

Doc^t William Crook's Will &c. (vide bundle) HH n^o 6
South Carolina. In the name of God, Amen.

I William Crook of Berkeley County in the Province of South Carolina, Chirurgion, being sick and weak in Body, but of perfect and sound mind, and memory, do make be God for the same, and considering the uncertainty of this life, do make and train this my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following, that is to say, Inprimis, I recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God, my maker, Creatour of Heaven and Earth, and of all therein. And as to my Body, I commit it to the Earth, there to be buried as my Executors hereafter named shall think fit, in hopes and expectation at the general Resurrection, both Soul and Body will be re-united and revived in Eternal Life and glory, and as to such worldly Estate with which I have pleased Almighty God to bless me, I dispose of as followeth, vizt I give and bequeath unto my Nece Mary Musford now lives in the town with me, the sum of One hundred Pounds Sterling money of Great Britain to be paid her in Twelve Months after my decease. Item I give unto my said Nece's Father, and their Children, half Mourning, to be immediately ordered them. Item I give and bequeath unto my Nece Mary Oliver, the sum of Fifty Pounds Sterling, to be paid her in Twelve Months after my decease. And all the Remainder of my Estate both Real and personal, as well in this Province as else where, I give, devise and bequeath unto my well beloved Wife Martha Crook, to her, her heirs and assigns for ever. And I do hereby nominate and appoint my said Well-beloved Wife Martha Crook and Doc^t John Hutchinson Executor, to be Executors, hereby discharging and making null and void, all other Wills by me heretofore made, and declaring this to be my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this twenty seventh day of April, Anno Domⁱ 1728.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said W^m Crook, in his last Will and Testament, in the presence of John Croft, J. Hutchinson, Maurice Harvey, and Dr^r John Hutchinson being interlined by his order, after signing, sealing, and

(Annexed to the above Will, vizt.)

Know all Men by these presents, that I John Hutchinson of Charles Town in Berkeley County in the Province of South Carolina, Physician, nominated and appointed one of the Executors of the last Will and Testament of William Crook late of Berkeley County, Surgeon, deceased, the twenty seventh day of April One Thousand seven hundred and twenty three, hereunto annexed, for diverse good causes and considerations me hereunto especially moving, HAVE and DO hereby renounce and refuse to take upon me the burden and execution of the said Will, or the administration of the goods and chattels of the said dec^d, to the end that M^{rs} Martha Crook therein appointed the other Exec^{rs} may be enabled to receive better Testaments, as on the said Will or Letters of Administration with the said Will annexed, or otherwise, as to the Ordinary shall seem meet. In Witness my hand and Seal this seventh day of December 1724, in the Eleventh Year of His Maj^{ty} Reign.

Sealed & delivered in the presence of us, Ben^t Whitcher, J. Hutchinson, W^m Tunley.

At a Council held December y^e 17th 1724.
Before His Excellency The Gov^r &c.

The Last Will and Testament of William Crook formally of this Province, deceased, hereto annexed, was then proved by J^o Croft, J^o Hutchinson, and Maurice Harvey, Witnesses thereto; and on the Renunciation of the said John Hutchinson, as above, better Testament was granted unto M^{rs} Martha Crook, the Widow and other Executor therein appointed.

Appointed, and she was accordingly sworn.
Recorded April 5th 1725. Car. Hart Secy

South Carolina. Francis Nicholson Esq^r His Maj^{ty} Cap^t General and Governor in Chief of this His Maj^{ty} Province, and Ordinary of the same.

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting
Know Ye that on the Seventeenth day of December, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven hundred and twenty four, at Charles Town, in the Province afores^d, before me, in Council, the last Will and Testament of William Crook, late of Berkeley County, in the said Province dec^d, the copy whereof, with these presents annexed, was proved, approved and allowed of; the said dec^d, having whilst he lived, and at the time of his death, given goods, rights and credits within the Province afores^d; by means whereof the administration and allowing of his Testament, and power of granting the administration of all and singular the goods, rights and credits of the said dec^d, and also the adding the account, calculations and reckonings of the said administration, and a final dismissal and discharge from the same to me is manifestly known to belong; and that the administration of all and singular the goods, rights and credits of the said dec^d, and his Testament any manner of way concerning, was committed unto Martha Crook, his Widow & Relict (or the Renunciation of Doc^t J^o Hutchinson) named Execut^r in the said Will and Testament; being first sworn on the holy Evangelists, well and faithfully to administer the same, and to make a full & perfect Inventory of all and singular the goods, rights and credits of the said dec^d; and to exhibit the same into the Secretary's Office, at Charles Town, in order to be recorded, at or before the fifteenth day of this m^o April; and to render a true and just account, calculation and reckonings thereof, when thereunto required.

Certified to me, Car. Hart Secy
In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the fifth day of April Anno Domⁱ 1725, and in the Eleventh Year of His Maj^{ty} Reign.
Recorded April 5th 1725. Car. Hart Secy

South Carolina. By His Excellency Francis Nicholson Esq^r His Maj^{ty} Cap^t General and Commander in Chief of this Province, and Ordinary of the same.

These are to authorize and empower you or any three or four of you whose names are hereunder written, to repair to all such parts & places within this Province, as you shall be directed unto by M^{rs} Martha Crook, Execut^r of the last Will and Testament of William Crook late of this Province dec^d, where soever any of the goods of the said dec^d, are or do remain within the said parts and places, which shall be shewn to you by the said Martha Crook; 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 appraising thereof, and to cause the same to be returned under your hands, or of any three or four of you, into the Secretary's Office, at Charles Town, in order to be recorded, on or before the fifteenth day of this m^o April. Dated the fifth day of April, in the Eleventh Year of His Maj^{ty} Reign, Anno Domⁱ 1725. Fr. Nicholson. To M^{rs} Martha Crook.

M^r. John Hayward, M^r. Paul Tenny, M^r. Solomon Jones, and
 Elias Hancock, or any three or four of them, These, By Myself
 Recorded April 10th 1725 *Chas. Hart*

Joseph Child's Will (vide bundle) G. N. 22.

In the Name of God amen, I Joseph Child of Berkley County
 in the Province aforesaid, Planter, Being very Sick and weak in
 Body, But of a sound and perfect mind and memory, Blessed
 Be God, do make and ordain, Constitute this my Last will, and
 Testament, Revoking and Disannulling all former Wills and
 Testaments by me made, I recommend my Soul into the hands
 of Almighty God, hoping that at the Resurrection it shall be with
 amongst the Number of the Just, and my Body to be interred in a
 decent and Christian manner, and as for what worldly Substance it hath
 pleased God to endow me with and bestow upon me, I leave & Bequeath
 as follows, vizt, My personal Estate and Bequeath to my Eldest Son Benjamin
 One Tract of Land containing Eight Hundred Acres, and all the
 houses and Edifices thereon contained, and I leave to my well Beloved
 Wife, Mary Child Free Liberty of the best Room in the House, to possess
 the same, without any Interruption or Molestation, during her Life, from
 Me, I leave and bequeath to my Son Joseph, Two Hundred Pounds, to
 be Paid to him when he comes of Age, I leave to my Eldest Daughter Sarah
 Three Hundred Pounds, to be Paid to her at Narradage, or a Year after
 from my Daughter Martha Three Hundred Pounds, to be Paid to
 her at the Day of Narradage, or one year after, I leave to the Infant
 which at this time my Wife is Bigg with Child of, Ten Pounds, Two Hun-
 dred Pounds, when of Age, I leave, Three Hundred Pounds, to be Paid
 Her at the Day of Narradage, or one Year after. — I leave, and as
 for all my Slaves, Negroes and Indians, together with all my Stock of Cattle
 and Horses, I leave and Bequeath to be equally divided amongst my
 Wife and Children, And lastly I leave and Bequeath my Brother
 John Canby to be the Principal and true Executor of this my Last Will
 and Testament, to the Ratifying and confirming of this my Last Will
 and Testament, In the Evening of the 10th of May, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand
 Seven Hundred and Twenty Five, I leave & bequeath
 to me, Brother John Canby, Twenty Pounds in money, and one Indian
 &c. by Name Casca.

Joseph J. Child

Witness Present, William Stewart.

That: Barker John Bransford

Thomas Burnley

(adjoining vizt)

Memorandum On the sixteenth Day of July 1717, Personally
 Came and appeared, M^r. William Stewart, and M^r. John Bransford,
 who being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, Depose
 and oath that they were Present and did see M^r. Joseph Child
 Deceased, sign, Seal, Publish and declare the adjoining Will to be his last
 Will and Testament, and that he was then in his right Senses, according
 to their Judgments, and that Thomas Barker and Abraham Burnley was
 then also Present and subscribed their Names as Witnesses thereto
 Sworn before me.

Recorded April 10th 1725 *Chas. Hart*

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South Carolina Francis Nicholson Esq^r His Majesty's
 Capt. General and Gov^r in Chief in & over His Majesty's
 Province of S^t. Carolina's Ordinary of the same

To Andrew Allen, Merch^t Guardian and
 Tutor of Benjamin Child, Eldest Son of Joseph Child, late of
 Berkley County, in the Province aforesaid, Planter, Deceased

Whereas on the sixteenth day of July in the
 year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventeen, in the Province
 aforesaid, the last Will and Testament of Joseph Child, aforesaid, the Copy where
 of is to these presents annexed, was proved, approved and allowed of by and
 before the then Ordinary of the said Province; as by the Certificate thereof
 under the hand of the said Ordinary, underwritten on the Original Will- and
 Testament filed in the Secretary's Office of the said Province, appears: the
 said dec^d, having whilst He lived, and at the time of his Death, divers Goods,
 rights and Credits within the Province aforesaid. And Whereas John
 Canby sole Executor named in the said Will and Testament afterwards died
 leaving behind him some Goods, Rights and Credits of the said dec^d, unadminis-
 trated, by means whereof the full Disposition and power of granting the adminis-
 tration of all and singular the administered Goods, rights and Credits of the
 said dec^d, with his Will annexed, and also the auditing of the Accounts, Calcula-
 tions and reckonings of the said Administration, and the final dismission and
 discharge from the same to me is manifestly known to belong.

Therefore Do hereby grant unto you the said Andrew Allen (in whose
 Fidelity in this behalf I repose great Confidence) full Power to administer
 the Goods, Rights and Credits of the said Joseph Child, dec^d, unadminis-
 trated (with his said will annexed) which to him related He lived, and
 at the time of his decease did belong, and to ask, collect, levy, recover,
 and receive the same, and to pay the Debts of what nature soever, in which
 the said Joseph Child, at the time of his Death, was obliged, so far as
 the said Goods, Rights and Credits unadministered, will extend, according
 to the value of the same, and Order of Law, being obliged to make a true
 and faithful Inventory of all and singular the Goods, rights and Credits
 whatsoever of the said Joseph Child, dec^d, unadministered, and to exhibit the
 same into the Secretary's Office, at Charles Town, in order to be recorded,
 at or before the month of July next or ensuing, and to render a True
 and Just Account, Calculation and reckoning thereof when thereunto required.
 And I do Ordain, depute and constitute you the said Andrew Allen
 administrator of all and singular the Goods, rights and Credits of the
 said Joseph Child, dec^d, by the said John Canby also now dec^d, not
 fully administered, with his said Will annexed, by Virtue of these Pres-
 ents.

Given under my hand and Seal the Ninth Day of April
 1725, in the Eleventh Year of His Majesty's Reign
Chas. Hart *Francis Nicholson*

Recorded April 10th 1725 *Chas. Hart*

South Carolina

By His Excellency Francis Nicholson
Esq^r His Majesty's Capt. General and Govern^r in Chief
of this Province, & Ordinary of the same

These are to Authorize and Impower you or any three or Four of you whose Names are here underwritten, to repair to all such Parts and Places within this Province, as you shall be directed unto by Mr Andrew Allen, Administrator of all and singular the Goods, Rights and Credits of ~~Benjamin Child~~ Late of this Province deceased, whadministred, with his Will annexed. Whosoever any of the Goods of the said deceased are or do remain within the said Parts and Places, which shall be shewn to you by the said Andrew Allen 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 appraisment thereof, and to cause the same to be Returned under your hands, or of any three or Four of you, into the Secretaries Office, at Charles Town, in order to be recorded in or before the ninth Day of July next Insuing.

Dated the Ninth Day of April in the
Eleventh Year of His Majesties Reign
Annoq^o Domini 1725.

To George Smith Esq^r
Capt. Walter Seard
Mr Thomas Smith
Mr Gibson Clapp
and
Mr John Parker

or any three or Four of them

These By His Excellency's Command

Char: Hart Secy
Recorded April 10th 1725
Jfr. Nicholson
Car: Hart Secy

South Carolina

Francis Nicholson Esq^r His
Majesty's Cap^t General and Govern^r in Chief
& Over His Majesty's Province of S^t. Carolina, and
Ordinary of the same.

To All to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.

Know Ye that whereas Benjamin Child, a Minor of the Age of Fourteen Years and upwards Orphan and Son of John Child, Late of this Province deceased, did by his Petition presented to me on the Eleventh Day of March last past, pray for the Reasons therein set forth that Andrew Allen Merchant might be assigned his Guardian And whereas also the said Andrew Allen is willing to accept the same, and take into his care, charge and management the said Minor Interest: Therefore for the better securing of the Estate and more careful maintaining and educating of the said Benjamin Child

Child out of the Confidence I have in the Prudence, integrity and ability of him the said Andrew Allen, the tution, guardianship and education of the said Benjamin Child, to him the said Andrew Allen, I do commit, and him the said Andrew Allen Guardian and Tutor of the said Benjamin Child, I do make and ordain, by these presents, charging and authorizing him the said Andrew Allen to maintain the said Child, in Meat, Drink, Lodging, cloathing, schooling and good education meet and fitting to his degree and Quality, during his minority or during the time he shall be under the Tution and guardianship of him the said Andrew Allen, and to enquire into, demand, sue for, levy, require, recover, receive and take into his care, charge and management all the Estate Rights interest and dues of the said minor whatsoever as well real and Personal, as must, and whosoever the same is or may be, and to do all other things as a Guardian by Law may can or ought to do, and to render a true and faithful Account of all the Goods, Money and Interest belonging to the said Benjamin Child, which hath, is or shall come to the hands or Possession of him the said Andrew Allen, when he shall be thereunto required by such Guardian or Guardians as shall hereafter be chosen by the said Benjamin Child, or to the said Benjamin Child when he shall come to full age to demand and receive the same, by Law.

Certified &ms,

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal the Ninth Day of April 1725, in the
Eleventh Year of His Majesty's Reign
Char: Hart Secy

Recorded April 10th 1725
Jfr. Nicholson
Car: Hart Secy

Doct^r Wm Crook dec^d Inventory of the personal Estate &c returned April 10th 1725. p M^{rs} Tr^s Sheppard one of the Appr^s (vide bundle) RHN 7
South Carolina / A full and perfect Inventory and Appraisment of all and singular the goods, rights and credits of Doct^r William Crook late dec^d, as the same were shewn unto us y^e Appr^s (appointed by and sworn pursuant to a Warrant of Appraisment hereunto annexed, bearing date the fifth day of April 1725, under the hand of His Excellency the Gov^r), by M^{rs} Martha Crook Educator of the last Will and Testament of the said dec^d, taken the ninth day of April 1725, as follows

Imp^{ts} The furniture of the Hall (viz^t)
one Clock with Case L. 20. ..
an Emulore, with glass doors .. 10. ..
one large looking glass, with a pair of Seachies .. 25. ..
one cane Couch, with quilt and pillow .. 5. ..
Eight cane Chairs, with 2 cushions .. 15. ..
one cedar Table, and 2 small pine ditto .. 12. ..
twenty two pictures .. 10. ..
two pieces of Pilgrew in glass frames .. 10. ..
one Tea Table, three dozen & 5 Dishes with Sauces, & 3 basons, all China .. 36. ..
Punch bowl, Decanters and sundry glasses .. 2. ..
Ten China Chocolate cups .. 5. ..
one Coffee Mill .. 3. ..
a pair of Dogs and Tenders &c .. 2. ..
The furniture and utensils belonging to the Kitchen viz^t .. 155. ..
two truss of Dogs, 2 quills, 2 Frammills &c .. 20. ..
one Dozⁿ of pewter dishes & 6 dozⁿ of Plates d^d .. 27. 10. ..
one brass & iron kettles & pots .. 8. ..
one Corn Mill .. 8. ..

John Sheppard. Paul Senys. Elias Hancock.

Recorded April 12th 1725 *Per: Hest Sely*

In the name of God. Amen, the twenty third day of March 1734
I John George of South Carolina Colleton County Cooper being very Sick and
weak in Body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be to Almighty God, Calling
mine the Mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed for all man
once to die do make and Ordain and appoint this my Last Will and Testament
That is to say principally and first I give and Recommend my Soul into the
hands of God who gave it, and my body I recommend to the Earth to be buried
in decent Christian Buriall att the direction of my Executors nothing doubting
but at the Generall Resurrection I shall receive the same again, by the
grace of God

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My Jos. Esq. the Gov. March the 26th 1725. Mr. Nicholson
 Letters of Administration with the will Annexed was then granted unto Susan
 Widow of John Stone, deceased, and daughter to the Testator, the Exor in
 said Will appointed having renounced the Exor^{ship} and she was accordingly sworn
 (annexed to the foregoing) Test. Wm. Tanley, Cl. Gen.
 South-Carolina. 1725.

South Carolina) Know all men by these presents, that We David Herguley, Senr. Jony both of Colleton County in the Province of South Carolina, Gent. Constituted and appointed Executor of the Last Will and Testament of John Carew late of the County and Province aforesaid, deceased bearing date the twenty third day of March 1723, for divers good causes and Considerations us and Each and both of us thereunto especially moving do hereby for us and Each and both of us utterly refuse and Renounce to take upon us or either of us, the Burthen and Execution of the said Will or any part thereof, or the administration of any of his Goods and Chattels Rights or Credits or the Guardianship of any of the Children and Orphans of the said deceased, to the end and Intent that Letters of Administration with the said Will Annexed, may be granted unto all or any of the Children of the said Deceased or otherwise, as to the Ordinary shall seem meet. As Witness our hands and seals