

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

GIVEN under my hand  
and the Great Seal of this  
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.)

Robt. Johnson

19<sup>th</sup> 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) firstly  
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<sup>r</sup> 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

Appoint my said Wife Sarah Collings Sole Executrix  
of this my said Will and Testament and also Guardian  
of my said Children hereby revoking all former  
other Wills by me at any time heretofore made  
and do publish and Declare this to be and stand  
as and for my said Will and Testament In  
Witness Whereof I have to this my said Will  
Testaments set my hand and Seal this eleven tenth  
day of August in the year of our Lord 1727

Signed Sealed published and  
Declared by the above  
Named John Collings  
as and for his said Will &  
Testament for the presence  
of us Who have Subscribed  
our Names as Witnesses  
In the presence of the  
Testator

Anthony Pickens  
Robert Hume  
John Croft

By his Excellency Robert Johnson Esq  
Governor  
12 Feb. 1734

Personally came and appeared before me  
John Croft and Robert Hume two of the Witnesses  
to the above Instrument who being sworn on the  
holy Evangelist of Almighty God Declared they were  
promb and see that above and Within named

Jonathan

Jonathan Collings Signed and published in and  
the within Instruments to be his said Will and  
Testament and that he was at the same time  
of sound and disposing mind memory and understand-  
ing to the best of the Deponents knowledge and  
these Deponents say they severally Subscribed  
their Names as Witnesses thereto in the said  
Testators presence together With the other  
Witness Anthony Pickens

Robert Johnson

at June 1732

Recorded  
for

Commission to Mr. Grisset for Collector  
of New York

We the Commissioners  
for managing and causing to be Levied and Collected  
his Majesty's Customs Subsidies and other Duties  
in that part of Great Britain called  
England have by authority of the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
The Lords Commissioners of his Majesty's  
Treasury and in pursuance of his Majesty's Commission  
under the Great Seal of Great Britain to Us in that  
behalf Deputed and Impowered and do here by  
Depute and Impower Peter Grisset to be Collector  
to be

To be Collector and visiting Surveyor of all the  
 Rates duties and impositions arising and  
 growing due to his Majesty's Majesty Benjamin  
 South Carolina in America By  
 His Majesty's Letters under the Great Seal of Great  
 Britain Whereof he hath the power to enter  
 into any Ship Bottom Boat or other vessel  
 as also into any Shop house Warehouse Kitchen  
 or other place Whatsoever to make Diligent visit  
 any Tunn Chests Packs Case Traps or any  
 other Parcel or Package Whatsoever for  
 any goods Wares Merchandizes prohibited  
 to be imported or exported: Whereof the Customs  
 or other Duties have not been duly paid and the  
 same to deliver to his Majesty's use, And also to  
 put in Execution all other the lawful powers  
 and authorities for the managing or collecting  
 the said duties in all things providing as  
 the Law directs Hereby praying and  
 requiring all and every his Majesty's  
 Officers and Ministers and all others whom  
 it may Concern to be aiding and assisting to  
 him the said Collector in all things as he  
 shall think fit to be done and do  
 at the Custom house London the first  
 day of July in the fifth year of the reign of  
 our Sovereign Lord King George  
 the second Anno Domini 1731



Security is given

Witness my hand and seal  
 at June 1732  
 George

South Carolina

Dep'ty Surveyor General of the Province of South Carolina  
 To all to Whom These presents shall come James St John Esq Surveyor General of the Province of South Carolina Sends Greeting  
 Whereas our Gracious and Gracious Lord King George the second by his Commission bearing date the twenty second day of March in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and thirty and in the fifth year of his said Majesty's reign Did nominate constitute and appoint the said James St John to be Surveyor General for the measuring Surveying and setting out of Lands in that part of his Majesty's Province of Carolina called South Carolina And to do Execute or perform by himself or his sufficient Deputy or Deputies all things whatsoever which belong to the said office of Surveyor General and to receive and take all fees Perquisites profits and advantages whatsoever thereunto incident or appertaining as by the said Commission appears Now know ye that the said James St John being much considering in the Care diligence and fidelity of Benjamin Whitaker of the Province of South Carolina hath constituted Deputee and appointed the said Benjamin Whitaker Esq to be Deputy Surveyor General for the measuring Surveying and setting out of Lands in that part