

17 of In the Name of the Father of the Son and of the Ho-
 43 ly Ghost, Amen. I the undersigned Peter Laurans a
 native of Eure in France heretofore Province of Lower Gui-
 enne near Lareole, being sick in body but sound of mind mem-
 ory and intellect & sound of Judgment, wishing to put my
 temporal affairs in order have made & dictated this my pres-
 ent Testament and ordinance of my Last Will as follows. Ar-
 ticle the first In the first place I recommend my Soul to
 God, beg of him to Vouchsafe to pardon the sins which I have
 committed in this world begging it of him most sincerely a-
 gain recommending my Soul to his paternal mercy, begging of
 him again to pardon it for the human weaknesses and to Grant
 it the eternal beatitude amen. Article the second. I give
 and bequeath to Rebecca Man a coloured woman my House (op-
 posite to the College N^o) George street to hold and to have
 possession thereof during her Life time Solely and after her
 death the said House to be returned to my heirs hereafter
 named, the rent of the lot of the said house to be paid by
 my Executors also hereafter named. I moreover give and be-
 queath to the said Rebecca Man whilst living the sum of Fif-
 ty Dollars pr annum payable quarterly by my said Executors.
 I moreover bequeath to Rebecca Man a negro Woman named Ketts
 with her two children named Betsy aged about four years and
 Scipio aged nine months to hold and to have possession of
 them during her Life but after her decease to be returned to
 my heirs hereafter mentioned. By an act anterior to the
 present my two negro girls Marie and Sarah belong to Rebecca
 Man during her life time and after her death shall be re-
 turned to my said heirs hereafter mentioned. Article the
 third, I give & bequeath to the Institution of the Orphan
 House of this City a sum of Fifty Dollars once to be paid.
 Article the fourth, I give and bequeath to the Congregation
 of the Roman Church in Hazell Street a Sum of Fifty Dollars
 once to be paid Article the Fifth, I may be in debt to the
 family of Le Compte at Martinique in the Sum of Seventy Dol-
 lars I desire the said Sum to be paid to them as well as to

all others to whom I may be in debt by my executors hereafter named--Article the Sixth I give and bequeath to Rebecca Ben my Table linen with my bed sheets and all the furniture and other articles which will be found in my house on my decease and four Silver Spoons and forks to be taken out of my silver plate, Article the seventh, My three houses on Gadsdens Green as also the one at the corner of George and St Philips Street shall be sold by my Executors by will hereafter named in the manner they shall think most advantageous to the Interest of my heirs from the proceeds they shall pay 1st my debts, 2^d the Legacies above Specified & the Surplus to be remitted to my general Legatees hereafter named. Article the Eighth as to the Lease which I hold from Mr Samuel Pendergraft Corner of George and King Street, my executors by will shall renew it if practicable at its expiration, Article the Ninth, That lease which I hold from St. Philips church corner of George & St Philips street (Glebe Land) the lease which I hold is renewable at its expiration in consideration of the payment of one years rent at its expiration gratuitous. It is renewable for thirty and odd years and at the same price as I actually pay (Forty nine Dollars) my intention is that it shall be renewed and not sold, not being landed property out of that sum of forty nine Dollars Robert Right pays me Eight dollars and fifty Cents per annum for a portion of Lot N^o 4. Article the tenth. I name and appoint for my heirs and Legatees general 1st my Brother Jean Laurans, 2^d my Sister Marie Laurans, 3^d the Children of Jeanne Laurans if there exist any, 4th The Children of Susanne Laurans if there be any (these two are deceased) 5th my other Brother Mafais Laurans. It is here understood that the children of Jeanne Laurans shall represent one part, and those of Susanne Laurans an other part It shall also be the case with those of Mafais if there be any and in case that my Brother be deceased--Article the Eleventh And for the Execution of this my present Will I name and institute my particular friends Mers^r Arnaud Jean Baptiste

Fourgeaud and H. P. Dawes which I beg of them to take charge of and see that Justice be done to whomsoever it may belong. I also name my particular friend Francis Laborde to whom I beg leave to take charge of this my will. Article the Twelfth. Considering that having gained what I possess by my Labour and Industry I have an incontestible right agreeably to the Laws of South Carolina to dispose thereof as I may think fit, and as my relations aforementioned may through insidious and idle advices plead against my aforesaid Will, in this case only and upon a Simple Citation before Justice endeavour to annul the whole in part of this my present Will. In this case only I declare that the general Legacies made by me to my aforesaid relations are null and of none effect, Enacting a new in the aforesaid case. I make the Commissioners of the Orphan House for the benefit of the Institution my Universal Legatees, it being well understood that the Overplus of my will shall be executed agreeably to its form and tenor, it being also well understood that my Relations shall be at liberty to make such Citations before Justice and such demands as their interest shall require against all those who may wrongfully Keep that part of their funds until final Judgement to be paid without opposing themselves to the Execution of my Will. Article the Thirteenth I annul and make Void and revoke all other will or Codicil which I may have made anterior to the present will. In the Contents of which I persist having red it over and again. Made signed and sealed in Charleston So. Ca. in presence of the Witnesses who have Signed with us this day the tenth of May Eighteen hundred and twenty six -----

Peter Laurans

Witnesses -- P. Javain -- Vallenet -- F. Follin --

Proved before James D Mitchell Esquire C.C.T.D. May 17 1826

At same time Qualified Arnold Fourgeaud Hugh P Dawes & Francis Laborde, Executor.

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Ex J.D.M.

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