

17<sup>th</sup> State of South Carolina. In the Name of God  
No 21 Amen. I Charlotte Cordes of the Parish of St  
Stephens and State aforesaid widow, do publish and declare  
this to be my Last Will and testament in manner and form  
following. 1<sup>st</sup> It is my will that my debts be paid as  
soon after my decease as possible and before my Estate  
is divided. 2<sup>d</sup> I give devise and bequeath unto my three  
Daughters Margaret Catharine Cordes, Charlotte Lavenia  
Cordes, and Anna Camilla Cordes all that Lot of Land in  
St Philips Parish near Charleston to be equally divided  
between them and their heirs & assigns forever. 3<sup>d</sup> I  
give devise and bequeath to my Son Samuel Cordes to him  
and his heirs and assigns forever the following negroes  
Jane Sam Calachy Jeffry Little Eve Affey Anthony Sally  
Israel Peggy Robert and Bull together with the present  
& future increase of the females. 4<sup>th</sup> I give devise and  
bequeath to my son Thomas Evance Cordes to him and his  
heirs and assigns forever the following Negroes Molly  
Chance Harriet Maria Solomon Tub Amey Gabriel and Juli-  
anna together with the present and future increase of  
the females and should he die without Lawful issue the  
said negroes shall return to my other surviving children  
5<sup>th</sup> All the rest and remainder of my Negroes I give de-  
vise and bequeath to my three Daughters to them and their  
heirs and assigns forever to be equally divided among  
them share and share alike, and farther as it is my  
earnest desire to divide my property equally among my  
Children, It is my will that if the Shares devised to my  
Daughters shall be found to be unequal in Value to the  
negroes devised to my Son Samuel Cordes, the deficiency  
shall be made up to them in Bank shares, and it is further  
my will that if the Negroes named and devised to my son  
Thomas Evance Cordes be found by appraisement unequal in

value to those devised to my Son Samuel Cordes the deficiency shall also be made up to him in Bank shares so that all the shares of Negroes be equal in Value. 6th I give devise and bequeath to my Daughter Margaret Catharine Cordes five shares in the State Bank in consideration for money borrowed. 7th I give devise and bequeath to my friend Ann Carlisle Key Six Shares in the State Bank to be at her free Will and disposal. 8th I give devise and bequeath to my Grand daughter Charlotte Ann Cordes my negro girl Patty (Sally's daughter). 9th I give devise and bequeath to my Daughters Charlotte Lavenia, and Anna Camilla my Carpenter fellow Tom to them and their heirs and assigns forever, with the liberty of either Selling or disposing of their part to the other if they should be disposed to do so after making each Lott of negroes (including the appraisement of Tom) of equal Value, one lot with another by adding Bank Shares to the Lowest, then whatever shares may be left shall be equally divided among my five children, namely Samuel Cordes, Thomas E Cordes, Margaret Catharine Cordes, Charlotte Lavenia Cordes and Anna Camilla Cordes. 10th I give devise and bequeath to my Son Thomas E Cordes and three Daughters aforesaid my Stock of Cattle share and share alike. 11th I give devise and bequeath to each of my Daughters aforesaid one mahogany bedstead one feather bed one bolster two pillows and one wool mattrafs, and to each of them a portion of blankets sheets and other house linen equal to the shares I have given my Sons, all the residue and remainder of my house Linen I leave to be equally divided between my aforesaid three Daughters and my Son Thomas E Cordes. 12th I give devise and bequeath to my Daughter Charlotte L Cordes my Gold Watch and to my Daughter Anna Camilla Cordes the sum of one hundred and ten Dollars to purchase a watch. 13th I give devise and

bequeath to my three aforesaid Daughters the use of my carriage and Carriage Horses 14 I Give devise and bequeath to my three aforesaid Daughters the use of my house and Lott in Pineville as a home, and as long as either of them may remain unmarried, after which it shall be sold and the proceeds equally divided between my five children. 15th I give devise & bequeath to my three aforesaid Daughters all my Tea Table Silver my two work'd quilts and my laid work Calico Quilts (as they are the work of my own hands) and all my stock of Sheep and hogs and the one forth part of all the china Crockery and household furniture of every description. 16th I give devise & bequeath to my son Thomas E Cordes my Celeret in the Pineville house. 17th the remainder of my beds and matraises shall be put in five Lots and drawn for by my five children share and share alike I nominate and appoint my sons Samuel Cordes Thomas E Cordes and my friend David Gaillard Executors to this my Last Will and Testament.

Charlotte Cordes (LS)

Signed Sealed and declared in presence of

Edward Thomas--- Thomas H. Thomas --- John Lofton

Codicil; Whereas I Charlotte Cordes of the Parish of St Stephens District of Charleston and State of South Carolina have made my Last Will & testament in Writing bearing date have thereby given and bequeathed to my son Thomas Evans Cordes three negroes namely Tub Amey and Gabriel and also thereby have give and bequeathed to my Daughters Catherine, Lavenia and Camilla Cordes three negroes namely Judy Cornelius and Sibby. Now I do by this my Writing which I declare to be a Codicil to my said Last Will revoke & declare void and of no effect so.....

much of my said Will as is contained in the abovementioned bequest, and Whereas in and by my Last Will and testament I have given and bequeathed to my son Thomas Evans Cordes three negroes vint Tub Aney and Gabriel and to my Daughters Catharine Lavenia and Camilla Cordes three negroes named Judy Cornelius and Sibby, I do hereby order and declare that I give and bequeath to my son Thomas Evans Cordes three negroes namely Judy Cornelius and Sibby in Lieu of Tub Aney and Gabriel and to my Daughters Catharine Lavenia and Camilla Cordes three Negroes namely Tub Aney and Gabriel in Lieu of Judy Cornelius and Sibby and Lastly it is my desire that this my present codicil be annexed to and make a part of my last Will and testament to all intents and purposes. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this 12th day of June 1826.

C. Cordes (LS)

Signed & Sealed in presence of

John G.K. Gourdin -- William Porcher -- John J. Couturier

Proved by Virtue of a Dedimus Potestatem before Philip S. Porcher Esq 27. Feby 1827 May 26, 1827 Qualified Samuel Cordes, Executor

Exd J.D.M.

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