

South-Carolina

Dated 1:1:1726

By the Hon. Arthur Middleton

I Now all men by these presents that I John Woodward of the Province of South Carolina Gent. nominated and appointed one of the Executors of the last Will and Testament of Rich^d Woodward late of James Island aforesaid Deceased for diverse good causes & considerations him thereto moving has and by these presents both renounce & refuse to take up him the burden of the execution of the said last Will & Testament of the said Richard Woodward, or the Disposition of the goods & Chattels of the said Deceased to Intent & purpose that the Disposition of all & singular the goods & Chattels of the said Deceased with the wife annexed may be granted & committed unto Sarah Woodward Widow & Heir of the said Deceased together with William Wilkins & Thomas Mangrove the other Executors of the said Testator. In Witness whereof I the said John Woodward have hereunto set my hand & Seal this 1st day of January Anno Domini 1726.

South-Carolina

Attest

By the Hon. Arthur Middleton
Esq. Grand & Commander in Chief
in his Majesty's Province of South Carolina
and Ordinary of the same.

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting

Whereas James Grange, an Infant of the age of Seventeen years hath this day made humble application to me, that I Roger Moore of Good Proke (who hath also advised that he may take into his care, the charge & management of the said Infant & his Estate) may be appointed his Guardian Therefore for the better securing of the Estate & for the maintenance & Education of the said Infant out of the confidence I repose in the wisdom & integrity him the said Roger Moore, I do hereby commit the said Guardianship & the Education of him the said James Grange

to the said Roger Moore according to his desire, hereby charging him that he do maintain him in meat drink washing lodging schooling & such good Education as may be fitting according to the Circumstances & Interest of the said Infant during his minority & that the said Roger Moore, do enquire into & take care of the charge of the Estate of the said James Grange both real & personal and do deliver the same to the said James Grange or to a true & faithful Acct thereof & what estate of the said Infant shall come to his hands he is to deliver or Guardians as shall be chosen by the said James Grange when he shall attain the age of one & twenty years.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this 1st day of December in the twelfth year of his Majesty's August & Ann Domini 1725.

Attest
Arthur Middleton

Last Will & Testament of Mr John White Dated 1:1:1727

In the Name of God Amen, I John White of Charles Town in the Province of South Carolina Vintner being sick and weak but of sound and perfect Mind and Memory, thanks be to God for the same, calling to mind the uncertainties of Life, do for avoiding controversies after my Decease make, & Ordain my last Will & Testament in manner & form following (Vizt) —

Imprimis First & principally I recommend my soul into the hands of God, — hoping for pardon and forgiveness of all my sins in and through the merits & Mediation of our blessed Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ, my Body I commit to the Earth to be decently Buried by my Executors herein after mentioned. And as for such Worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to Bless me, I do give Devise & dispose of the same in manner following (Vizt) —

First I will and Desire that all my Debts & Funerals Charges be fully paid and Satisfied within Six months after my Decease.

Item I give and bequeath unto each of my Brothers & Sisters One Shilling a piece Sterling Money to be paid them by my Executors herein after nominated when Demanded

Item, all the Rest and Residue of my Goods Chattels Estate & Effects whatsoever, & all such Debts as are now due owing or belonging unto me or to me shall belong to me at the time of my Decease, I do give and bequeath the same unto my loving Wife Hannah White of Charles Town aforesaid, and unto her heirs for ever. And I do hereby nominate and appoint my said Wife sole Executrix of this my last Will & Testament, Hereby Revoking & annulling and making Void all other Wills & Testaments by me heretofore made. Ratifying and confirming this to stand and be for and as my only last Will & Testament.

Whereof I have hereunto set my Hand & Seal the Third Day of July Anno
 One Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty five.
 Signed, Sealed, Delivered by the said John White
 and Declared & Published as his last Will & Testament
 in the Presence of

John White

James Withers
 Charles Wallace
 Wm Smith

Personally came & appeared before me James Withers Charles Wallace & Wm Smith the three subscribing Witnesses to the within Will who being duly sworn on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God Declare they were present & did see & hear the said John White sign Seal Publish & Declare the said Instrument to be his last Will & Testament & that he was at the same time of Sound & perfect Memory & Understanding to the best of these Depts knowledge & belief and these Depts say they did severally subscribe their names in the said Instrument & that the names appearing by them severally to be subscribed are of these Depts respective handwriting

Recorded of the Court Secy

S. Carolina

The hon^{ble} Arthur Middleton Esq^r Secy & Commander in Chief
 Over this his Majesty's Province of South Carolina & Ordinary of the same

To all to whom these presents shall come Greeting.

Know ye that on the second day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & twenty five the last Will & Testament of John White deced was presented & allowed of the said deced having whilst he lived & at the time of his decease goods rights & credits in the Province aforesaid by means whereof the approbation & allowing of his Testament & the power of granting the Administration of all & singular the goods rights & credits of the said deced & also the audit the acct^s calculations & reckonings of the said Administration & the final Dismission & Discharge from the same to me is manifestly known to belong & the Adminⁿ of all & singular the goods rights & credits of the said deced & Testament any manner of say concerning was committed unto Hannah White's Recutrix 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 Secretary's Office in Charles Town in Order to be recorded at or before the fifth day of March next ensuing & to render a just & true acct^s calculation & reckoning thereof when thereunto required

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this tenth day of December in the twelfth year of his Majesty's reign
 Certified of the Court Secy
 Arthur Middleton

S. Carolina

By the hon^{ble} Arthur Middleton Esq^r Secy & Commander in Chief
 Ordinary of this Province

These are to authorize & empower you or any three or four of your share names are hereunder written to repair to all the parts & places in this Province as you shall be directed unto by Hannah White Recutrix of the last Will & Testament of John White Deced Wherever any of the goods of the said deced are or do remain there view and appraise all & every the said goods being first sworn on the holy Evangelists to make a full & perfect Inventory & appraisal of the same to be returned under your hands or of any three or four of you into the Secretary's Office in Charles Town on Order to be recorded on or before the fifth day of March next ensuing

To Mr Wm Smith
 Mr John Withers
 Mr John Baptist
 Mr James Withers
 Edmund Robinson

Dated the tenth day of December in the twelfth year of his Majesty's reign Anno Domini 1725

Arthur Middleton

or any three or four of them
 These
 By his then and now Command

Recorded of the Court Secy

Arthur Middleton

South Carolina

By the hon^{ble} Arthur Middleton Esq^r Secy & Commander in Chief

In Pursuance of an Act made Anna Septimo et Octavo Willielmi III^{is} Regis intituled an act for Preventing Frauds & regulating abuses in the Plantation trade
 I Walter Ebenezer Simmons of Charles Town Mariner that the sooner to allow of South Carolina whereof he the said Ebenezer Simmons is at Present Master being a Square Stern Vessel of the burden of twenty five tons or thereabouts was built at Stratford in the Colony of Connecticut in the year one thousand seven hundred & sixteen (as appears by the former Register delivered up & cancelled) and that he this Dependant together with Francis Holms Junr and Henry Perrecau Junr both of this Province are sole Owners thereof and that no Foreigner Directly or indirectly hath any Share or Part or Interest therein
 Which Oath a boresaid was taken this sixteenth day of December before the hon^{ble} Arthur Middleton Esq^r President & Commander in Chief & Thomas Gadsden Esq^r Collector of his Majesty's Customs in the province aforesaid in the twelfth year of his Majesty's reign Anno Domini 1725

In the name of God Amen: I John Caswood of Charles Town in the Province of South Carolina, Esq. being sick & weak in body but of sound & disposing mind (Thanks be to God) Do make & ordain this to be 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 commit to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors hereinafter named under the penalty of State which God has bestowed on me & depose of the same as follows

Item I Will that all my just Debts be duly paid & satisfied with all convenient speed after my death I Give and bequeath unto Charles Hills and Andrew Allen Esq. and to the Survivor of them and to the Executors & Removers of such Survivors the Sum of Three Thousand pounds Good Money of the Province of South Carolina upon this Special Trust and Condition Notwithstanding that they the said Charles Hills & Andrew Allen on the Survivor 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 adorning the New Brick Church in Charles Town in such manner as they shall think fit and no other use or purpose whatsoever and my Will is that the said Sum of three thousand pounds shall be laid out and applied as aforesaid

Item I Give and bequeath unto Mary Caswood, Anne Caswood & Jane Caswood Daughters of my Brother Edward Caswood the Sum 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 said Sum 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 Hull the Sum of Six pence 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 So hold to my said Wife her Executors Removers and Assigns for ever

Item I Give and bequeath unto my beloved Daughter Gibson Caswood all the rest and residue of my estate both real and personal So have and to hold to my said Daughter Gibson 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 Debt and Residue of my estate both real and personal unto the said Mary Caswood Anne Caswood and Jane Caswood Daughters of my said Brother Edward Caswood their heirs Executors Removers & Assigns for ever

Item My Will is that all my Stock and Interests employ'd in Trade and Shipping collected and gathered in as soon as possible after my decease and that the same being there by 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 Esq. Executors of this my last Will & Testament and Guardians of my Daughter Gibson 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 Third and in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & twenty five

Signed Sealed Published & Declared by the Testator to be his last Will & Testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence have subscribed our names as Witnesses

Benj. Symsey
Henry Houser
Gabriel Manigault
Benj. Whitaker

Personally appeared before me Benjamin Symsey Henry Houser & Benjamin Whitaker Esq. 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 above Instrument 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 Testator's presence & at his request

22 Dec 1725 Recorded
Arthur Middleton
South Carolina

The hon^{ble} Arthur Middleton Esq. President and Commander in Chief in & over this his Majesty's 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 Esq. Deceased was proved approved & allowed of the said Deceased having whilst he lived & at the time of his death diverse goods rights & Credits in the Province of South Carolina by means whereof the Approbation & Allowance of his Testator & the power of Granting the Administration of all & singular the Goods rights & Credits of the said Deceased & also the Auditing the Deeds & Calculations & reckonings of the said Administration & Discharge from the same some is manifestly known to belong & that the Remission of all & singular the goods rights & Credits of the said Deceased & his Testament any manner of way concerning was committed unto Charles Hills & Andrew Allen Esq. 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 Deceased & to exhibit the same into the Secretary's Office in Charles Town in Order to be recorded & before the first day of April next ensuing & to render a true & correct Calculation & Reckoning thereof when thereunto required

Witness my hand & Seal this Eighteenth day of Dec^r in the year of our Lord 1725. In the Twelfth