

Carolina Commission of Division for the Estate of
John Pendarvis Deceased

By his Excellency Robert Johnson
Esq. Governor and Commander in Chief &
on his Majesty's Province of Carolina
Ordinary of the same

To Ralph Izard William Bull Richard Butler
Rich. Allen and Thomas Cooper Esqrs

Whereas Joseph Pendarvis Joseph Asafort
and Mary his Wife Claimers of all and singular the
Goods Chattels and Credits of John Pendarvis late of
Barbours County Palmetto deceased Slave by their
Petitions to me) Set forth that a Commission of
Distribution here before issued Directed to Ralph
Izard William Bull Esqrs and to Samuel West
Richard Butler and Thomas Eliot equally
to Share, allot and Divide the personal Estate
and Effects of of the said John Pendarvis deceased
The Accounts of the Administration being
first duly settled Which they were thereby
empowered to do, and to make all such allowances
according to Law for the use of the Several parties
Who were to Share and partake of the same
according to their several and respective Interests
but by reason of the long sickness of the said
Joseph Asafort, and Joseph Pendarvis
and of the sickness and death of Samuel West
and Thomas Eliot Two of the Commissioners
Who were most acquainted with the affairs
of the said John Pendarvis deceased and the said
Estate being very long tedious and intricate
there hath been no return hitherto made

That The Petitioners to take away all suspicion
of any undue delay in them in settling the said
Estate long since delivered up the specific Legacies
and have paid of their due Legacies and debts of
the Deceased out of their own proper Estate so
that no Person has any Interest to receive
thereout or is in any wise concerned in the Estate
of the said John Pendarvis but themselves
That the Accounts are now prepared and
ready to be adjusted and thereby humbly praying
that a New Commission might be directed
to such Persons as I should think fit for
adjusting the same and making a Distribution
thereof according to the Several Shares and Interests
therein and therefore prayed That I should
Nominate and appoint proper persons for
that purpose Therefore Resolving
Special Trust and confidence in you the said
Ralph Izard William Bull Richard Butler
Richard Allen and Thomas Cooper Do
hereby Authorize and Empower you or any
three of you to View and appraise and Value
and equally to Share divide and allot the
personal Estate and Effects of the said John
Pendarvis the Accounts of the said Administration
being first duly settled (Which you are hereby
empowered to do and to make all such allowances
according to Law) for the use of the Several parties
Who are to Share and partake of the same
according to their several & respective Interests
therein and to cause the same to be returned
into the Secretary's Office of this Province

Under your hands or any two of you in order
to be returned here before the first day of
September next ensuing.

I W^m under my hand
and the Great Seal of his
his Majesty's Province this
Seventeenth day of May in the
year of our Lord 1732 and in the
fifth year of his Majesty's reign

(M.S.)

Rob^t Johnson

19th June 1732

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The Last Will of Jonathan Collings

In the name of God. Amen
Jonathan Collings of Charles Town in the
Province of South Carolina, Merchant being
sick and weak of body but of sound and disposing
mind and memory do give be give for this same I do
on a he and ordain this my Last Will & Testament
in manner and form following (That is to say) first
I recommend my Soul into the hands of

Almighty God hoping that through the satisfaction and merits
of my only Saviour and Dear Redeemer Jesus Christ to have
full and free pardon of all my Sins and to inherit Eternal
Life my body I do commit to the Earth, there to be buried at the
Discretion of my Executors hereafter named and as touching
such Temporal Estate as it hath pleased God to bestow
upon me I give and dispose thereof as follows

Imprimis I Will that all my Just Debts and
funeral Expenses be first paid, and Discharged

Item I give and bequeath to my Son Jonathan Collings
his Executors, Tutors and Assigns power Two Negroes
Tom and Tony

Item I give and bequeath unto M^r Edmund Holland
One Slave of my service

Item I give devise and bequeath unto my Dear Wife
Sarah Collings for and during the Term of her Life the
use of all the Real and personal Estate both real and personal
Whatsoever and Wheresoever to man, his, herself and
Children And I do hereby Give full power and authority
unto my said Wife by Will or otherwise to give and
dispose of the same among her Children at such times
and in such manner as she shall think fit and for
Want of such Disposition I give and devise my said
real and personal Estate after her decease unto my Dear
in Law Mary Douglass my Son in Law John McClellan
my Son Jonathan Collings and my Daughter Sarah
Collings and the Child Whosoever my Wife in
Now Enant to their heirs and Assigns for ever equally
to be divided between them Share and Share alike
And in case of the death of any of the said Children
I will that their survivors and their heirs have &
Enjoy their Shares and Justlyly Permitted &
appointed