

322 of Winstonsborough who procured the surveyor and had it resurveyed for aneas opinion it would not sell for more than 1s shillings or a dollar per acre at that time of resurveying. Now my will is and I do direct that these lands and the ten of land in Camden may be sold at public or private sale for the most money that can be procured for the same either for cash or credit at such times or times as may be best approved of by my Executrix and Executors herein after named or such as shall qualify upon this my last Will and Testament and out of the monies arising from the same only the following legacies are to be paid first to the poor of the City of Charleston in the State aforesaid the sum of sixty pounds to be paid into the hands of the Commissioners for the poor for the time being by my Executrix and Executors or the survivor or survivors of them who are to receive and take a receipt for the same. Secondly to M^r. Hugh Swinton Senior (Factor) as a testimony of my esteem for him also to his Son M^r. Hugh Swinton Senior each of them a gold mourning ring the value of four pounds each. And lastly to M^r. John Snook of Portsmouth Common in old England who lived in Queen Street and with whom in my younger days I was well acquainted the sum of ten pounds to be paid him or his heirs. And when and after these my intentions are fully executed then I give and bequeath the monies or surplus remaining if any there should be after such said legacies being first paid from the sale of all my aforesaid Country lands unto and to be equally divided between and among my said Wife and children share and share alike. And I do hereby expect this my said will to be understood and construed in this manner that is to say respecting my aforesaid lands in the back Country and lot of land of land in Camden that out of the whole or part of the same these four legacies last mentioned are to be paid and that what remains after paying the same is to be equally divided among and between my said Wife and children. And I do also hereby declare and my will is that no part or parts of my Estate herein given devised and bequeathed to my said Wife and children as aforesaid shall not be subject or liable to the disposal intermeddling controul debts or fetters engagements or incumbrances whatsoever of any future husband which my said Wife shall or may intermarry with. Item in case of the death of all my children during their minority their parts or shares of my said Estate hereby and herein given I give to my said Wife to hold the same for and during the term of her natural life and at her death then I give and devise the same to be equally divided between my brother James Rout and my Nephew Jarvis Bulloch Son of my Sister Roscy of Portsmouth in the County of Hampshire in old England and to their heirs and assigns for ever as tenants in common. Item all the rest residue and remainder of my Estate whatsoever and wheresoever real or personal which I shall or may be possessed

323 interested in or entitled unto at the time of my decease I do bequeath unto my said dear Wife and children and their heirs and assigns for ever towards their education maintenance and supports And I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my beloved Wife Catharine Rout Executrix and my good friends M^r. Smith (now residing down in Elliott Street) merchant and James McDermott of King Street down here Executors of this my last Will and Testament revoking all former and old Wills by me at any time heretofore made and declaring this only to be my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I the said George Rout have to this my last Will and Testament at my hand and seal this fifth day of May in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and two.

George Rout. (Ed)

Signed Sealed published and declared by the above named George Rout as and for his last Will and Testament (being contained on 8 and 8 pages of foolscap paper) in the presence of us who in his sight and the sight each other have at his request subscribed our names as witnesses thus John Black Nicol Bryce William Birnie.

Proved before Charles Living Esquire C. C. J. D. December 16. 1802.
At same time qualified Catharine Rout Executrix.

Examined
30th Dec. 1802.
J. C. L.

14th Dec. 24. In the Name of God Amen, I Charlotte Blake Wife of John Blake of the City of Charleston in the State of South Carolina being at present sick and weak in body but of sound mind memory and understanding (praised be God for it) and considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof and to the end I may be the better prepared to leave this world whenever it shall please God to call me home do therefore by virtue of the power given and vested in me by the said John Blake make and declare this to be my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say first and principally I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God my creator hoping for free pardon and remission of all my sins and to enjoy everlasting happiness in his heavenly kingdom my body I commit to the earth to be decently interred at the discretion of my Executors herein after named and as to such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to interest me I dispose of the same as followeth first I direct that all my just debts be paid out of my Estate by my Executors herein after named. All the rest residue and remainder of my Estate both real and personal of every nature and kind whatsoever and wheresoever the same may be situate I give devise and bequeath the same and every part and parcel thereof unto my well beloved Son Emanuel Anthoine of the City of Charleston aforesaid and to his heirs and assigns for ever but in case

shall die intestate without leaving lawful issue living at the time of his death before he attains the age of twenty one years that then and in that case only I do hereby revoke the gift devise and bequest herein before made and given to him and do dispose of my said residuary Estate in manner and form following that is to say I give and bequeath unto my said husband a fellow and a nench such as he may chose out of the Negroes my said son may die possessed of, which come into his possession by virtue of this my will, to hold the same to him my said husband and to his heirs and assigns for ever. Item I do hereby give and bequeath unto my Mother should she be living at the time of the death of my said son the sum of two hundred pounds sterling to be remitted her by my Executors as soon as possible after the death of my said son. Item all the rest residue and remainder of my Estate both real and personal of every nature and kind whatsoever and wheresoever the same may be situate I give devise and bequeath the same and every part and parcel thereof unto such child or children of my daughter Adelaide Wife of Royal Vaughan, as shall or may be living at the time of the death of my said son to be divided between and amongst such child or children if more than one share and share alike, to hold to him her and them and to his her and their heirs and assigns absolutely for ever as tenants in common, and lastly I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my said husband and my faithful friend Nathaniel Russell Executors of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all former and other wills by me at any time or times made declaring this only to be and contain my last Will and Testament. I witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twentieth day of September in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight.

Charlotte Blake (Sd)

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Charlotte Blake as and for her last Will and Testament in the presence of us who at her request in her presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our Names as witnesses thereto.
James Duncan — John Thomas — James Nicholson.
Proved before Charles Lining Esquire C. C. J. D. December 14 1802.
759. 2. 16. 4.

South Carolina.
In the Name of God Amen, I George Stuart of the City of Charleston in the State aforesaid, coach maker, being sick and weak in body, but of sound mind, memory and understanding, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following, that is to say, first of all, I will that all my just debts and funeral expens

326 be fully paid and satisfied out of my Estate by my Executors.
And as to for and concerning the rest residue and remainder of my Estate whatsoever and wheresoever, I give and bequeath the same and every part thereof unto my friend and partner in business Benjamin Casey of the City and County aforesaid, coach maker, to have and to hold to the said Benjamin Casey his Executors, administrators and assigns for ever. And I hereby nominate constitute and appoint the aforesaid Benjamin Casey Executor of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former and other wills by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the twenty seventh day of October in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and two, and in the twenty seventh Year of American Independence.
George Stuart (Sd)

Sealed, Signed, published and declared by the above named George Stuart as and for his last Will and Testament in presence of
David Oliphant — John Davis —
Proved before Charles Lining Esquire C. C. J. D. December 14 1802.
At same time qualified Benjamin Casey Executor.
759. 2. 16. 4.

143 State of South Carolina.
In the Name of God Amen, I John Mathews of the City of Charleston in the State aforesaid, being in health of body and of sound and discreet mind and memory for which I bless God, do make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament, in the words following, that is to say, I promise I will and direct all my lawful debts to be paid by my Executors herein after named, and for this purpose, I hereby authorize and empower them to dispose of at public or private sale my plantation at the byrge snay in St Georges parish containing six hundred and two acres, also my tract of land at Maple cane on Edisto river containing five hundred acres, thence by a deed or marriage bond executed previous to my marriage with my present Wife Sarah bearing date the first day of May one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine, now in the possession of the Honble Hugh Rutledge it was thereby stipulated and agreed that my said Wife Sarah should receive and enjoy the rents, issues and profits of my two plantations called Uxbridge and Merryhill and the labour of the negroes thereon, until my grand daughter Martha Posthumus Mathews should arrive at the age of eighteen years, and whereas my said grand daughter hath since departed this life before her arrival at the age aforesaid, and whereas I have lately with the consent of my said Wife Sarah sold my Merryhill plantation and a part of my negroes, and being now desirous to make a more permanent and certain provision for my said Wife Sarah, do therefore will and devise unto my said dearly beloved Wife Sarah Mathews my plantation on Ashley river known by the name of Uxbridge containing six hundred and sixty six and one half acres of high land about one hundred and forty acres of marsh land, to have and