on the June 1697.

Extracted from Original Record Vol pages 294 & 337 removed from Secretary of State's Office pursuant to act of assembly A.D. 1849 and examined by M. T. Mendenhall Esquire C.C.P. 1851.

Richard Butler

Carrolina). In the Name of God Amen, this twelfe day of September 1696. I Richard Butler of the Province afores^d being weake of body butt in perfect strength of memory thankes be given to God tooking to mind the weakness of my body & knowing that itt is appointed for all men once dye make ordeine this my last will and testament in manner & forme following that is to say. first and principally I give my soule into the hands of God who gave itt me & to my body I commend itt to the earth to be buried in Christian & decent manner in such place as my Executrix hereafter named shall think fitt & concerning such nothing doubting butt at the generall resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God & touching such worldly estate wherewith itt hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give devise bequeath & dispose the same in manner & forme following.

First I will & desire ye all those debts & duties that I owe in conscience & justice to any person or persons whatsoever be well & truly satisfied contented & paid in some convenient time after my decease by my Executrix hereafter named. 2dly I give & bequeath to my grandson Richard Hickman one negro girl by name Hannah to him & his heirs after my decease. 3dly I give & bequeath to my grandchildren Mary Hickman one young negro woman to be delivered to her when she doth attain the age of sixteen years. 4^thly I give & bequeath to my Sone John Butler one third part of the profitts of the stock & plantation with his wife & family & all goods I had in my lifetime till he comes to enjoy itt all the death of my sone John Butler. 5^thly I give & bequeath all my whole Estate both real & personall to be remaine in the power hands & possession & ordering of my dear wife Hannah Butler during her life whome I constitute & appoint by this my last will & testament my whole & sole Executrix & after her decease the ye whole both real & personall to be in the hands possession & occupation of my eldest Sone John Butler & his lawfull heirs forever & for want of such lawfull heirs the ye whole to be remaine in ye hands & possession of my daughter Mary Hickman & her heirs forever. I will & desire that Mary Robert Sumner may be guardian to my wife & sone Cicely Butler & John Butler aforementioned in this my last will & testament. In witness my hand & seale the day & yeare above written.

Signed sealed published & declared in the presence of us. William P. B. Bollaugh, Timothy F. Bewell, John Butler, Thomas T. F. Fry, Thomas T. Fitzgerald, Seon: Hickman —

Richard Butler (Seal)

Extracted from the Original Record Vol pages 332 removed from Secretary of State's Office pursuant to Act of Assembly A.D. 1849 & Examined by M. T. Mendenhall Esq C.C.P. 1851.

Joseph Barker

In the Name of God amen. I Joseph Barker of the Island of Nevis Merchant being at this time in perfect sense of mind & memory and in bodily health butt my affairs occasioning mee to be bound of a voyage for Portugall & knowing ye all men are mortall doe make & declare this my last will & testament as followeth (viz). my soule I commend into the hands of Almighty God being assuredly believing by & through the merritt & mediation of Jesus Christ my Savior & redemer to have free & clear remission & pardon of all my sins and to be saved. and concerning such goods & chattells as by the blessing of God I doe enjoy in this world I dispose as followeth (viz). Imprimis I give & bequeath unto my deare beloved wife Hannah Barker all & singular my Estate personall & reall as goods Chattells negroes landshouses leases debts plate money household stuff or any other thing whatsoever any wayes appertaining & belonging to me. I doe will & ordaine likewise my deare wife Hannah Barker my full & sole heiress & Executrix of this my last will & testament, my desire is that my good friend Capt. Richard Holloway be assistant to my said Executrix & for his trouble therein my will is & my said Executrix payout of my estate to him the s^d Richard Holloway ye sume of five pounds — willing my said Executrix to see my debts be paid. In Witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & seale this 6th day of October Anno Domi: 1691. Signed sealed published & declared for ye last will & testament of the above s^d Joseph Barker revoking all former wills in the presence of:

Cadwallader Jones, Gilbert Ashley, Thomas Bethley

Joseph Barker (Seal)

Extracts from original Record Vol page 310 removed from Secretary of State's Office pursuant to Act of General Assembly A.D. 1849 & Examined by M. T. Mendenhall Esq C.C.P. 1851.

Benjamin Willdy

I Benjamin Willdy of London Norwich ffactor being, God be thanked of good and perfect memory & understanding the eleaventh day of December one thousand ninety & foure doe make publish & declare this to be my last will & testament in manner & forme as followeth. In the first place I recommend my soule into the hands of the merciffull God & as for my body I recommend the decent intonement thereof to the direction of my friends. Item. I give & bequeath to my deare sister Martha Wood wife of Edward Wood fifty pounds butt in cause of her death then to come to my deare mother Martha Doggett. Item. I give & bequeath my sister Mary Manwarring wife of Thomas Manwarring fifty pounds butt in cause of his decease to be then given to her two children Mary & Martha Manwarring to be equally divided between them butt in cause of either of their deaths then the survivor of them to have itt butt in cause of both their deaths then to come to my deare mother Martha Doggett. Item. I give to my brother Robert Cranstone three pounds butt in cause of his death to come to my deare mother Martha Doggett. Item. I give to

Elizabeth Willdy wife of Joseph Willdy the sum of twenty pounds butt in cause of his death then to come to my dear mother Martha Doggett butt in cause of her death before such time then all that is given her above to her to come to my sister Martha Wood if their living butt in case she be then dead then to be devided between my brother Robert Cranstone & Mary Manwaring wife of Thomas Manwaring butt in case of either of their deaths the survivor of them to enjoy the same. Item. I do constitute & ordain Martha Doggett to be Executrix of this my last will & testament - In Witness whereof I have hereunto Sett my hand & Seale the day & year above written

Signed sealed published and declared in the presents of us
Edward Wood, Sarah Brunton & Isaac Miller

Benjamin Willdy

Be it remembered (Upon fidens) Jacobus Buckly
Notary Publick

Recorded this 11th of ffebruary 1697

Extracted from Original Record, page 104 remained in the Secretary of States Office pursuant to Act of Assembly. J. D. Bryd Examined by W. Monmouth Esq. Clk
A.D. 1851

I Mary Croft of Charlestown [illegible] very sick & weak but of sound & perfect memory [illegible] do make this my last will & testament. First & principal I recommend my soul to God hoping through the merits of my Redeemer [illegible] everlasting life. My body I commit to the earth to be buried [illegible] of my Executor & Executrix [illegible] worldly estate I dispose as followeth. Item. I give grant devise & bequeath unto my Son William Bayley the [illegible] in Charles Town which was formerly Capt. Sam. Clapp whereon the great house stands he lately lived in together with the house & all other buildings on the said Town lott also my half of a parcel of land in Commander Town containing fifty acres thereabouts which I purchased with my son Capt. Charles Castle To have & to hold the said Town lott buildings & premises thereto belonging the said parcell of land to my said Son William Bayley his heirs & assignes forever. Item I give grant devise & bequeath unto my said Son William Bayley one other town lott in Charlestown which formerly belonged to my son Capt. John Clapp & whereon Capt. John Flavell now lives together with the houses & buildings thereon, To have & hold the said town lott & premises to my Son William Bayley during his natural life & after his decease I give grant & bequeath the said Town lott & premises to my two daughters Mary Basden Widow & Susanna Rawlins their heirs & assignes forever to be divided equally between them. Item. I give grant devise & bequeath unto my daughter Mary Basden Widow One moiety or half part of my town lott in Charlestown fronting the Wharfe whereon I now live, viz that moiety or half part of the said Town lott next Capt. Rhett's where Mr Buckley lately lived. To have & to hold the said half town lott to my daughter Mary Basden her heirs & assignes forever. Item. I give grant devise & bequeath unto my daughter Susanna Rawlins the other moiety or half part of my said town lott fronting the Wharfe, viz the northermost half of the said town lott & the house wherein Simon lives, To have & to hold the said half town lott with the buildings thereon to my said daughter Susanna Rawlins her heirs and assignes forever. Item. My will is that my three town lotts situate near the Market Place in Charlestown be devided into three equall parts as followeth the front to the Broad Street alias Cooper Street & the front to the little Street that runs by Mr Franklings & Mr Simmons to be divided into thirds the said lotts to be devided by straight lines running northward & southwardly & the third part of my said Town lotts which lyes westermost I give grant & bequeath to my Son William Bayley during his natural life & after his decease I give grant & bequeath the said third part of the said three town lotts to my two daughters Mary Basden & Susanna Rawlins their heirs & assignes forever to be equally devided between them. That third part of my said three town lotts which lyes Eastermost next my Son Rawlins land, I give grant devise & bequeath to my daughter Susanna Rawlins her heirs & assignes forever. ~~and the third~~ part of the said three town lotts which lyes between the other two thirds of the said three town lotts I give grant devise & bequeath to my daughter Mary Basden her heirs & assignes forever. Item. I hereby appoint authorize & impower my Executor & Executrix hereafter named or any two of them to sell & dispose of the half town lott which was purchased of Mr Henry Simmons & lyes to the Southward of the two town lotts which was formerly Capt. Clapp's to any person or persons that will purchase the same & the money raised by the said sale thereof to receive & apply to pay my debts. Item. I give unto my daughter Mary Basden & Susanna Rawlins all & singular my household goods to be equally devided between them. Item I give & bequeath to my daughter Mary aforesaid my Indian girl Slave named Rayner. Item. I do give & bequeath unto my said Son William & daughters Mary & Susanna all & singular my shop goods & all my real or personal estate not already bequeathed in this will to be equally divided among them they paying my just debts share & share alike. Lastly I do appoint my son William Bayley & my two daughters Mary Basden & Susanna Rawlins my Executor & Executrix of this my last will & testament. hereby making null and void all former & other wills heretofore by me made & declared. In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & seal at Charlestown this twenty eighth day of August 1698.

Signed sealed & delivered & declared in the presence of us Mildred Shory, Ann Pawley, Edward Heme, Jonathan Amory

Mary Croft (Seal)

Memorandum the twelth day of November Anno 1699 came & personally appeared before me Mrs Mildred Shory & Mrs Ann Pawley & on their oaths on the holy Evangelists taken say that they & either of them were personally present & did see Mary Croft the testatrix sign seal publish & declare the testament within & above written & that at the doing thereof she the said Mary Croft was of sound & perfect mind & memory to the best of their judgments & knowledges.

Capt. Jurat Coram me

Joseph Blake

Recorded March the sixth Anno Dom 1699/700 Pr me Henry Wigington Secretary