

9^o State of South Carolina City of Charleston from J. John French
032^o Spouse of the above named State of service being of sound mind, memory &
understanding so make and declare this to be my last will & Testament,
revoking all others whatever made previous to the date hereof. First I will
desire that all my lawful debts, my funeral expenses, the charge of
proving my will and Testament, be, as soon as may be after my decease,
paid and discharged by my Executor. Second. I give bequeath & devise
to my dearly beloved wife her heirs & assigns foras the House & lot I
bought in Branch Street & wherein her mother died: also any five of
my negroes whom she shall choose out of those belonging to me: also
the Bond her brother General Smith owes me, amounting to about one
thousand pounds at present: and also such further sum, as with the
principal & interest which shall be due on the said Bond of her
brother at the time of my death, will make up the aggregate sum
of Five Thousand Pounds; which sum viz, the additional sum to
make up Genl. Smith's bond the five thousand pounds, she shall be
at liberty to chuse out of such Bonds, notes, stock of any description,
or any other kind of securities now due to me, or which may here
after come into her possession as my Executor by any of the sales
of any part of my estate hereinafter directed to be made; such stock to
be rated at the current price thereof at the time of her choice: which few
negroes with such issue as they may have after my decease, & the
aforesaid sum of Five thousand pounds shall be left to her.

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I give to my wife to be disposed of by her to the best advantage of the
Negroes with such issue as they may have after my decease, & the
aforesaid sum of Five thousand pounds shall at my decease become
vested in my dearly beloved wife, & be at her sole will & pleasure to dispose
of by her last will & testament as shall be most agreeable to her. Third.
I give bequeath & devise to my dearly beloved wife during her life only how-
ever in Front Street, which I purchased of Wm. Blake: also during her lifetime
to hold the house at Belmont, & the land contained in the two original
grants of said Belmont tracts granted to Samuel Bell containing to-
gether 450 acres; also the use during her life of my household furniture
plate, plated ware, carriage and two of my carriage horses, stock of liquors,
provisions which shall be on hand at the time of my death and which
said liquors & provisions & other articles of family consumption shall be
applied indiscriminately to her use & that of our children who shall con-
tinue to live with her, without having any inventory or appraisement
thereof & without rendering any account of the same. And I do hereby
declare that what I have herein given to my dearly beloved wife is in
full satisfaction & in lieu of her dower. Fourth. I give devise over to
queath all that tract of land which lies on Roanoke River & which was
granted me by this State for my services in the revolutionary War, also
that other tract of land adjoining the last mentioned which is bounded
of one boundary, ^{of land} being on the British side.

100 I give & bequeath to my Son Frederick his heirs & assigns forever. Fifth.
and bequeath all that part of my Young's Plantation which
lies North East side of Tyro River, which is called the Broad domain
for which I lately recovered a Verdict against Thomas Branman
Union Court Housa viz Oct. 1817. also that other tract of land, which
adjoins the last mentioned & which is known as the Eliza tract
and Son Henry, his heirs & assigns for ever. Sixth. I give devise
and bequeath all that my half part of a tract of land which
formerly belonged to Wright, & which was confiscated & sold, lying
on both sides of Boosawhatchie swamp in Barnwell District contain-
ing about 1400 acres to my Sons Benjamin & Charles, their he-
irs & assigns for ever as tenants in common & not as joint tenants.
Seventh. I give devise and bequeath all my estate real & personal (a
hundred before devised or bequeathed) to my Executrix to hold to her, of
this special trust & confidence nevertheless, that is to say, that
the said Executrix, do & shall, as soon as my funeral & other expences
discharged, sell & dispose of all the rest, residue & remainder of my
real & personal estate, at public sale upon a credit of one & two or
more years, taking such good security of the purchasers as she
appears to her sufficient to secure the debts, excepting however from
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such immediate sales the house I now live in on Front street, as
such personal property which I have bequeathed to my dearest &
loved wife the use of during her life; & the Belmont Plantation
which I have bequeathed her during her widowhood: which shall
ever, shall take place whenever she marries in the one case or the
death in the other, in the same manner & upon the same credit to
be secured as is directed above as to the other parts of my estate in
personal. Eighth. It is my will and pleasure that the amount of my
estate real & personal whether arising from the sales above mentioned or
otherwise shall be held by my Executrix upon this special trust & con-
fidence, that is to say, to pay over to my Sons Frederick, Benjamin,
Henry and Charles or his or their issue, per stirpes & not per capita
the sum of one thousand pounds a piece to those who shall be living
at the time of my death, as soon as the said sums can be paid
by the sale of any, or of the whole of my estate; & to the others who
as they shall severally & successively attain the age of twenty one
it is my will and desire that whatever sum any of my said four
named Sons shall be found to be charged with in my books
account, such sum shall, but without interest thereon, respectively be
 deducted from the legacies of One thousand pounds herein before
only bequeathed to them or their issue. Ninth. It is my further will that
that my Executrix do pay over also out of the monies to be raised as op-

to my daughters Mary, Sarah, Anna, Eliza, & Angelina, or her or their
issues, per stirpes & not per capita, the sum of three thousand pounds
perce to those who shall be of age as soon as the said sum and interest
by the sale of any or of the whole of my property to the others when
as they shall severally & respectively attain the age of twenty one years;
& it is my Will and desire that whatever sum or of my said daughters
shall be found to be charged with in my Books of account, that such sum,
but without interest thereon, shall respectively be deducted from the
legacies of two thousand pounds herein respectively bequeathed to them
or their issues. Tenth. And it is my further will & pleasure after my
funeral expenses & debts shall have been paid, also the Five thousands
pounds to my dearly beloved wife, the legacies of One thousand pounds
to each of my four Sons above named & the legacies of two thousand
pounds to each of my five daughters or to his her or their issue or issue
directed, that then whatever balance shall remain shall be divided
amongst apaid to my Sons Frederick, Benjamin Henry & Charles & my
five daughters his her or their issues, share & share alike, per stirpes
& not per capita to be paid to those of them who shall be of age at my
death immediately after such balance shall have been ascertained; & to
the others, when & as they shall severally & respectively attain the age of twenty one
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to die before he or she shall have attained twenty one years of age, without

years. Eleventh. And in case any or either of my children shall happen to die before he or she shall have attained twenty one years of age, without leaving lawful issue of his or her body, then in trust to my Executrix to pay over unto all the survivors of my Children or his or her issue, the Share or Shares of such deceased child or children per stirpes & not per capita, share & share alike; to those who shall be of age at the time of the decease of such child immediately & to the others when & as they shall severally & respectively attain the said age of twenty one years. Twelfth. I do hereby authorize & empower my Executrix to lease out any or all my Tracts of Land, any or all my houses or lots in Charleston or Grimkeville, until they shall have been able to sell the same; & they are hereby directed to appropriate the rents so received therefrom in the same manner & pay the moneys arising therefrom to the same persons, & in the same proportions as I have directed her, my said Executrix to pay the proceeds of the rest of my Estate. Thirteenth. I do hereby appoint my truly beloved wife, sole Executrix of this my last Will & Testament during the time she continues my widow, but no longer; & should she marry again this trust as Executrix shall cease and be immediately determined.

In witness whereof I have to this my last Will and Testament, so written
with my own hand & contained on this single sheet of paper, set my
hand seal this day of . in the year of our Lord One thousand
eight hundred eighteen. J. F. Grimes 

Proved before James D. Hitchcock Esq. October 28, 1899. Notary public
qualified Mary E. Grimké Executor of Estate of John T. Grimké