

plan of this City by number two hundred and fifty six, adjoining the
her meeting, also a tract of land of one hundred acres in Craven County
in the State aforesaid as per plat. Thirdly, I give and bequeath unto
now the Wife of Reuben Levy the sum of sixty dollars per annum to be
paid to her out of the rent arising from my real Estate, during her natu-
ral life, which sum aforesaid, shall not be subject to the controul nor
liable for the payment of the debts of her husband the said Reuben
Levy. Lastly I nominate and appoint my niece Rachel Woolf my sole
Executrix to this my last Will and Testament, revoking annulling and
making void all former Wills and Testaments by me made. In Testime-
my whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fourth day of
December in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred, and of
the Independence of the United States of America the twenty fifth.

Emmanuel (Wrahams) Esq.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of us, and we in the pre-
sence of each other.

Thomas Baker Esq. Solomon Hurby Esq. Philip Cohen Esq.
Proved before Charles Lining Esquire C. C. T. D. December 3, 1802.
At same time qualified Rachel Woolf Executrix.

Examined
1792. 16. 6.

14th Dec. 22. In the Name of God Amen, I Samuel Benoist of St. Johns
Parish, Berkle County South Carolina, being in perfect mind and
memory, revoking all others appoint this to be my last Will and Testa-
ment. It is my will and request that all the property I have be left in
the hands of my two brothers Francis Benoist and John Benoist
also my Wife Mary Benoist who are to do with it whatever they
think best or most to the interest of the same. 15th July 1802.

Witness.

Samuel Benoist.

Elizabeth Benoist. Thomas Hatchett.

Proved before Charles Lining Esquire C. C. T. D. December 6, 1802.
At same time qualified John Benoist Executor.

Examined
1792. 16. 6.

14th Dec. 23. In the Name of God Amen, I George Rout of Charleston in
the State of South Carolina, being of sound mind memory and understand-
ing, do now make & publish this my last Will and Testament. I commend
my soul into the hands of Almighty God my creator, my body I desire may
be decently interred at the discretion of my Executrix and Executors herein
after named, humbly hoping for a glorious resurrection to eternal life through
the meritorious satisfaction and prevailing intercession of my blessed Sav-
ior and Redeemer Jesus Christ, and the worldly Estate wherewith it hath

pleased God of his bounty and favor to bestow upon me. I hereby give devise and bequeath in manner and form following. I
Imparsonis, I give and bequeath unto my beloved Wife Catharine all my
occupation, issues and profits of all that my piece or parcel of land, situate
the east side of Friend Street in the City aforesaid, and lately in the occupation
of Mr. Norton, for and during the term of her natural life and at her death
I give devise and bequeath the same unto such of my children as shall then
be living, to be equally shared or divided among them unto their heirs
and assigns for ever as tenants in common, on their arriving to the age
of twenty one years, that is to say, not to be sold until all my said children
or such of them as shall or may be living at the death of my said Wife, shall
arrive to the said age, and in the intermediate time of their minority of
them my said children, the rents, issues and profits to be equally divided
among them, for and towards their education, maintenance and support.
Item I give and bequeath unto my said Wife all my household and kitchen
furniture, bedding and wearing apparel, plate, china and every other article
belonging to me in use in and about my house of whatever kind, as they
shall be at the time of my decease without impeachment of waste from
said children, or either of them, to hold to her for and during the term of her
natural life, and at her death to be divided in equal proportion among such
of my children as shall then be living. Item my house and lot of land
in Archdale Street which I purchased from Benjamin Norvin and
Wife, and which I now occupy, I give devise and bequeath unto my dearly
beloved children, Mary C. Rout, James George Rout, Eliza Rebecca Rout
and William Rout, to their and each of their heirs for ever, upon their
arriving to the age of twenty one years, in the following manner, that is to
say, on my first child arriving to the age of twenty one years, I give her
or him one fourth part of the rents, issues and profits of the same, on
my next eldest child arriving to that age, I give him or her one other
fourth part of the rents and profits of the same, and on my next eldest
child arriving to that age, I give her or him one other fourth part of the
rents, issues and profits of the same, and also on my next and last child
arriving to that age I give one other fourth part of the rents, issues and
profits of the same, that is to say, and my meaning is, that at the end or
expiration of every year, one fourth part of the profits whatever it may re-
for, shall be paid to each child as directed above. And then I desire and my
will is that the said lot of land with the appurtenances thereto belonging
be sold either at public or private sale, for the most money that can be pro-
cured for the same, and the monies arising from such sale to be given
and divided equally among them my said dear children, share and
share alike, and during their and either of their minority, my Executors
and Executors are to receive and apply the rents and profits arising
from the same towards their education, maintenance and support.

Item I give and bequeath unto my said Wife, to hold for and during the term of her natural life, the use and occupation of all those my negro slaves that is to say, my negro woman Tylor, with four of her children named Eliza, Maria, Sally and Smart, with the future issue and increase of the said female slaves, and at her my said Wife's death, I give and bequeath the same together with the said future issue and increase of the female slaves to be equally divided between and among such of my said children as shall then be then living, and to their and each of their heirs for ever, upon their arriving of age in manner and form as aforesaid. But if my said Wife should die before they my said dear children should attain the said age of twenty one years, then I desire and direct that such of my said negro slaves as shall and then may be living, be hired out, or otherwise employed to the best advantage for my said children until they shall have arrived to the said age of twenty one years as aforesaid, and in the mean time the advantage arising therefrom be applied towards their maintenance, education and support. Item my negro man Epix who I bought from Alexander Christie the baker for seventy five pounds in cash has eloped from me since February 6. 1798. if he should return or be brought home, my will is that he shall be sold at public or private sale, and the monies arising therefrom to be applied to the purchase of another negro man or woman, as my dear Wife shall think most proper, and I do hereby give the same to her my said Wife, to hold until my first eldest child shall arrive to the age of twenty one years, then I give and bequeath such fellow or wench, and if a wench her and her future issue and increase to such child, her or his heirs and assigns for ever. Item I give and bequeath unto my said Wife my negro boy Jack, to hold to her until my next ^{eldest} child shall arrive to the age of eighteen years, then I give and bequeath the same to such child his or her heirs or assigns for ever. Item I give and bequeath unto my said Wife, my negro girl named Paccia, a daughter of Ephraim, with her future issue and increase, to hold to her until my next eldest child arrives to the age of eighteen years, then I give and bequeath the same to such child his or her heirs and assigns for ever. Item I give and bequeath unto my said Wife my negro boy named Friday, to hold to her until my next or last child shall arrive to the age of eighteen years, then I give and bequeath the same to such child his or her heirs or assigns for ever. But in case of one, or any of my said negroes behave unkind and disobedient, to my said dear Wife and children, and she should wish to dispose of any one, or all of them to exchange for such or she may think are better, and will be of more advantage to her and my said children, I do hereby give her full power and authority so to do and with my executors herein after named to make and execute sufficient bill or bills of sale for the same to any purchaser or purchasers.

and such as may be sold to replace and be considered as good and equal to the same manner and form as those herein before mentioned. And in case of either of my said children dying before arriving to the age above mentioned then such ones shews to go to the survivor or survivors his, her or their signs for ever in equal proportions. Item I give and bequeath unto my said Wife to hold for my daughter Mary to hold until she shall arrive to the age of twenty one years, one small gold watch. Item I give and bequeath unto my said Wife to hold for my dear son James George Rout my large gold capped and jeweled watch to be delivered to him when he shall arrive to the age of twenty one years. Item I give and bequeath unto my said dear Wife, all my monies, securities for monies and debts due and owing unto me after the payment of all my just debts and funeral expences, and I earnestly recommend that they may be as speedily collected in as possible for and towards the support and the bringing up maintaining and educating my dear children as I shall leave at my decease. Item my pew in St. Phillips church, the bill of sale for which is on record in the Secretary of States office, I desire may be kept and reserved by my family as long as any of them shall be living in this State. Item I give and bequeath unto my good friends Mr. William Smith Merchant, now keeping store in Elliott Street, and Mr. James M. D. all More Roper in King Street, as a testimony of my esteem for them, each a gold mourning ring. Whereas I am possessed of lands in the back Country of this State viz. a plantation or tract of land containing by original survey 500 acres made to one John Heard in 1774, and as such I bought it of John Dart attorney at law and paid him for the same which is recorded, but on a resurvey lately made by S. Alston D. F. surveyor, who lives near Winstonsborough it has turned out to be no more than 474 acres, record of which is made in the surveyor Generals Office in book vol 21, page 345. the 28 November 1797. also one other plantation or tract of land containing 250 acres (the former is situated at the time of the original survey in Craven County, but is now called Fairfield County) and is butting and bounding now on land of a Mr. Cuts formerly of James Fullons, Jesse Havis, James Harvey and John Lee, it is situated about seven miles from Winstonsborough College, 25 from Camden and 22 from Chesnuts Ferry, said to be by Benjamin Hart of good quality for wheat, tobacco and corn, oak and hickory land, the latter tract adjoins the Reverend Mr. Logue, and the late Mr. Hills mills about 15 miles from Columbia, I also bought the same from the said John Dart, and paid him in full. Also a lot of land in the Town of Camden which I bought of Aaron Looch Esquire, I paid for the same, and it is on record, situate on the corners of Broad and York Streets, said to adjoin Mr. Chesnut on one side, it measures 66 feet in front on broad street and 198 feet on York street, this lot has been reported to be worth from 40 to 50 £. This small tract of land is said to be worth not more than 30 or 40 £. the first mentioned tract Mr. Benjamin Hart

322 of Winstonsborough who procured the surveyor and had it resurveyed for an easer of 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 those 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 support. 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 McDowell 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 6 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 10. 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