

At same time qualified Rebecca Irvin, John Irvin and Bryan

Hussey Executrix and Executors.

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14th State of South Carolina.

N. 42. In the Name of God Amen, I Anna c Maria Mintzing,
of the City of Charleston in the State aforesaid, Widow of the late
Philip Mintzing blacksmith deceased, and Executrix of his last
Will and Testament, being much advanced in years, but of sound
and disposing mind memory and understanding, and desirous
of preparing the necessary dispositions of my concerns before my
death, do make publish and declare this to be and contain my
last Will and Testament in manner and form following. First
and principally when it shall please God to call me from this
world, I recommend my soul to his grace, hoping for the remis-
sion of my sins through the merits of my Saviour Jesus Christ,
and my body I consign to the earth, to be buried decently, at the
discretion of my Executor herein after named. And as to the real
Estate which the divine providence was pleased to bestow upon me in
this life, it is my will and desire that all my just debts and the ex-
penses of my funeral shall be fully paid and satisfied by my Executor
as soon as it can be conveniently done after my decease. Item I do
hereby give devise and bequeath unto my beloved grand Son Jacob
Frederick c Mintzing, Son of the late Christian and Elizabeth Mintzing,
my negro fellow Sam, by trade a blacksmith, to be entirely under
the control and management of my Executor herein after named,
until my said grand Son shall arrive to the age of twenty one years,
unless the said fellow Sam should before that period be sold by my
Executor, whom I do hereby authorize to do so, whenever he may
think proper, and at his own discretion to apply the proceeds of
such sale for the use of my grand Son aforesaid. Item I will and
direct, that all the kitchen and household furniture, all the tools and
utensils in the blacksmiths shop, and all other personal property
partly belonging to me, partly left by my deceased husband, shall
be sold at public auction, and the proceeds thereof applied to the pay-
ment of my debts, the remainder if any to be appropriated, to-
gether with the above named fellow Sam's wages, towards defraying

the expences of my aforesaid grand Sons education and support, un-
til he arrives to the age of twenty one years. Item it is my will and
desire that my Executor herein after named shall as soon after my
decease, as may be convenient, address a petition to the honourable the
Judges of the Court of Equity, and apply for permission, to keep in
trust for my aforesaid grand Son while under age, and to sell
only in case of his dying as a minor, the lot and houses in King
Street designated in my late husbands last Will and Testament,
setting forth in his petition, that a sale thereof was ordered by my
husband for the sole purpose of effecting an equal division among
our Children, that all of them have since died intestate, and no
body issue was left by either of them, except by my son Christi-
an, whose Child the above named Jacob Frederick Mintzing is
consequently the only heir of our whole Estate, that to the best of
my belief my husband would have wished, and very probably
directed, that the said premises should not be sold, but remain
in our family, if he could have foreseen or expected, that all our
children would die before me, and at the time of my death
no other person but the aforesaid grand Son be entitled to the in-
heredities of the premises, and likewise that the buildings, which
are built on the lot, were after the conflagration of the former
buildings in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred
and ninety six, put up under my direction and chiefly at my
own expence so that they are rather my property than belonging
to my husbands Estate, and consequently appear subject to
my own proper disposition, under which circumstances my Executor
shall with respect to the premises act according to the order, that
may be given him by the Court of Equity in consequence of his peti-
tion. Item it is my will and desire, that my Executor herein after
named shall in his petition, which he is directed to present to the Court
of Equity as aforesaid, also apply for permission to sell a tract of four hun-
dred and fifty acres of land, situated in Abbeville County on Brookton
Creek Waters of Savannah River, granted to my late husband Philip
Mintzing, of which he made no mention in his last Will and Testament
how to dispose, and the taxes whereof would more than absorb the real
value of the same, whereupon my Executor shall likewise act according
to such order as may be given by the said Court respecting the pre-
mises. Item I do hereby direct and ordain, that in case of my aforesaid
grand Sons dying under age and without leaving a Heir or
issue lawfully begotten, or in case of his dying when of age, but

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invaluable and without leaving a Wife or bodily heirs, all such property as fell to his lot by inheritance from the Estate of his grand parents shall be converted into money, and the real ambient thereof shall be remitted to the District of Wictemberg, there to be distributed in equal shares among and between the Children of my beloved Sister Christiana Maria Weston of the late John George Huff of Geckingen in the said District, the offspring of those of her Children who may then be dead, being entitled to the same proportion, as their parents or parent would have been respectively entitled to, if he she or they had survived, provided however, that before such remittance two hundred dollars shall first be refunded to the German friendly Society in this City, with lawful interest from the day on which the said sum was kindly given me by the aforesaid Society after my heavy losses by the fire in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety six, unless retribution of and for the same should have been previously made either by me or by my grand Son aforesaid. Item I do hereby nominate and appoint my friend John Christopher Faber, heretofore Minister of the German Church in Charleston, as and for Executor of this my last Will and Testament, and likewise as and for Executor of the last Will and Testament of my deceased Son Philip Mertzing, especially as the latter expresses his desire that the Executor or Executors of the surviving Executor or Executrix of his Will shall execute the same. Lastly whereas it has pleased the Almighty God in his wise providence to deprive my above named grand Son Jacob Frederick Mertzing of both his parents in the early part of his childhood, and it is my duty and sincerest wish to provide as far as in me lies for his future welfare, I do hereby from motives of affection for him and of confidence in my above nominated Executor, also appoint and constitute him the aforesaid John Christopher Faber as guardian of my said grand Son Jacob Frederick Mertzing, giving him full power and authority to take the charge of the education and the management of the interests of my grand Son aforesaid according to his (the said guardians) best judgment and proper discretion. And I do hereby revoke all other Wills and Testaments by me made at any time before Sir Wm^r whereof I have hereunto put my hand and seal at Charleston aforesaid this seventeenth day of May in the Year of our Lord eighteen hundred.

Anna Maria ^{her} Mertzing
Signed, Sealed, published and declared by the woman named Anna Maria Mertzing, as and for her last Will and Testament

in the presence of us, who in her presence, at her request and in the presence of each other have signed our names as Witnesses thereto
Joseph e Mulligan Francis Silvester Curtis John Randolph Smither
Proved before Charles Lining Esquire C. C. T. D. December 4 1801.
At same time qualified John Christopher Faber Executor
15-^o C. S. 1. C. L.

14 C. S. 1. 43 In the Name of God Amen, I Thomas Curling of Charleston in the State of South Carolina being in sound mind and memory do make and declare this to be my last Will and Testament. First I resign my soul to God hoping for his mercy thro' the merits of his Son Jesus Christ. Second I desire my body to be committed to the ground in a decent and plain manner. As to my worldly effects real and personal which I may die possessed of after payment of my just debts and funeral charges I give and bequeath to my only Son George Curling. And further as I have no relations of my own to my knowledge in America I leave both my Son George Curling and all my effects both real and personal in trust to the Commissioners of the Orphan House of Charleston South Carolina to be disposed of by them in the manner they may judge best for the benefit of my Son George Curling hereby requesting and desiring the said Commissioners to take charge of him until he arrives at the age of fourteen years when he is to be put out to such trade as he may chuse. And further I request that when he the said George shall attain to the age of twenty one years the whole of the property hereby designed for him or what may be in the hands of the Executors Commissioners of the Orphan House to be delivered to my Son George Curling. Further if my Son George Curling should die before he attains the age of twenty one years or without issue I then desire the whole of the property hereby designed for him may be given to the Orphan House for the benefit of the Orphan Children. Lastly I nominate and appoint the Commissioners of the Orphan House of the City of Charleston in the State of South Carolina Executors to this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former Wills by me heretofore made declaring this to be my last Will and Testament, as witness my hand and seal this twentieth day of January in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven.

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Thomas Curling ^{his}
Signed, Sealed, published and declared by the said Thomas Curling to be his last Will and Testament who in his presence and y^e presence of each other subscribed over a Name as witness.