

and Richard Hall two of the witnesses to the above will ^{the} being duly sworn
on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God declared that they were personally present
and saw the Testator set his mark and seal the above instrument of writing
and publish and declare it to be his last will and testament & that
John Somers was present all the same time and set his hand thereto as
witness.

Extract from Original Record No 5 of 1755 removed from Secy of State's Office pursuant to Act
of Assembly by Mr Teller and Bell Esq Bar At Ld.

Jas. Moore.

Dec 18

No 227 South Carolina Decr 18th Anno 1755 John Ward Bally
County Planter being absent and weak memory thanks be given to
Almighty God but knowing the uncertainty of life and being desirous to make
all things in order should he this my last will and testament in manner and
form following. I give and bequeath my estate in land Almighty give
my Master Abigail & her children a portion of the inheritance of Jesus Christ my
dear son to be their sole property to be held to take from
us. I further declare and make known and do now as touching my
estate which I have now and then had and now have
by my will to make to my wife Abigail and her children
changes being now and then made to my wife and her
children according to the law of God. I further do now bequeath unto myself
the sum of £1000 to be paid to my wife and her children during her
lifetimes she retaining a jointure of my estate until my son
Jonathan Ward come of age the sum to be paid to him
except she may be free she may charge them in part. It is to note that a just apportionment
between me and my wife Abigail in money and goods subsequent unto my
son Jonathan Ward coming of age will be made according to my meaning
is that he should enjoy one half of my estate but it is my mind and all my
slaves by names in them shall be given to my son Jonathan Ward and his wife
Abigail and £1000 to be paid to my wife Abigail & her children during her
lifetimes jointly. None shall worth her money and all my goods
at her marriage shall remain to her to be disposed of by her
effects that she may have secure to her and her heirs. Provided also
they paying to her mother her thirds interest. Second to my just cause by law and
also her third they paying to the rest of her brothers and sisters an equal part
of my personal estate according to the proportion & share said that is to
his brothers severally as they shall attain to come to the age of one and
twenty years old these equal parts and also his sister as they shall
attain to the age of eighteen years old or be married then equal
parts. 3d I will that my said son Jonathan Ward & his heirs main-
tain the rest of her brothers and sisters in meat drink and apparel and
also give them education and learning according to his ability how they
may charging them for any particular. 4th I will that if my son Jonathan
Ward ^{be} under age or without wife or lawfully begotten then his
brother ^{next} by birth to enjoy my estate he performing the conditions as his
brother Ward ^{was} to do in every respect even to the youngest of my sons
in case of mortality the eldest dying without lawfull heirs he performing
the conditions aforesaid in every respect. 5th I will that if any of my children
are

die under age or without wife or lawfully begotten then his or her part to be equally
divided among the others of my children. 6th I nominate constable and appoint
my said wife Francis to be Administrator of this my first last will and testament
and for Executors of the same I do constitute and appoint my brother and well
beloved friends Mr John Jones Mr John Oldfield and Mr Daniel Russell
recording and making void all other former wills or testaments
herefore made or intended to be made confirming this and another to be
my last will and testament in witness whereof I have set my hand and
seal this twenty third day of September Anno Domini one thousand seven
hundred and nineteen.

Signed sealed & declared in the presence of
Debra Darent Ann Greenland
the mark of Johanna Greenland.

John Ward (mark)

Dec 18 Anno 1755 That on this eleventh day of May 1755 I John Ward came and appeared
before me the witness named Deborah Darent Ann Greenland and Johanna
Greenland who being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelist say that they and each
of them were personally present and did see the witness named Testator John Ward
sign seal publish and declare the within writing to be and stand as his
last will and testament the day of the date hereof and that the said testator
was sound and disposing mind & memory at the same time.

Jas. Moore

Extract from the Original Record No 5 page 27 removed from the Secy of
State's Office pursuant to Act of Assembly, to say I have by Mr Teller and Bell Esq Bar At Ld.

South Carolina Oct 25

No 228 For the Planter of New London the twenty fifth day of October in the
year of our Lord 1755. I John Ward by the wife of Christopher Ward
lately dead being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind
and memory thanks be given to God therefore calling unto my mind
the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men
once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament that
is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul
into the hands of God that gave it and for my body I recommend it to
the Earth to be buried in a Christian like and decent manner at the
discretion of my Executors nothing doubting butt at the general resurrection
how I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God and
as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless
me in this life I give devise and dispose of the same in the following
manner and forme. Imprimis I give and bequeath to Martha stone
my sister one gold chain. Item I give to my well beloved children
all my personal estate to be equally to be divided to them when they
comes to age or at their marriage and in case it should please God
to take them hence before they come of age or married I give and