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State of South Carolina. In the name of God. amen
I. Lawrence Benson. In the City of Charleston and State of South
Carolina, Merchant being in an infirm State of Health of
Body but of sound and disposing mind memory and understand-
ing. Praise be to God for the same. do make and declare this
my last Will and Testament. in manner and form. Following
that is to say. I give grant and devise unto my beloved
wife Isabella C. Benson. All that my dwelling House, Land
and Hereditaments with the appurtenances, situate, lying and being
on the north side of George Street present number 26 in the City
of Charleston and State as aforesaid, and now occupied by my-
self to hold, use, occupy and possess the same. In and during the
term of her natural life. And afterwards the said Property to be equi-
ly divided among my lawful Heirs; and I do will order and
direct that my Executors herein after named or the Survivor of them
Do and shall as soon as convenient after my death, pay and
discharge all my lawful and just Debts, Funeral expences, charges
of giving this my Will out of my personal Estate and effects and
call in and receive all such debts as shall be due or owing to
me. And after my decease also to receive from time to time rent, in-
terest, and dividends, on Bank Stocks, and pay apply and dispose
of the same or a sufficient part thereof towards the maintain-
ance, ^{support of my said wife Isabella C. Benson and her} education and support of my ^{children} ^{and the maintenance} Then the money
so to be unapplied, place the same upon Government or other good
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ance, education and support of my Children ^{the maintenance} then the monies
so to be unapplied, place the same upon Government or other good
and sufficient security in such manner as they shall think proper. Wherein
I have provided for my said dear and loving wife, Isabella C.
Benson, for the term of ~~her~~ natural life as aforesaid now in token
Love and affection I have and bear for and towards my said wife
I give and bequeath to her all the Plate Silver China &c.

Goods, and Furniture of all kinds which shall be in my dwelling House at the time of my death. All the remainder of my real and personal Estate of what nature or kind soever I give, devise and bequeath after all my just and lawful debts is paid and discharged unto my said Wife Isabella C. Benson and my two Sons Lawrence Slater and Charles Fastbender. and to such other Child or Children as I shall have living at that my said Wife may be enient with at the time of my death the same - Equally to be divided amongst them when the youngest of my said Children shall live to attain her, her respective age of twenty one years and their Heirs and Assigns for ever. - And I do hereby nominate, constitute appoint Joseph A. Winthrop Esq. and Rev. John Backman Executors of this my last Will and testament. And I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my said Wife Isabella C. Benson as long as she shall continue my Widow and no longer together with my said Executors Guardians of my aforesaid Children. Accordingly hereby revoking and making void all former Will and testaments at any time heretofore by me made, and do declare this to be my last Will and testament. In witness ^{whereof} I the said Lawrence Benson have hereunto set my Hand and seal this fifth of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty and in sixty fourth year of this united States of America Independence
 Law Benson L.S.

Signed, sealed declared and published by the above named Lawrence Benson as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence have subscribed our names to the foregoing and to the attestation hereunto.

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Lawrence Benson as and for his last will and testament in the
presence of us who at his request and in his presence have sub-
scribed our names as witnesses thereto. Attest. B. F. McHenry,
Richard Bell, Peter M. Chancy.

Proved before Tho. Leche Esq. C.C.J.D. on the 2nd day February
1841 and on the 5 February 1841 qualified Joseph A. Winthrop, Executor

Box 7 The State of South Carolina. In the name of
God Amen