

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 be 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 1729.

Personally appeared before me Thomas Customs, Henry Hodgkin and Thomas Cooper the three subscribers witnesses to the within instrument 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 Deponent's knowledge and they veraciously subscribe his then named executors in the testator's presence. Edm^d M^d the two Secretaries sworn. Let John Harrison be sworn.

1729 Record of Charleston S^c

Letters Patent granted by the Hon^{ble} John Middleton Esquire to Thomas Nichols, 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 of R^d S^c. 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 bequeath my soul into the hands of my most merciful 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, Susannah 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 lawful 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 Erskine - Ben^g Waring - Martha Bee.

Thomas Smith Jun^r (Seal)

By the Hon^{ble} John Middleton Esq^r President &c. 15th Jan^y 1729. Personally appeared before me Miles Brewton 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 sign 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 Deponent's knowledge and the Deponent do say they veraciously subscribed their names as witnesses together with the other witnesses Martha Bee in the said Testator's presence and at his request. 15th Jan^y 1729 The Executors sworn.

Ar^{ch} Middleton

Letters Patent granted by the Hon^{ble} Ar^{ch} 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 L^{ib} A^{ss} 55. No 38 South Carolina. In the Name of God Amen. I Henry Bowser of Charleston in Colleton County Planter being very sick & weak of body but of perfect mind & memory thanks be to God therefore calling unto mind the mortality of my body & that it is appointed for all men once to die do hereby ordain this my last will & testament that is to say principally and first