

One Betty Jane Horley wrote Altho' Well and declare the duty to be my last will and Testament
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Testament
contained in three sheets of paper set my hand to the first and second
sheet and my hand and seal to the last sheet thereof the seventh
day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred
and twenty five.

Signed Sealed published and declared by the testator Nevill Tidwell as and
for his last will and Testament in presence of us who have
subscribed our names as witnesses hereunto in presence of
the said testator James Banbury - John Sheppard John ^{his} ~~James~~ _{mark}

7th June 1726 Personally appeared before me John Sheppard and John
Banbury two of the subscribing witnesses to the will above written
who being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists before they were
present did declare the above named Nevill Tidwell sign seal
publish and declare the above Instrument to be his last will and
Testament and that at the same time he was of sound and dispo-
sing memory and understanding to the best of these Deponents
knowledge and that the other witness James Banbury did sign
his name together with these Deponents in presence of the said
testator But his request.

Edm: Geo: M: Wallis the Granter
was sworn. Test Hb

N: Middleton

13th June 1726 (Recorded &) Jas: Hoar: Secy.

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Hendrickall Esq. & let. 1852.

Francis Holmes

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The last will and Testament of Francis Holmes Sen^r. Nide Blandhills
South Carolina. This is the last will & Testament of me Francis
Holmes Sen^r now residing in Charles Town in the Province of South Carolina
Inasmuch as I find myself through many weaknesses and infirmities
drawing to the end of this transitory life yet still through Gods great
mercy ~~possessed~~ having the freedom of my understanding and a perfect mind
and memory, I have thought fitt to make this my last will for the
settling my house in order. But first I commit ^{and principally} ~~devise~~ my
Spirit with trust and hope of heavenly felicity into the hands of Jesus
my glorified Redeemer and Intercessor and by his mediation
into the hands of God my reconciled Father the Infinite Eternal
Spirit Light, Life and Love of whom and to whom are all things
my alone Benefactor whose I am and whom I desire to move
and to whom be glory forever praying to be humbled for all my
imperfections and hoping in the alone mercies of Jesus Christ
that he will by his Spirit renew me seal me as his own and
moderate and blest to me my long sufferings in the flesh not

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after my decease at Fairbairn. Item, I give and bequeath unto my
affectionate son William the sum of three hundred pounds Boston money, and
further portion to be paid at his arrival to the age of twenty one years or as
soon after as my Executors hereafter named can raise the same.
Item, I give and bequeath unto my affectionate son Ebenezer out of the surplus
and residue of my Estate after the several legacies and requests herein
before given and bequeathed are respectively paid and fulfilled or
secured to be paid, the sum of three hundred pounds Boston money
or the said surplus and residue in case it should not amount
to three hundred pounds Boston money, But in case of any surplus
as after the said sum of three hundred pounds shall be paid to my
son Ebenezer, then the same I hereby further give bequeath and devise
unto my said sons Francis Isaac Ebenezer and William and
to their Executors Administrators and assigns forever, Always except-
ed and reserved that my negro man in Boston named Prince
shall not be liable to be sold, but shall be obliged to continue to live
with my dear wife during her widowhood and afterwards to be
absolutely free and at liberty over the desires to serve any longer,
that he may live with any of my children, to whom I recommend
him to be used well and Christianlike. Item, It is my mind
and will And I hereby nominate constitute authorize and
appoint my loving sons Francis, Isaac, Ebenezer, (and my son
William at his arrival to the age of one and twenty years) to be
sole Executors of this my last will and testament. And
firstly I hereby revoke annul and make void all former wills by
me made in Boston or elsewhere and declare this only to be and
contain my last will and testament. In witness whereof like
said Francis Testes have to the three first sides of this my last will
and testament (contained in about ^{five} sheets of paper) put my hand and
also my hand and seal to the fourth side the fourth day of May, in the
twelfth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord George of Great Britain
France and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith for ever Amen
Signed sealed published and declared by
the testator Francis Holmes Esq. as and for
his last will and testament in ^{his} presence of
us who have hereunder set our names as
Witnesses in presence of the said testator and at his request.
These words to the highest bidder and his or her heirs and assigns forever
in the second side and between the words (money) and (that being just
intertained and allowed of. As also the words (westerly and extending)
in the fifth line. and the words (and extending westerly) in the
ninth line of the seventeenth line: & the words (as also my negro woman
Rose, and her son Bristol and Thompson) in the fortieth line of
the aforesaid second side just interlined and allowed of.
W. Moody - Jas Fisher - Tho Lamboll -
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