

16 W. South Carolina. In the Name of God Amen. I ^{James}
N. 5. Ladson of the City of Charleston, in the State aforesaid, Widow,
considering the uncertainty of this mortal Life and being of
sound mind and memory (blessed be Almighty God for
the same) do make and publish this my last Will and
Testament in writing, in manner and form following, that
is to say, first I will and direct that all my just debts be paid
and on payment thereof I give and bequeath to my four
younger children, viz William, James, Josephine and
Gibbs, all my Estate both real and personal to be equally
divided among them share and share alike to them and
to their heirs and assigns forever. But should any or either
of my said children die before the age of Eighteen or marriage
then I give and bequeath the share and proportion, of such
as so die, before the age of eighteen or marriage to the survivors
to be equally divided among them. Item I will and direct
that after payment of my debts as aforesaid, or as soon as may
be convenient after my decease, my Estate be fairly and im-
partially valued and should the value thereof amount to
Twenty Two thousand Dollars, then I give and bequeath to
my two daughters Mrs John S. Bee and Mrs Alexander Bason
the sum of One thousand Dollars each, and it is my Will
and desire that the said sum be paid to them

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to their heirs and assigns forever. But should any or either
of my said children die before the age of Eighteen or marriage
then I give and bequeath the share and proportion, of such
as so die, before the age of eighteen or marriage to the survivors
to be equally divided among them. Item I will and direct
that after payment of my debts as aforesaid, or as soon as may
be convenient after my decease, my Estate be fairly and im-
partially valued and should the value thereof amount to
Twenty Two thousand Dollars, then I give and bequeath to
my two daughters Mrs John S. Bee and Mrs Alexander Barron
the sum of One thousand Dollars each, and it is my Will
and desire that the said several sums of money hereby given
and bequeathed to my two daughters as aforesaid should
not be in any manner subject to the present or future
debts of them or either of their husbands but shall be for the
separate use and benefit of themselves. Item. It is my Will
and desire that the said several sums of money hereby given
and bequeathed to my two daughters Mrs John S. Bee,
Executors herein after named or by the Legatee aforesaid in
equal proportions. Item. It is my Will and desire, and I do
hereby commit the Guardianship of my daughter Josephine

until she shall attain the age of eighteen years unto my Son
William. Item It is also my Will and desire that my young
man Francis (a House Servant) shall be allowed to remain
in the possession of my said Son William, his heirs and assigns
forever and shall be considered as a part of the Share or propo-
tion to which he may be entitled in and by virtue of this my
last Will and Testament. Item I give and bequeath
a Seamstress named Dolly to my daughter Josephine
her heirs and assigns forever, (with the liberty however of refusing
her) as a part of the Share or proportion to which she may
be entitled in and by virtue of this my last Will and
Testament. Lastly I do hereby nominate, constitute and
appoint my Sons William and James Executors of the
my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former
Wills by me made. In witness whereof I the said Judith
Ladson have hereunto set my hand and seal this thirteenth
day of November in the year of our Lord One thousand eight
hundred and Sixteen. Judith Ladson (S)

Signed Sealed, published and declared by the Testatrix 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

who at her request in her presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto. The word Life being inserted in the first page near the top.

B. W. Smith. Elizabeth Wragg. Thos. Middleton.

As some parts of my family do not seem satisfied with the arrangement of my property in my Will and which I only left in that manner from supposing that after the marriage settlement was paid to my children there would be very little if any thing to leave and being particularly anxious that my daughter Josephine should not be left dependant on anyone. I therefore intend making a new Will, in the mean time should I die before I accomplish it my children may see what my intentions were. After the payment of every debt and proportions including also all my son's William's debts and proportions of the marriage settlement due to my children, whatever is left over and above of the legacies mentioned hereafter I divide into fifteen Shares equal proportions, eleven of which to each of my eleven children, the remaining Shares I give and bequeath to my three single children Wm. Joseph. & Gibbs and my daughter Baron so that those four will have two shares each, Gibbs entire education and support until he attains his twenty fourth year to be paid out of the Estate. The little plate I did possess of I have

22 I have already decided: my carriage horses, coachman, with my best
bedstead 2 suits of curtains belonging thereto, bedding in my
Wardrobe, easy chair, and sufficient furniture for a Chamber I
leave to my daughter Josephine with the linen belonging to
the large bedstead, my sofa, bedstead, Table linen, napery and
sideboard at Santee I leave to my Son Wm my Bookcase and
small chest of drawers to my Son Gibbs, unless Wm prefers to come
to Charleston also one dog chair to my Son Gibbs and my other
stead & bedding now at Mr. Whiffles. my Mahogany Chest at
Santee, I leave to Josephine. My Sons Wm & Gibbs & my daughter
Josephine not having yet received their three negroes from
their Father's Estate, they must have the liberty of taking their
choice from the House negroes or from the country, provided
they do not choose a field hand. July 14th 1818. Judith Ladson
Prone before James D. Mitchell Esq C. C. J. D. September 23rd 1820.
At the second term qualified William Ladson and James Ladson
Executors.

16 W^o I Elizabeth A. Woodruffe of the City of Charleston, being of sound
N^o 6. and disposing mind and memory do make this my Will. In
p^{re}mi^s. I give to M^{rs} Ann Campbell all my wearing apparel
Secondly. I give devise and bequeath to my Executor hereinafter
named all the rest of my estate real and personal to hold to