

Special Order James Moore Governor and Ordinary in His Majesty's Province of South Carolina 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1720

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James De Roock

In the Name of God Amen the twentieth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and twenty James De Roock of Charles Town in the Province of South Carolina being sick and weak in body soft of mind & perfect mind and memory (that is to say) do hereby certify that he doth know and knowing the uncertainty of this transitory life in death and in his lifetime to settle things in order to make certain provision for his wife and youngest children in manner here following to wit that he doth give by these presents unto my wife the well loved Elizabeth and Elizabeth my daughter by me lawful the second wife by word or witness and the my wife Elizabeth doth consent and assent and other like just and necessary testimonies in witness whereof I have subscribed my name hoping through the merits and intercession of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to receive in such part as shall be my share and portion in the earth to be buried therein in such decent manner as my dear departed wife should have had he thought convenient for the settling and disposing of his estate and shall to and to his heirs both living & to come after his death to be done in the same order and manner as the same is contained in the will of the said James De Roock (that is to say) that all the real estate and goods which he hath or shall have in any manner of person or persons whatsoever shall be and the same shall be counted and paid unto my wife Elizabeth after my decease by my Executors hereafter named Item I give and bequeath one Negro man by name Joseph and one Negro woman by name Sue and her increase unto my dear wife Elizabeth De Roock Stew. I give and bequeath unto my son James De Roock the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds of the Kingdom of Great Britain Item I give and bequeath unto my son John De Roock all my cattle & hogs that are in the Province of South Carolina Item I give & bequeath my two Towns both in Charles Town otherwise known distinctly in the middle of the said Town by the number of (170) and (275) houses I now live together with all and every the appurtenances unto them belonging & likewise all my other personal Estate (not herebefore herein disposed of) of what nature kind or quality never the same may be unto my daughter Mary De Roock and to her heirs & assigns forever and that all the aforesaid premises by me bequeathed shall be delivered unto her possession and as soon as she shall arrive to the age of sixteen years or on the day of her marriage which shall first happen both of them should she before her marriage or before the <sup>shall</sup> arrive at the age of sixteen years or about having any child of her body lawfully begotten she shall thereby give and <sup>with</sup> all the said premises unto my two Sons James and John aforesaid to be equally divided between them Lastly I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint

appoint my well beloved friend Mr. William Elliott of Berkeley County, Maryland to be my Executor and my wife Elizabeth De Roock (during the time only that she shall survive my widow) to be my Executors jointly & severally of this my last will and testament in testimony whereof I have signed & sealed these presents with my hand and seal the day & year first above written. Signed sealed published & declared in presence of: James De Roock (Seal) Mr. Arden, Saml. Arden, Tho. Moore

Memorandum That with eight days of Feb'y 1721 personally came and appeared before me James Moore for the sake of his Majesty King George 3<sup>rd</sup> of Great Britain Carolina Willm Arden Saml Arden & Thos Moore who made oath as the Holy Evangelist that they saw the abovesaid James De Roock sign seal & declare the aforesaid written instrument to be his last will & testament. Sworn the day & year aforesaid before me Saml Moore

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Andrew Foster

In the Name of God Amen I Andrew Foster of South Carolina Sheriff: No 50 being in good health sound & perfect memory praise be to my Almighty Creator do make & ordain this my present last will & testament in manner here following (that is to say) first & principally I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God my heavenly Father hoping thro' the merits death & pas. Son of my blessed Saviour Christ Jesus to have full and free pardon & forgive-ness so fall my sins & to inherit everlasting life my body I commit to the Earth to be decently interred all the discretion of my Executors hereafter named And as touching the disposition of all such temporal estate as I have or shall have Almighty God to bestow upon me I give & dispose thereof as followeth to wit I am provided I will require that all my debts & funeral expenses shall be first paid & discharged. Stew. I will bequeath unto my first born Son Arthur De Roock one hundred & twenty five shillings sterling. Stew. I give & bequeath unto my friend Mr. J. David Durham one gold ring to the value of twenty five shillings sterling. Stew. I give & bequeath unto my friend Mr. John Gough one gold ring to the value of twenty five shillings sterling. Stew. I give & bequeath unto my dear & loving mother Mrs. Anne Christian Arthur one Negro woman named Lily w<sup>ch</sup> all her increase during the said Arthur's lifetime & then to my daughter Ann Foster. Stew. I give & bequeath unto the said Ann Foster one Indian girl & one quarter girl & my dwelling house w<sup>ch</sup> I desire may be sold to white or aged or married by Stew. I give & bequeath unto my loving brother Christopher Arthur one Negro boy named Smith killed. Stew. I give & bequeath unto my Coy<sup>r</sup> Joseph Abadie one Indian Boy named Dublin. Stew. I give & bequeath unto the said Ann of fifty pounds current money. Stew. I give and bequeath unto the said Molloney the sum of fifty pounds and in case my daughter Ann