

72 1841 and on the 5 February 1841 qualified Joseph A. Winthrop, Executor
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Box 7 The State of South Carolina. In the name of
19 God. Amen. I, Susannah Witter of John's Island in the
parish of St. John Colleton in the State aforesaid, being of sound
and disposing mind, and being desirous of settling my worldly
affairs while I am able so to do, do make this my last Will
and testament in manner and form following, that is to say.
Imprimis, I will and direct that my Executor herein af-
ter named shall pay all my just debts, as well as the expenses
attending my funeral as soon after my death as practicable
I give and bequeath unto Mary, Julia, William, Eliza-
beth and Joseph Legare Stevens, the children of my friend and
vizt. Rose Julietta, Joanna Larina, Susannah, Smart, Jimmy,
Robert and Isaac, together with such issue and increase
as the females may have at the time of my death to them their
executors administrators and assigns for ever, to be divided equally
among them share and share alike; I term, I give and bequeath
unto Samuel N. Stevens of Charleston my two faithful servants
Venus, and Nancy together with such issue and increase as they
may have. In trust nevertheless that he the said Samuel

Stevens my heirs, executors and administrators, shall provide for and shall work out during the term of their natural lives, and for that purpose shall furnish them with the necessary authority to make them do so, receive their wages, and after deducting the amount of their taxes as well as such expenses as may be incurred for them to pay over the balance remaining of said wages to my said servants for their support and maintenance, and I recommend to the special care and protection of my said trustee my said servants as a return for their fidelity and attachment to me during my life.

Item, it is my will and desire and I do hereby direct that my Executors herein after named shall dispose of all my real Estate and the rest and residue of my personal Estate not herein specifically bequeathed at private sale and that they apply the proceeds arising from the sale of the said real and personal Estate in the payment of the Legacies herein after bequeathed and to and for the purposes herein after mentioned. Item I give and bequeath unto Samuel N Stevens of Charleston the sum of One thousand dollars In Trust that he invest the said sum in Bank stock or other public securities as may appear to him most advantageous and that he receive the dividends or interest or both arising therefrom and invest the said interest or other stock and so continue to do from time to time as the said dividends or interest or both shall become due, until Claudia Holmes the daughter and only child of my deceased nephew Isaac Holmes Holmes shall attain 18

daughter and only child of my deceased nephew Isaac Keith
Holmes shall attain the age of twenty one years or be married
and then on the happening of either contingency to pay over the
said sum of One thousand dollars together with such dividends or
interest as both as may have accumulated thereon unto the said
Claudia Holmes freed from all trusts: Provided, however that
if the said Claudia Holmes should need the same for her educa-
tion (of which necessity my said trustee shall judge) that the
said dividends or interest or both or such portion of it as he may
deem necessary for that purpose be applied by him to the same, and
that the principal as well as such interest if any as may remain
after paying for her education be paid to her at the period herein be-
fore mentioned. Item. I give and bequeath unto the said Samuel
N. Stevens the sum of Fifteen hundred dollars. In trust that
he invest the said sum in the same manner as is directed
by me in the foregoing trust and that he receive the dividends or
interest or both arising therefrom and invest the same in other
stocks and so continue to do from time to time as the same shall
become due until Thomas H. Thayer and Cordes Thayer the sons
of my deceased niece Martha Susannah Thayer shall attain the
age of twenty one years and then that my said Trustee pay over to
the said Thomas H. Thayer and Cordes Thayer in equal proportion
the said principal sum as well as the dividends or interest or both
thereon accumulated as they respectively shall attain the age of
Twenty one years: and I do hereby certify that the said

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the said Thomas H. Thayer and Cordes Thayer in equal proportions
the said principal sum as well as the dividends or interest or both
thereon accumulated as they respectively shall attain the age of
Twenty one years: and I do also hereby empower my said trustee
should it be necessary (of which he is to be the judge) to apply the
said dividends or interest or both or such part thereof as he may
deem necessary to the education of the said Thomas H. Thayer

Order, Trayer as I have directed in the foregoing trust and that he pay me the said Principal sum as well as such dividends, interest or both if any as may be remaining after paying for their education until the said cestui que trusts as they respectively shall attain the age of twenty one years: And should either of the said Mothers die before me or surviving me, die leaving issue before attaining the age of twenty one years, then the share of such parent, so dying to such issue as he shall leave living at the time of his death and should either die without issue before attaining the age of twenty one years, then the share of such deceased Mother to the Survivor. Item, I give and bequeath unto Valeria Rosilin, Matella C. Cecelia Caroline, Clelia and Sarah Jane the Children of my niece Jane Eliza Rivers the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars to be equally divided among them share and share alike. Item, I give and bequeath to Ann Eliza, Susan Jane, and James Hanscomb Holmes the Children of my deceased nephew James W. Holmes the sum of fifteen hundred dollars to be equally divided among them share and share alike.

Item, I give and bequeath to my friend Edward Charles Tripp the sum of five hundred dollars. Item, I give and bequeath to my friend Ann Maria Holmes, the widow of John Holmes the sum of one thousand dollars. Item, I give and bequeath unto Maria Louisa, Mathurin G. Elizabeth Catharine, John E. Frederic C. Harriet Ann, and James P. Gibbs, the children of Mathurin G. Gibbs, the sum of one thousand dollars to be equally divided among them share and share alike. Item, I give and bequeath to my relation Susan

share alike. Item, I give and bequeath to my relation Susan-
nah Gibbs the mother of Mathew G. Gibbs the sum of Five hun-
dred dollars. Item, I give and bequeath to the Foreign missionary
Society of Charleston the sum of Five hundred dollars. Item, I give
and bequeath to the Charleston Bible Society the sum of Two hundred
dollars. Item, I give and bequeath to the Ladies Benevolent Society
of Charleston the sum of One hundred dollars. Item, I give and
bequeath to the orphan House of Charleston one hundred dollars.

Item, I give and bequeath to the poor House of Charleston the sum of
one hundred dollars. Item, It is my will and desire and I do hereby
direct that should any of the legatees to whom I have bequeathed
legacies in this my last Will and testament die before me, that my Ex-
ecutors herein after named do pay over the sums herein bequeathed
by me to said legatees so dying unto their legal heirs or representative
surviving. Item, it is my will and desire and I do hereby direct
that the rest and residue of my Estate remaining after the payments
of the legacies herein bequeathed be divided by my Executors into three
equal portions or shares one equal portion or share I give and bequeath
unto Claudia Holmes the daughter of my deceased nephew Isaac Keith
Holmes, one equal third portion or share to Thomas H. Thayer and
Cader Thayer the children of my deceased niece Martha Susanah Thayer
or to be equally divided between them share and share alike; and the
remaining equal third portion or share to Valeria Roslin, Arabella
C. Caroline, Abigail and Sarah Jane Rivers, the children of my niece
Jane Eliza Rivers, to be equally divided among them share and share
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Item. I give and bequeath to the poor House of Charleston the sum of one hundred dollars. Item. It is my will and desire and I do hereby direct that should any of the legatees to whom I have bequeathed legacies in this my last will and testament die before me, that my Executors herein after named do pay over the sums herein bequeathed by me to said legatees, so dying, unto their legal heirs or representative surviving. Item. it is my will and desire and I do hereby direct that the rest and residue of my Estate remaining after the Payments of the legacies herein bequeathed be divided by my Executors into three equal portions or shares one equal portion or share I give and bequeath unto Claudia Holmes the daughter of my deceased nephew Isaac Keith Holmes, one equal third portion or share to Thomas H. Thayer and Cordes Thayer the Children of my deceased niece Martha Susannah Thayer to be equally divided between them share and share alike; and the remaining equal third portion or share to Valeria Roslin, Arabella C. Caroline, Eliza and Sarah Jane Rivers, the Children of my niece Jane Eliza Rivers, to be equally divided among them share and share alike. We the heirs or portions of Claudia Holmes and Thomas H. Thayer and Cordes Thayer to Samuel M. Stevens M Trusty.

them subject to the same terms and restrictions as are specified in the trusts herein before created in this my last Will and Testament for their benefit. Item I give and bequeath to my nieces Jane Glover Rivers and Mary W. Glover all the Household furniture and plate of which I may be possessed at the time of my death, to be equally divided between them, and it is my will and desire and I do hereby direct that my Executor, deliver the same to my said nieces without entering them in the Inventory and appraisement of my Estate and effects. Lastly I do nominate, constitute and appoint my friend Dr Joseph Leque Stevens and his Brother Samuel N. Stevens Executors of this my last Will and Testament and the said Samuel N. Stevens trustee under the trusts herein created, hereby revoking and annulling all former Wills by me heretofore made and declaring and publishing this as my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I Susannah Witter, the testatrix, have hereunto set my hand and seal to this my last Will and Testament written on three pages of paper, to the last page of which I have set my hand and seal this twelfth day of december in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred and thirty six
Susanna Witter

Signed sealed published and declared by the above named Susannah Witter as and for her last will and testament in the presence of us who at her request and in her presence have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto. James Poyas. Robert Litchhouse. Henry W. Percupen.

See addition

James L. Stevens, Executor

Whereas by my last Will and Testament dated Dec^r 12th 1836 I bequeathed to my two Nieces Mary W. Glover and Jane Eliza Rivers all the household furniture and plate of which I might be possessed at the time of my death to be equally divided between them, and since that time my niece Jane Eliza Rivers has departed this life, I do now give and bequeath to my surviving niece Mary W. Glover one half of the said furniture and plate and the remainder I give to the children of my deceased Niece Jane Eliza Rivers, to be equally divided between them, and I do hereby direct my Executors to deliver the same without entering them in the inventory and appraisement of my Estate and effects. I do declare this to be a Codicil to my last Will and Testament dated 12 Dec^r 1836 & desire that it shall have equal force with the same.

In witness whereof I have subscribed the same this the 10th of October 1839. Susan Witter L.S.

Signed sealed & declared in the Presence of us, who in her presence signed the same at her request. W. M. Cants, John W. Jenkins - John C. McCants

Moved before Thos. Lehigh Esq. O.C.T.D. the 6 Feb^y 1841

I do hereby give and bequeath to Mary Julia Stevens the daughter of Dr Joseph L. Stevens my boy Anne & declare this to be a Codicil to my last will and Testament dated Dec^r 12th 1836

124 1836 and desire that it shall have equal force with the same.
In Witness whereof I have subscribed the same this the
11th of July 1840. J. Wither L.S.

Signed sealed & declared in the presence of us who in her
presence signed the same at her request.

Ex^d C. Tennent - E. S. Stevens - M. J. Roper - Proved before
JL Tho^s Schie Esq. C.C.T.D. on the 18th day february 1841.

✓ See Substitution of Trustees (page 131. & 131.)
See Page 401. - for additional Codicil -

In the name of the most Holy Trinity, Amen

Box 7
N^o. 18 I, Marie Anne Sophie Brunet, lawful daughter of Francois Brunet & of
Marie Janne Bouchae Widow of Mr Jean Baptist Benoit 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^o 188 -
of another House situated in Wall St N^o - of a Slave named Sidore
of another Slave named Adeline, of the sum of fifteen hundred

Ex^d
JL
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