

Hannah and Lydia excepted) to be equally divided as they shall respectively receive their shares. Lastly I do nominate and appoint my beloved wife Hannah Executrix during the time of her being a widow, my son Lewis Joseph John Raven, Mr Richard Godfrey and Mr William Elliott (son of Mr Thomas Elliott) Executors of this my last will and testament and that my said wife with my Executors do stand and answer my children. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal. this Twentieth day of October Anno Domini One thousand seven hundred and twenty nine Signed sealed published and declared this within written to be his last will and testament of the testator in the presence of us the subscribers who at his request and in his presence have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto. Thomas Customs Henry Hodgkin Thomas Cooper.

Thomas Nichols (Seal)

By the Honble John Middleton Esquire to R^d Jan^y 1729.

Personally appeared before me Thomas Customs, Henry Hodgkin and Thomas Cooper the three subscribers witnesses to the within Lastment who being duly sworn on the holy Evangelists declare they were present and did see the within named Henry Customs declare he was at the same time of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding to the best of the Depon^t knowledge and the Depon^t say they veraciously subscribe but then named as witnesses in the testators presence. Edm^d etc. the two Executors sworn. Let John Harrison be sworn.

1729 Record of Charleston S^t

Letters Patent granted by the Hon^{ble} John Middleton Esquire to George Smith, James Rogers, Captain John Raven, Mr Richard Godfrey and Mr W^m Elliott qualified Executors on the 25th January 1729.

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Thomas Smith Jun^r

The Last will and testament of Thomas Smith Jun^r P^r S^t. In the Name of God Amen. I Thomas Smith Jun^r being very sick and weak but blessed be God of sound mind and memory do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament. In Wit^{ness} I becomm^e my soul into the hands of my most mercifull Creator hoping to find pardon and acceptance in and through the merits of Jesus Christ my Redeemer and my body to be buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named. Item I give and bequeath unto my loving sister, Justina Moore one thousand acres of land on the upper part of a tract of three thousand acres of land given me by my father on the upper part of his Barony on W^mineau river which said thousand acres of land I appoint shall one quarter part of the front of the three thousand acres of land and which said thousand acres of land I give

unto my said sister Moore to her heirs and assigns forever. Item I give all my whole estate real and personal unto my beloved son Thomas Smith to him his heirs and assigns forever my lawfull debts and legacies first paid. Item I give and bequeath unto my loving sister Moore and Family leave and liberty to live at my plantation on Ashley river and to have the benefit of the stock and provisions for her support during her widowhood. Item I give and bequeath to every dissenting minister in South Carolina the sum of fifty pounds to each and fifty pounds more to him who preaches my funeral sermon to be paid within two years after my decease. Item I give and bequeath unto my loving brother George Smith and Mr Roger Saunders fifty pounds to each to buy mourning and a mourning ring to each. Item I do hereby appoint my loving brother George Smith and Mr Roger Saunders to be Executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this third day of December One thousand seven hundred and twenty nine.

Signed sealed published and declared to be my last will and testament in the presence of Mr W^m Brantley - Benj^m Waring - Martha Bee.

Thomas Smith Jun^r (Seal)

By the Hon^{ble} John Middleton Esq^r President etc. 15th Jan^y 1729.

Personally appeared before me John Middleton and Benjamin Waring two of the subscribing witnesses to the above instrument who being duly sworn on the holy Evangelists declare they were present and did see the above named Thomas Smith Jun^r signe seal publish and declare the above instrument to be his last will and testament and that he was at the same time of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding to the best of the Depon^t knowledge and the Depon^t say they veraciously subscribed their names as witnesses together with the other witnesses Martha Bee in the said Testators presence and at his request. 15th Jan^y 1729 The Executors sworn.

Ar: Middleton

Letters Patent granted by the Hon^{ble} Ar: Middleton to George Smith, Roger Saunders qualified Executors on 25th January 1729.

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Henry Bowser

The Last will and testament of Henry Bowser. Bundle S^t A^d 55. No 38 South Carolina. In the Name of God Amen. I Henry Bowser of Colleton County Planter being very sick towards of body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be to God therefore calling unto mind the mortality of my body I do hereby appoint for all men once today I do hereby ordain this my last will and testament that is to say principally and first

I give & recommend my soul into the hands of that giveth life for my body I
do not wish to be buried in a Christianlike & decent manner at the
discretion of my Executors or otherwise such worldly estate wherewith it
shall please God to bless me with in this life, I give & dispose of
the same in the following manner & form. After all my debts and funeral
charges are paid I give & bequeath unto the Reverend the Pastor Minister
of the Gospel at Leavens fifty pounds current of this Province to him and
his heirs forever. I give my negro man named John his freedom
at my death, he shall serve John paying or paying to be paid every year
after he is free during his life twenty shillings to my kinsman Joseph
Russell or his heirs. I give & bequeath to said John John Perry
twenty shillings to him & his heirs forever. Discharging & for ever releasing
him or his from any such claims title or pretence touching the afore-
mentioned thing or things given & bequeathed or belonging to my
grand daughter Martha Perry. But in case he shall John Perry
should make any claim or pretence about taking said daughter away
from her kinsman Russell & John Perry, natural & legal heirs, the pretence
right thereby, then said kinsman Russell shall be bound to Joseph William Russell
shall be bound to return what is given her the said Martha Perry in her
own hand & estate if in case of her death. I give & bequeath
to my well beloved wife Elizabeth Perry one hundred pounds current
money of this Province to be received out of my estate & to be paid
her yearly during her natural life & to commence & begin from the day
of my death, together with a good & discreet woman which
of them she will prefer to be her housekeeper (business) to be bought
forthwith after my decease out of the estate & given her with all
her necessary appurtenances to be charged & paid to be paid to her
then part of the household furniture & every pound in hand to be
paid her at my death & to be her own & to be disposed of. I give & bequeath
to my beloved daughter Mary Russell one negro man
named Sampson to said woman named Perry her negro boy
named Richard together with her share of the rest & remaining part
of the household goods when equally divided between her & the
said sister Edens to her & her heirs forever. It is my will that the negro
& Indian woman above named be appraised & the equivalent that
they are appraised to be taken out of my estate to my daughter
the said Edens & paid to her in money for the benefit of her children. I give
& bequeath to my grand daughter Martha Perry one thousand
pounds current money of this Province & two negro men named Buff
& Mingo, the money that is the thousand pounds to be put to interest
the yearly interest to be put out also, the two negroes yearly hire
to be for her boarding & schooling & upbringing to the necessity of it
will not do to take amount out of the yearly interest of the thousand
pounds a week, the rest to be still out at interest; the same without
management of her the said Martha Perry & her estate & her estate
against Joseph William Russell and until the arrival of the age of fifteen
years or more, but in case of death or unlawful issue of the said
Martha

Martha Perry's body that then the thousand pounds & two negroes if John
& what purpose is made shall return to my daughter Tabitha Edens
children to be equally divided amongst them that shall be then alive, but
if lawfully issue as aforesaid of the said Martha Perry's body then to be
hers & her heirs forever. The two negroes to be appraised and equivalent
made of the rest of my estate to my daughter Edens as before directed to.
Now my will is also that my plantation with all appurtenances
thereunto belonging, stock, & slaves by name Tom, Peter, Dancett
Deas, Frank, Phyllis, Milly, Dauphney, Dido be sold the thousand
pounds of it to be raised & put to interest. One thousand pounds to
Martha Perry as aforesaid, the other thousand pounds to interest
thereof to pay my debts & himself & annuity during her life;
but at her death the thousand pound to be equally divided between
my two daughters Mary Russell & Tabitha Edens; Mary Russell
part of it to be and her heirs forever. But my daughter Tabitha
Edens part of this thousand pounds & what else of her part of the
estate comes to her, be all in money & to be put out to interest for
the use herself & the benefit of her children; & she the said Tabitha
Edens then mother to be their sole Guardian and manager of
her then during her life; & at her death to appoint whom she will;
also what other money or profits, or money arising from the estate
above the two thousand pound or otherwise shall be equally divided
between my two daughters Mary Russell & Tabitha Edens; & that without
any condition or state, but with as much love & sweetness as may
be possible. Moreover the part of the household goods coming to my
daughter Tabitha Edens (after then mother's death) together with my
riding horse to be her own & her disposal for ever. Lastly, for Exec-
utors of this my last will & Testament I constitute & ordain & appoint
my well beloved friends Mr Joseph Salyer Senr. Scabed Westbrook Ralph
Barley and Joseph Russell; and do hereby utterly disallow & revoke
disannul every other testament wills legacies bequests & Executors
by me in any ways before this time named, willed & bequeathed
ratifying & confirming this to be my last will & Testament.
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the twenty first
day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and
twenty four.

Signed sealed published pronounced
& declared by the said Henry Bowes as
his last will and testament in the presence of us the subscribers vizt
Eph. Mikkell. John Trapp. Eph. Mikkell Junr.

Carolina de Com Colleton. Memo. this eight day of June
1725 before me Tho. Sparke, President & Stephen Wilkinson Esq. one
of the Assistant Judges of the Precinct Court of Milledown appeared
Ephraim Mikkell Senr. & Ephraim Mikkell Junr. & declared upon their
corporate oaths that they each of them did see the within Henry Bowes
late of Edisto Island sign seal publish and declare the within