

The State of South Carolina Charleston District
 Box 35 In the name of God Amen I John Renty of Saint Bartho
 N^o 15: Lomew's Parish in the State aforesaid Planter being of
 sound and disposing mind memory and understanding
 do make publish and declare this my last will and
 Testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me made
 Item First I recommend my soul to God who gave it
 and wish my body to be decently interred Item Second
 It is my will that all my just debts and funeral expenses
 be fully paid and satisfied out of such ready money as
 I may die possessed of and the residue of all such monies
 as may be left after the payment of such debts & expenses
 I do hereby give and bequeath unto Thomas Norman Gadsden
 of the City of Charleston I also give and bequeath unto the said
 Thomas Norman Gadsden my mulatto or colored girl
 named "Piddy" with her future issue and increase unto him
 and his heirs forever Item Third I give & bequeath
 unto the said Thomas Norman Gadsden the following
 Slaves namely Dorcas and her seven children
 named Alfred Lewis Louisa Ellen Dick Cheney &
 Francis with the issue of the females upon and under the following

conditions and restrictions that is to say that from and im-
 mediately after my death the said Dorcas and her said
 children be permitted (should she so require) to work out
 on her own account the paying the said Thomas N
 Gadsden the sum of five dollars per year wages for herself
 and children. Item I give and bequeath unto
 Elisah Freeman my Tract of Land containing about fifty
 seven acres situate lying and being on the White River
 Road to him and his heirs forever. Item I give
 and bequeath unto my beloved wife Ann W Kentz all
 the property both real and personal of which I may die
 possessed with the exception of the legacies herein before
 mentioned to Thomas N Gadsden and Elisah Freeman,
 for her during her life should she remain unmarried
 but should she again intermarry then it is my will that
 my said Estate shall immediately on such marriage
 vest in my children Viz Anna Maria Kentz Mary Elizabeth
 and Julia Emma Kentz the said Estate to remain for them
 and their heirs the income or profits arising therefrom only
 to be used and in case my said Children should die with-
 out leaving issue then it is my will that the whole of my
 said Estate be vested in the said Thomas N Gadsden and
 his heirs forever. And Lastly I hereby nominate constitute
 and appoint Thomas N Gadsden Esquire sole executor

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out leaving issue then it is my will that the whole of my
said Estate be vested in the said Thomas N Gadsden and
his heirs forever. And Lastly I hereby nominate constitute
and appoint Thomas N Gadsden Esquire sole executor
of this my last will and Testament In witness whereof I
have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal at Charle-
ston in the State of South Carolina this Nineteenth day of
January in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hun-
dred and Forty four and in the sixty eighth year of
the sovereignty & independence of the United States of
America

John Kentz (Seal)
Signed sealed published and declared by the said
John Kentz as his last will and Testament and as his
request we have in his presence and in the presence of
each other subscribed our names as witnesses thereto
Thomas Baggett Jno Sidney Riggs Morris Goldsmith
Proved before Thomas Kerre Esq. Oct 15th July 1846
At the same time qualified Thomas N Gadsden Ex-
ecutor

Box 3
18-1
of Registry of the District filed 12 June 1849. It
has not been published. After the death of R. H. King an
inquiry was made by the Collector of Customs and
of the records and delivered to John W. R. King Esq.
with a list of the papers in the past
mainly having to do with the
of the same.