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In the Name of God amen, I James Bean of the City of Charleston in the State of South Carolina, being weak of Body and in ill health but blessed be God of Sound mind memory and understanding do hereby make this my last Will and Testament. In primer I return my Soul to Almighty God who gave it hoping for the General Resurrection.

I Item It is my wish and desire to be decently buried

I Item I do hereby bequeath unto my friend John Drayton my three children Jane, James and Susan, they being Slaves, In trust that he will permit them to work out and support themselves, they paying him the yearly hire of one paper cow - further that the said John Drayton will never molest or trouble them if they so pay the yearly hire aforesaid, But if the law will not permit them to reside in the State of South Carolina - then it is my will and desire that they shall become the property of the said John Drayton until my Executor hereafter named shall have an opportunity to remove them out of the State, when they shall be free.

I Item I give all my property to my children.

I Item I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint Captain Robert A. Butler and My Executor.

Witness my hand and seal this fifteenth day of December anno Domini Eighteen hundred and thirty six

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of us, who have hereunto in the presence of each other and in the presence of the Testator (this with having been read to him) signed our names as subscribing witnesses.

Thomas J. Sweeney Leodee Lubbin Charles C. Sweeney

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James ^{to} Dean (L.S.)
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Thomas Bullocky Luther Lickin Charles C. Snodgrass

62^d I came before Thomas Lister Esq. on the twenty seventh day of December
one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven. At the same time before
J. L. Robert Butler Esq.

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W. 39 The State of South Carolina. I Arthur Middleton of Charleston in the State
aforesaid planter, do make my last Will and Testament in manner following
that is to say: I give devise and bequeath all my Estate, both Real & Personal, ^{what}
~~estate~~ nature or kind soever, remaining after payment of my just debts to my
Wife Alicia H. Middleton, to have hold and enjoy the same for and during her
natural life with power to dispose of a part thereof absolutely by her last Will
and Testament, as hereinafter mentioned, and after the death of my wife
I give devise and bequeath the same to my sons Nathaniel Russell Mid-
dleton and Ralph Izard Middleton, their heirs, Executors Administrators
and assigns; to be equally divided between them, share and share alike
subject nevertheless to the charges hereinafter mentioned. I give and
Bequeath to my Grand Son Arthur Middleton the sum of Two thousand
Dollars, to be paid without interest by my said sons, in equal shares out of
the Estate herein before bequeathed to them as soon as it is out of debt. It
is my devise to secure to my daughter Ann M. Middleton a competent
provision for her maintenance after the death of her Mother, I therefore
authorize and empower my wife to leave to my daughter, by her last Will
and Testament, so much of the Estate hereinafter before devised and
bequeathed to her, as added to the legacy bequeathed to my daughter by the
late Mr Hopson of London, and out of it