

Yes of Administration to Anne Murdell granted to her. Murdell

South Carolina

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

To Jonathan Murdell of Santee Planters

For the better preservation & just disposition of the Estate of Anne Murdell late Wife of said Jonathan Murdell, a daughter of Daniel Macgregor deceased out of the Confidence of your Integrity the Administration of all and singular the goods and Chattels Rights and Credits within this Province is due belonging to the said Anne Murdell at the time of her decease to you the said Jonathan Murdell Do by these presents Commit and in trust and you the said Jonathan Murdell Administrator of all and singular the goods and other the Premises do by these presents make and Ordain charging you that a full and perfect Inventory of all the goods and other the Premises truly and faithfully appraised by three sufficient free holders upon their Oath you do make and the same under their hands written into the Secretary's Office within twenty days after the date hereof and that you do well and truly pay all and every the said deceased's Debts to all manner of persons whatsoever as an Administrator ought to do and also that you do render an account of your Administration whenever you shall be thereunto called by the Governor and Council for the time being & that you always well keep indemnified us and all other Officers and Ministers against all persons whatsoever.

Given under my hand & Seal this Eighth Day of Sept. Anno Domini 1725 & in the Tenth Year of his Majesty

Britain

Ar Middleton
Recorded of Court that day

South Carolina

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

These are to authorize and empower you or any three four of you whose Names are hereunto written to repair to all such parts and places within this Province as you shall be directed unto by Jonathan Murdell of Santee Planters Administrator of the goods Chattels Rights & Credits of Anne Murdell his late Wife deceased, daughter of Daniel Macgregor dec'd whenever any of the goods of the said deceased are or do remain within the said

places which shall be shown to you by the said Jonathan Murdell and then view and appraise all and every the said goods being first shown on the Holy Evangelists to make to make a full and perfect Inventory and appraise thereof and to cause the same to be returned under your hands or of any three or four of you into the Sec^y Office at Charles Town in Order to be recorded on or before the Eighth Day of December next ensuing.

Taken the Eighth Day of Sept^r 1725 the Twelfth Year of his Majesty's reign Anno Domini 1725

Ar Middleton

as any three or four of them

By his Hon^{ble} Command
Ar Middleton

Recorded of Court that day
M^r Thomas Waringham Commissioner of the Courtship to Jonathan Fitch (son) -

Before the Hon^{ble} Arthur Middleton Esq^r President Commander in Chief & Ordinary of this Province

Know all men by these presents that I Thomas Waringham of Berkeley County Gentleman nominated and appointed one of the Executors of the last Will and Testament of Jonathan Fitch of the same County Santee dec'd for diverse good Causes and Considerations me hereunto especially moving Have and by these presents Doe Renounce & Refuse to take upon me the Execution of the said last Will and Testament of the said Jonathan Fitch, or the Administration of the Goods & Chattels of the said deceased to the End intent & purpose that the Administration of all & singular the goods & Chattels of the said deceased sh^d the Will annexed may be granted & committed to the other Executors named in the said Will or to such other persons or persons as to his Honor the Ordinary shall seem meet. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this Eighth day of Sept^r 1725

In Council
on in Charles Town this 8th of Sept^r 1725
Ar Middleton
Recorded of Court that day

Renunciation of
M^r Thomas Waringham and William Cattle of Berkeley County nominated and appointed one of the Executors of the last Will & Testament of Jonathan Fitch of the same County Santee dec'd for diverse good Causes & Considerations me hereunto especially moving Have and by these presents Doe Renounce & Refuse to take upon us the Execution of the said last Will & Testament of the said Jonathan Fitch or the Administration of the goods & Chattels of the said deceased to the End intent & purpose that the Administration of all & singular the goods & Chattels of the said deceased sh^d the Will annexed may be granted & committed to the other Executors named in the said Will, or to such other persons or persons as to his Honor the Ordinary shall seem

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234 meet in Wince's street we have hereunto set our hands & seals this ninth
day of Sept. 1725
Council Chamber in Charles Town
Taken this 9th of Sept. 1725 before me
Mr. Middleton

The Last Will & Testament of Jonathan Fitch

In the Name of God amen, this twenty fourth day of October in the year of
our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Twenty three, Jonathan Fitch
of the County of Berkeley in the Province of South Carolina, being sick and
weak of Body but of perfect Mind and memory, thinks thinks he given to God
that he is going to leave the mortality of my body and knowing that it is a point
for all men once to die, do make and Ordain this my Last Will and Testament (this
is to say, principally and first of all, I recommend my life into the hands of God that
has it, and I commend my body to the Earth to be Buried in a Christian like and
Decent manner, at the Discretion of my Executors whom I shall hear after home
and as touching such worldly Estate above with it hath pleased God to bestow in
this life I give and Dispose of the same in the following manner and for
Impt. First of all, I desire that all my Debts be satisfied & paid;

Item, I give and bequeath to my well beloved Son Jonathan Fitch all that Tract of
which I bought of my Brother Joseph Fitch which I owe to that Tract of Land
belonging to my Mother, Susannah Fitch being part of the same Tract
whereof I give and bequeath to my said Son Jonathan Fitch, one Negro man
Named Juby and his wife Diana and all her Increase, freely for him and the
Lawfull Heirs of his body to be enjoyed for ever.

Item, I give and bequeath to my well beloved Son Thomas Fitch this "use and
plantation whereon Mrs. Live which I bought of William Chapman
together with one Negro man Named Sator and one Negro woman Named Cato
and her Increase I except Sumpters freely for him & the Lawfull Heirs of his
body to be enjoyed for ever;

Item, I give and bequeath to my well beloved Son Stephen Fitch one Negro Man
Named Guiscard Meari, & her Increase (except) Nello and Jappio freely to be
by him & his heirs to be enjoyed for ever.

Item, I give & bequeath to my Dear and well beloved wife Anne Fitch two Negro
named Quash and Quackpo and six shillings, Tom, Nello & Jappio, and two hundred
pounds to be paid unto my said wife Ann Fitch within one year after all
Debts are paid together with one further bed and furniture and one horse
called Hunter freely for her to be enjoyed for ever, together with one share
in my Trading house to be in during her Widow-hood & the said Quash

Item, My wife & that I am and his wife Lettiana be sold for the paying my
Item, That all the Remainder of my Estate be Equally divided a moiety my
Children Jonathan, Thomas & Stephen, & Lettiana if Live a one of them
Live without Lawfull heirs as aforesaid that what I have bequeathed to him

to Living shall be Equally divided between the other two, and Lettiana if three of
them die without heirs as aforesaid that then he that lives longest shall have all &
my wife is that these my three children a fore named shall not have any power to
Give my Guardian and that they shall all three be at age to enjoy what I have
they left them as they severally come to the full age of sixteen years & not
before;

Item, I nominate for my Executor and appoint my Dear and well beloved wife Anne
Fitch to be Executor of this my Last will and Testament together with my
trusty and well beloved friends Mr. Thomas Smith Mr. Wm. Cattle Mr. Thomas
Whiting Mr. Thomas Elliot Junr my brother in Law & do hereby displace
Deed and Discharge all and every power and other will and Legacies bequests
and Executors by me before this time named wife and bequeathed satisfying &
confirming the same other to be my last will & Testament in witness whereof I have
hereunto set my hand & seal the day & year above written.

Signed sealed published pronounced and declared by Jonathan Fitch as his
last will and Testament in presence of us the undersigned }
Joseph Fitch } Before his Honor Francis Nicholson Esq. Judge of the Ordinary, October 31st 1723
John Lupton } The foregoing will was then Read by the Clerk of Joseph Fitch & John
Lupton Witnesses thereto, 9th of Sept. 1725 & the above named Jonathan Fitch
Fitch Esq. as Executor } Set in the presence of us
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South Carolina by Arthur Middleton Esq. President Commander in
Chief and Ordinary of this Province.

To all to whom these presents shall come greeting,

Know Ye that on the Fifth day of October in the year of our Lord One
thousand Seven hundred & twenty three at Charles Town in the province
aforesaid before his Excellency Francis Nicholson Esq. then Governor in
Council the Last Will & Testament of Jonathan Fitch late of Berkeley County
in the said Province deceased the Copy whereof is to these presents annexed
proved approved and allowed of the said deceased having whilst he lived and at
the time of his death diverse goods rights & Credits within the Province of South
Carolina by means whereof the approbation and allowing of his Testament and the
power of granting the administration of all & singular the goods rights
& Credits of the said deceased and also the auditing the accounts calculations
and reckonings of the said administration and the final dismission and
discharge from the same now to me is manifestly known to belong and that the
administration of all & singular the goods rights & Credits of the said
deceased, and his Testament and manner of way concerned was committed
unto Anne Fitch Widow & Thomas Elliot Junr named Executors in the said
Will & Testament being first sworn on the said day before us well and
faithfully to administer the same and to make a full & perfect

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Council Chamber in this town
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for all men once to die, do make and Ordain this my Last Will and Testament (this
is to say, principally and first of all, I recommend my life into the hands of God that
has it, and I commend my Body to the Earth to be Buried in a Christian like and
Decent manner, at the Discretion of my Executors whom I shall hear after home
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Children Jonathan, Thomas & Stephen, & likewise if one or one of them
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confirming the same other to be my last will & Testament in witness whereof I have
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Signed sealed published pronounced and declared by Jonathan Fitch as his
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Fitch Esq. as Executor } Set the 31st of Oct.

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deceased, and his Testament and manner of way concerned was committed
unto Anne Fitch Widow & Thomas Elliot Junr named Executors in the said
Will & Testament being first sworn on the said Point of Oath well and
faithfully to Administer the same and to make a full & perfect

Inventory & singular the goods rights & Credits of the said deceased & to exhibit the same into the Sec^{ry} Office at Charles Town in Order to be recorded at or before the Ninth Day of December next ensuing and render a true and just account calculation and reckoning thereof whereunto required.

Witness my hand & seal the Ninth Day of September Anno Domini 1725 & in the 3rd Year of his Majesty's

Ar Middleton

Wm. By Appoyment of his Excellency Recorded *Sept. 1725* *Ar Middleton*

South Carolina By the Hon^{ble} Arthur Middleton Esq^r Command^r in Chief of this province and Ordinary of the same.

I the said Arthur Middleton do hereby authorize and empower you or any three or four of you whose names are here under written to repair to all such parts and places within this Province as you shall be directed unto by Anne Fitch Widow Thomas Elliot Jun^r Executors of the Last Will & Testament of Jonathan Fitch whereever any of the goods of the said deceased are or do remain within the said parts and places which shall be shown to you by the said Anne Fitch & Thomas Elliot Jun^r and there view and appraise all and every the said goods being first sworn on the Holy Evangelists to make a full and perfect Inventory and Appraisalment thereof and to cause the same to be returned under your hands or of any three or four of you into the Secretarys Office at Charles Town in order to be recorded on or before the ninth day of December next ensuing.

To M^{rs} Geo^{ry} Smith
M^{rs} Rich^d Butler
M^{rs} Edmund Bellinger
M^{rs} W^m Fuller
M^{rs} James Shepherd

Witness my hand & seal the Ninth day of September in the 3rd Year of his Majesty's *Ar Middleton*
Ar Middleton

on any three or four of them
By his Hon^{ble} Command^r
Ar Middleton

Recorded *Sept. 1725* *Ar Middleton*

The Last Will & Testament of William Shipper Double 11 1725

South Carolina

In the name of God, Amen This Second day of January one thousand seven hundred & twenty four, I William Shipper of the County of Berkeley in the Province above said do hereby being of God and perfect Memory manifest to God so make & ordain this my Last will and Testament in manner and form following

I do hereby commend my soul to the hands of God that have it hoping through the merits of my dear Redeemer that I shall be made partaker of Eternal Life my Body I commit to the Earth from whence it was taken

I do desire that all my just debts be well and truly paid by those persons whom I shall constitute or appoint Executors of this my Last will and Testament and

I give to my loving wife Anne one Negro man named Jasper three Negro women named Phillis & Old Peg and Mameah and Equall share of all my Stock and household goods and an Equall share of the Land during her Widowhood Goods to her & her Heirs & Assigns for ever

I give to my Daughter Ann three one Negro galle named Lot and fifty pounds to be paid in the currency of this Province to be paid out of my Estate when able

I give to my Son William one Negro man hurry one negro woman named Floris one Negro boy named Tobias & an Equall share of all my Stock of Cattle & household goods to him his Heirs & Assigns for ever

I give to my Son John one Negro man Caffe one Indian woman named Mabe one Negro boy named Jack and an equall of all my Stock of Cattle & household goods to him his Heirs & Assigns for ever

I give to my Son Benjamin one Negro woman named Lathene one Negro boy named Bram one Negro boy named July and an Equall share of all my Stock of Cattle & household goods to him his Heirs & Assigns for ever

I give to my Daughter Sarah ten shillings and one shilling and one penny

I give unto my three sons William, John, & Benjamin, all my Land containing two hundred and eighty Acres to be Equally divided as they come of age & in case any one of them should dye before they come of age or without Issue then my will is that what ever I have left them to be Equally divided amongst the living

