

Let the Court of Chancery of the Province of South Carolina be advised that I John Caswood of Charles Town in the Province of South Carolina last living & dead in my last Will & Testament in manner following (to wit) First I commend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God hoping for remission of my sins through the merits of my Saviour Jesus Christ and my body I command to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors hereinafter named under the ordinary Statute which God has bestowed on me & dispose of the same as follows

I Give and bequeath unto Charles Hills and Andrew Allen Esqrs and to the Survivors of them and to the Executors & Removers of such Survivors the Sums of Three Thousand pounds Lawd Money of the Province of South Carolina upon this Special Trust and Condition Nevertheless that they the said Charles Hills & Andrew Allen or the Survivors of them the Executors & Removers of such Survivors Do within two years next after my decease apply the said Sum of three thousand pounds towards the repairing and repairing of the New Brick Church in Charles Town in such manner as they shall think fit in no other use or purpose whatsoever and my Will is that the said Sum of three thousand pounds shall be laid out and applyed as aforesaid

Item I Give and bequeath unto Mary Caswood Anne Caswood & Jane Caswood Daughters of my Brother Leonard Caswood the Sums of one hundred pounds Sterling Money of Great Britain each to be remitted to them by my Executors within one year of my decease

Item I Give and bequeath unto Anne Graves the Daughter of John Graves of Kingston upon the Sums of one hundred pounds Sterling to be remitted to her in one year of my decease

Item I Give unto the Master and Wardens of Trinity House in Hill the Sums of Sixty Sterling to be laid out in a piece of plate for the use of the said House

Item I Give and bequeath unto my beloved Wife Elizabeth Caswood One third part of all my State personal to hold to my said Wife her Executors Removers and Assigns for ever

Item I Give and bequeath unto my beloved Daughter Gibbon Caswood all the rest and residue of my estate both real and personal to have and to hold to my said Daughter Gibbon Caswood her heirs Executors Removers and Assigns for ever but in case it should happen that my said Daughter shall depart this life before she attains her age of one year or shall be married then I do hereby give and bequeath all the said part and residue of my estate both real and personal unto the said Mary Caswood Anne Caswood and Jane Caswood Daughters of my said Brother Leonard Caswood their heirs Executors Removers & Assigns for ever

Item My Will is that all my Stock and Interest employd in Trade and Shipping collected and gatherd in as soon as possible after my decease and that the same being thereby be put out to Interest on good Security provided the said Stock be not called in in less than one year

Lastly I do nominate constitute and appoint Charles Hills & Andrew Allen Esqrs Executors of this my last Will & Testament and Guardians of my Daughter Gibbon Caswood until she shall come unto her age of twenty one years I shall be married In Witness whereof I have set my hand and Seal to this my last Will & Testament contained in two Sheets the seventh day

of October in the Twelfth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King George the first in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & twenty five the last Will & Testament in his presence of us who at his request and in his presence have subscribed our names as Witnesses

John Caswood
Benj. Ramsey
Henry Howser
Gabriel Manigault
Benj. Whitaker

Personally appeared before me Benjamin Ramsey Henry Howser & Benjamin Whitaker Esqrs who being duly sworn on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God Declared they were present & did see the within named John Caswood sign Seal Publish and Declare the said Testament to be his last Will & Testament that he was at the same time of mind & disposing mind & memory to the best of their best knowledge and these Deponents further say that their several names subscribed by them as Witnesses were not by them respectively in the said Testam: Presence & at his request

22 Dec 1725 Recorded at Charles Town
Arthur Middleton

The hon^{ble} Arthur Middleton Esq^r President and Commander in Chief in & over this his Majesties Province of South Carolina & ordinary of the same

To all to whom these presents shall come Greeting
I know you that on the eighteenth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & twenty five the last Will & Testament of John Caswood late of Charles Town last living & deceased was proved approved & allowed of the said Deced having whilts he lived & at the time of his death diverse goods rights & Credits in the Province of South Carolina by means whereof the Administration & Discharge of his Testam: & the power of Granting the Administration of all & singular the goods rights & Credits of the said Deced & also the Auditing the Acc^t Calculations & reckonings of the said Administration & the Discharge from the same to me is manifestly known to belong & that the Remission of all & singular the goods rights & Credits of the said Deced & his Testam: any manner of way concerning was committed unto Charles Hills & Andrew Allen Esqrs named Executors in the said Will & Testament being sworn on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God well & faithfully to Administer the same & to make a full & perfect Inventory of all & singular the goods rights & Credits of the said Deced & to exhibit the same into the Secretarys Office in Charles Town in Order to be recorded at or before the first day of April next ensuing & to render what a true Acc^t Calculation & Reckoning thereof when thereunto required

