

In the name of the most Holy Trinity, Amen

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N. 18 I, Marie Anne Sophie Brunet, lawful daughter of Francois Brunet & of
Marie Anne Bouchae Widow of Mr Jean Baptist Benoist who died
in this City aged sixty three years, being now in good health and of
sound judgment, thanks to Providence, but in contemplation of death
& in fear of being surprised thereby, wish to put my affairs in order,
with the particular intention of leaving at my death no subject of dispute
between my Children with respect to the division of the Property which
I may leave them & I ardently desire that they may always preserve
among them that peace & union which paternal friendship must gua-
ranty. First I recommend my soul to God & beg him to receive it in
his Holy Mercy. I revoke all Wills, or Codicils which I may have made
heretofore & I declare that this one contains my last will. On this
day my property consists of a House situated in Meeting Street N. 188 -
of another House situated in Wall St N. of a Slave named Isidore
of another Slave named Adeline, of the sum of fifteen hundred
dollars which are let at interest of six per cent to my son in Law, Mr.
Floreal Petit & for which he has given me his obligation. Moreover I
possess in France a house situated at La Rochelle, Rue St. Claude N. -
near port Mobe, Parish of St. Nicolas - I beg my Executor herein after
named to cause to be sold in as short a time as possible & to the best
advantage of my Estate, my houses as well those situated here as that
which is in France & to convert into money (realiser) all that may belong
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after the payment of my debts if there be any: and it is my will &
I order that the net proceeds of the said property, whether real or
personal shall be divided by equal portions among my three Chil-
dren Sophie Benoist wife of M^r. Petit, Achille Benoist and
Zellia Benoist wife of M^r. Whiting under the express condition that
the portion accruing to the latter shall be invested either in Bank
stock or in real Estate in the special Name of my daughter Zellia
wife of M^r. Whiting by such means & in such a manner that in no
case shall the said M^r. Whiting have any right to this sum what-
ever it may be and that in case the said Mrs Whiting should die
without issue or that her issue should die without posterity the said
sum shall revert wholly to my other Children or to their heirs.

I leave confidently to my executor the care & causing this special
clause to be executed in a manner conformable to my express Will -

With respect to my two Slaves, I will that they shall have no other
masters or mistresses than my Children and that after ten years of ser-
vice reckoning from the day of my death they shall be considered
to be free provided that (moyennant que) the negro Isidore pay

The sum of four hundred & fifty dollars (\$450) and that the
decease Adeline (may) the sum of two hundred & fifty (\$250) dollars
which two sums shall be divided by thirds among my three
children or their heirs & conformably to the restriction aforesaid
relative to the portion accruing to Lillia or to her children the
net proceeds of the hire of the said slaves during the ten years
shall be divided among my three children or their heirs without
restriction - I desire that my cloaths & wearing apparel be
divided among my two daughters Sophie & Lillia - I appoint
for the execution of the will expressed in the present testament
M^r. Francis Duquerecon Merchant of this City hoping that
by reason of our old acquaintance he will be pleased to do me
this last service - Done in Charleston & written by me on the
30th September 1831 J. Bt. V^e Benoist

John Maxton, Angus Stewart, & Alex^r. Johnston
proved before Tho^s. Leitch Esq. O.C.T.D. on the 9 February 1841
and on the 18 March 1841 ^{qualified} ^{advised} A Benoist with will annexed
Renunciation of the Executor filed with the original Will

✓ The State of South Carolina. In the name of God
x 7 Amen. I Frances R. Kershaw of Charleston in the State aforesaid
22 said, Widow, do declare the following to be my last Will and
Testament. after the manner of a single person