcel of land now in possession of the Hon^{ble}
Mullings which said land I do give to said John and
his wife to live on during their Natural life but not
to be disposed of to any other And I do by this Deed
testify that I have said shall have the use of the timber
and produce thereunto belonging with the duty to
build a house on the same And in Testimony hereof
I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 17th day
of August Anno Domini 1719

Signed & sealed in the
presence of

William Spence

Therewith

Deemee of Odia

Jonth Drake

Indorsed thus

4th March 1731

Recorded in the Surveys Office by the oath
of William Spence who was the other

Witness Signs

For Hon^{ble} Hargrave Dep^y Secy

Recorded 2nd March 1731

For M^{rs} Great Secy

The Last Will & Testament of John Drake (339.)

In the Name of God Amen I John Drake of Parishly County in the
Province of South Carolina being of sound and disposing mind
memory and understanding do hereby testify that for the reasons
Demands and Obedience to the said Last Will and Testament in manner
and form following (that is to say) First and principally I commend
my soul into the hands of Almighty God having hopes through
the death of Jesus Christ and Forgiveness of our blessed Saviour
Jesus Christ to have full pardon and remission of all my sins
and to inherit Eternal Life My body I commit to the Earth
to be buried at the discretion of my Executors hereinafter named
and as to my worldly Estate with which it hath pleased God to
bless me in this life I give devise dispose and bequeath the
same as follows

I hereby certify that all my Just debts and funerals
Expenses be paid off and discharged as soon as possible and
in order I hereby certify that all my Negroes Slaves Servants
free goods and all moveables whatsoever together with what
may be remaining in my house at the time of my decease
Except such as shall be expended at my funeral be all sold
and disposed of by my Executors and also that all debts
which shall be standing due and owing to me at the time of my
decease be gotten in with all expedition that may be by my said
Executors And whereas I am so indebted to a certain tract of
land in the Island of Jamaica containing by Estimation Eight
hundred acres be the same more or less which said tract of
land with all the profits and the things thereon built or to be
built was sold and bequeathed me by the last Will and
Testament of my Aunt Elizabeth a daughter of the said Island of
Jamaica and which was sold for five hundred and bequeathed
to my said Aunt by her father John Cuthbertson for what it

There is a Patent upon record And Whereby the
Wills relation Com to them had I do appear and make
known part & parcel of the said Tract of their Debts
and debts and bequeath the said land and every part &
parcel thereof to my Son John Croft to him his heirs
And my Executors Wills and Wills is that the debt of
the lands which shall appear to my Estate shall be the
first payment of what reasonable goods and Chattels they
shall be the first sold and sold not in sum that all
such lands be discharged shall be made void & Committed
by my Executors before my Loving Wife Proberta Croft
and my father John Croft And before by make
Ordain nominate Constables and appoint my loving
brother Edward Croft of Charles Town Merchant and
Charles Vincenty Attorney at Law Executors of the my
last Wills and Testament & I do request in case
of them with all convenient speed be made to pay
my goods Chattels and Effects to the best advantage and
if occasion be to sell for and receive my Just Debt in
order to enable them to pay off and discharge my said
creditors as aforesaid forthwith And I do by my will
is and before by words in that and request my Son
Edward of Charles Town Saddler to be my sole
Guardian and Executor to my Son John Croft during his
minority And before by words bequeath to my
the house Land of Chapin & Whose I now live in my
call the Quantitative to the said John Croft and his
heirs for ever for the use and intent of the said
purpose as aforesaid And I do by words in that and request
my Son Edward to be my sole Executor and to be my
sole Executor to the said John Croft and his heirs for ever
for the use and intent of the said purpose as aforesaid
And I do by words in that and request my Son Edward
to be my sole Executor and to be my sole Executor to the
said John Croft and his heirs for ever for the use and
intent of the said purpose as aforesaid

I Two hundred pounds Current money of this province
and that out of the money arising by such Sale he shall
be Impowered by this my Will to retain in his hands the
Sum of One thousand pounds part thereof for the use
better Support and maintenance of my said Son John Croft
as his Guardian and Trustee and the Overplus that shall
remain in his hands I will shall be paid in to the hands of my
Executors before named to the better enabling them to discharge
my Just Debts and the Overplus in my said Executors hands
I will shall be paid after my debts are discharged to my Dear
and Loving Wife Rebecca Croft to her own separate use and
maintenance And my further Will is that in case the said Sum
of Two thousand five hundred pounds cannot be had for the said
Sons Lot and place that the said House shall be Sold outbargain
To wit at the best Mention be obtained by the said Executors
and that the Sum of One thousand pounds part of the money
arising by said Rent being the Interest of One thousand pounds
shall be applied to the Education and maintenance of my said Son
John Croft to whom I give and bequeath my Negro Boy
named Coo and will that he be put apprentice to the said John
Lawson And further that the Overplus of rent arising by
said Rent of said premises be applied to the payment of my
Just Debts and be paid by said John Lawson into the hands of my
Executors before named for that purpose And the remainder as aforesaid
to my Wife Rebecca Croft to her own use as aforesaid And my
Will is that in case my said Son John Croft shall happen to die
before his age of twenty One years or my said Marriage shall be
shall first happen that in such case the said Sum of One thousand
pounds be deposited in the hands of the said John Lawson
shall be equally divided between the said John Lawsons two
next Daughters there and there alikes in case of their
Mortality to the two eldest surviving Sons of the said John

Summe and in like manner also the sum of One
hundred pounds current money he received out of part
of the said promised promise in case no purchase
can be had In witness whereof I had a
herunto set my hand and seal this 30th day of June
in the year of our Lord 1731 And he hereby revokes
and annuls all former bills and other Writs by him or others
made

Wille Croft (S)

signed sealed published and declared
by the said Wille Croft as and for his last
Will and Testament in the presence of
us who have hereunto subscribed our names
as Witnesses herunto in the presence and
sight of the said Testator

George Colleton
Ann Partridge Esq
Dwain Skadell

In Council 27th Feb^{ry} 1731

Where his Excellency Robert Johnson Esq Governor
of this Province
Personally came and appeared before me Dwain Skadell
and Ann Partridge two of the Subscribing Witnesses of the
within Instrument who being duly sworn on the
holy Evangelists declare they were present and did see
the within named Wille Croft sign seal publish and
reclare the within Instrument to be his last Will and
Testament and that he was at the time of said
disposing mind and memory and understanding to the End of
these presents Dwellings and that they have duly
subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the said In-
strument with the said George Colleton
and the said

Wille Croft

Let now testimony be taken by the said Charles
and Mr Charles Spinkney Attorney at Law

By his Excellency Robert Johnson
Esq Captain General Governor
and Commander in Chief in and
his Majesty's Province of S^t Carolina

To all to Whom these presents shall come greeting

Know ye that On the twenty seventh day of January
which was in the year of our Lord 1731 the said Wille Croft and
Testament of the said Wille Croft as his promise devised
was proved approved and allowed of The said said having
while he lived and at the time of his death was good
right and valid within the province aforesaid by
means whereof the approbation and allowing of his
Testament and the power of granting the Admin^{or} of
all and singular the goods rights and credits of the said
said testator is in respect of reason to belong and that the
Admin^{or} of all and singular the goods rights and credits
of the said testator and his Testament any manner of way
concerning was granted and Committed unto Edward Croft
of Charleston Merchant and Mr Charles Spinkney
Attorney at Law named Executors in the said last Will
and Testament being first sworn on the holy Evan-
gelists of which by the said faithfully to Administer
and make a faithful proper good Inventory of all and sing-
lar the goods rights and credits of the said said testator
to be kept the same in the Clerk's Office in Char-
leston in order to be shown on the first day of
May next ensuing and to be a Just and true
Account Calculated and returned thereof When
thereunto

Thos: Hart Selby

In Testimony whereof I
have hereunto set my hand and
seal this Twentieth day
January in the 11th year
his Majestys reign. Witness
1731 Rob: Johnson

Each of
Thos: Hart Selby

Warrant to appraise the goods of Thos: Hart Selby

By his Excellency Rob: Johnson
Esq: Governor Cap: & Comm:
in Chief: of the
Majestys Province of South Carolina

Thos: Hart Selby do hereby appoint you or any
three or four of you whose names are hereunder written
to repair to all such parts and places within this province
as you shall be directed unto by Edward Craft of Charles
Town Merchant and Charles Smith Esq: Attorney
at Law Esqs: of the said William & Testament of
Thos: Hart Selby of this province deceased who were
any of the goods rights and credits of the said Thos:
and order them within the said parts and places
which shall be shown unto you by the said Edward
Craft and Charles Smith Esq: And there to view and
appraise the said goods being first
shown in the holy Book of Lists of the said Thos:
a true and perfect Inventory and Appraisement and to
bring the same to be returned unto your hands or any
three or four of you in the Exchequer Office in
Charleston

Charleston in order to be returned in a Book the
first day of May next ensuing

Dated the twenty fourth
day of January in the fifth
year of his Majestys reign
Chas: Hart Selby
1731

By his Excellency Rob: Johnson
Esq: Governor

Thos: Hart Selby

Rob: Johnson

2nd March 1731

Witness Thos: Hart Selby

Mortgage Andrew Lomax to Richard Hill

South Carolina

Attestation by these presents that Andrew Lomax
of the parish of Christ Church in the province of said plantations
for and in consideration of a Bond bearing date the twelfth day
of November 1731 Wherein the said Andrew Lomax
himself and firmly bound unto Richard Hill of Charleston
in the province of said merchant in the penal sum of
two hundred pounds current money of the province
aforesaid conditioned for the payment of the hundred pounds
like current money of the said province on the twenty fourth
day of December which will be in the year of our Lord One thousand
seven hundred and thirty two as by the said written Obligation
and Condition doth more at large appear And for the better
satisfying the said sum of the hundred pounds to be paid as aforesaid
have bargained sold and delivered and by these presents
in due form of Law to bargain sell and deliver unto the said
Richard Hill his heirs Executors and assigns two negro men
named Isaac and Jack and One Negro Woman named Maria
To have and to hold the said bargained premises unto the said
Richard Hill his heirs Executors and assigns forever

And the said Andrew for ever his Exors and Admors
 The said bargained promises unto the said Richard Hill
 his heire Exors Admors and assigns against
 all persons shall and will warrant and for ever defend
 by hisse presents provided howsoever that if the
 said Andrew Somers his heire Exors Admors and
 assigns do well & truly pay or cause to be paid unto the
 said Richard Hill his Exors Admors or assigns the
 said sum of five hundred pounds on the said twenty four
 day of ^{January} ~~February~~ which will be in the year of our Lord 1701
 according to the true intent and meaning of the above
 recited Obligation and Conditions for redemption of
 the above said bargained promises Then this present
 Bill of Sale to be void or else to remain in full force and
 effect in witness whereof I have hereunto set my
 hand and seal the fourth day of March in the year of
 our Lord One thousand seven hundred and thirty One

Sealed and delivered
 in the presence of us

Cath^e Fairchild
 William Viper

And^e Somers

Best remembered that on the within written fourth day
 of March in the year of our Lord One thousand seven
 hundred and thirty One the within named Negro
 man Joss and Jacob and the within named Negro
 man Moram mentioned in the within bill of Sale
 as by the above named Andrew Somers delivered
 to the said Jacob and possession of the said Richard Hill
 in the presence of us

Cath^e Fairchild
 William Viper

Memorandum this sixth day of March 1701 personally
 came and appeared before me Daniel Gibson Esq
 One of his Majesty's Justices assigned to keep the peace
 for the County of William Viper One of the Lord's

To the within written Bill of Mortgage or Sale who
 being duly sworn sayd that they were present and did
 see the within named Andrew Somers sign seal
 and as his Act and deed deliver the within Instrument
 of Writing as also the within named the s^o Negro
 to the within named Richard Hill for the use & therein
 mentioned and that he the said William Viper and Cath^e
 Fairchild Subscribed their names as Endorsers there
 Daniel Gibson

24th March 1701

Recorded

Char^e Hart Secy

Commission to Robert Wright Esq for Chief Justice

South Carolina

Right Excellent Robert Johnson
 Esq Capt. General Govern^r & Commander
 in Chief in over this Province

To Robert Wright Esq

Whereas his most S^o Majesty by his royal
 Letters Patent bearing date at St. James the thirtieth day
 of November One thousand seven hundred and thirty
 in the fourth year of his reign hath been graciously
 pleased to require and authorize me forthwith to cause
 Letters Patent to be made the seal of this his Majesty's
 Province of South Carolina for constituting and appointing
 You the said Robert Wright Chief Justice of and in his
 Majesty's Province To hold Exors and enjoy the
 said Office during his Majesty's royal pleasure and
 your residence within the said Province together with
 all and singular rights profits privileges and

Thomas M'Johnson

In Testimony whereof I
have hereunto set my hand and
Seal this Twenty seventh day
January in the 11th year
his Majesty's reign. London

Esch'd

Chas. Hart Secy

1731

Rob^t. Johnson

Warrant to appraise the goods of Aik (Coff)

By the Epistonomy Rob^t. Johnson
Esq^r Governor Cap^t & General
in Command in Chief of the
Majesty's Province of South Carolina

These are to be shew'd and appoynt you or any
three or four of you whose names are hereon do wishen
to repair to all such parts and places within this province
as you shall be directed unto by Edward Craft of Charles
Town Merchant and Charles Smith Esq^r Attorney
at Law Esqs of the said William and Testament of
Aik Esq^r Executor of the said province's debts. Wherein
any of the goods rights and credits of the said Aik
are or do remain within the said parts and places
which shall be shew'd unto you by the said Edward
Craft and Charles Smith Esq^r and there to view and
appraise the said goods being first
shown in the holy Evangelists of Almighty God to make
a true and perfect Inventory and appraisement and to
cause the same to be returned unto your hands or any
three or four of you in the Secretary's Office in
Charles Town

Charleston in order to be returned me before the
first day of May next ensuing

Dated the twenty seventh
day of January in the fifth
year of his Majesty's reign

Chas. Hart Secy

Or any three or four of you
By his Epistonomy Command

Rob^t. Johnson

Chas. Hart Secy

2d March 1731

Received Chas. Hart Secy

M^d to pay Andrew Linnor to Richard Hill

South Carolina

It is now all men by these presents that Andrew Linnor
of the parish of Christ Church in the province of South Carolina
for and in consideration of a Bond bearing date the twelfth day
of November 1731 wherein the said Andrew Linnor
was held and firmly bound unto Richard Hill of Charles Town
in the province of South Carolina in the penal sum of
two hundred pounds Current money of the province
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