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Isaac Parcher's Last will and Testament

Bonds K. H. B. 48.

In the name of the Father and the Son and of the holy Ghost Amen.
 I Isaac Parcher born in the Kingdom of France of the Province of Berry
 in a Town named Sainte Severre, being by the grace of God sound both of Body
 and mind, but knowing there is nothing more certain than Death, nor nothing
 more uncertain than the hour thereof, and being desirous to settle my
 affairs, whilst it please God to spare me time, First I commit my Soul
 unto God my Creator beseeching him to be merciful unto me thro' the infinite
 merits of Jesus Christ my Saviour, as for my Body I commit it to the Earth
 leaving the Care thereof to my dear Children who are Isaac, Peter, Elizabeth
 Marianne and Susanna Parcher. Secondly for my Executors I constitute
 my said two sons charging them to observe what I shall hereafter order them,
 And as to my Legacies I acknowledge to have heretofore given to four
 of my said Children (that is to say) Isaac, Peter, Elizabeth, and Susanna
 what share I thought I was able to give them, out of what Estate it
 was pleased God to bestow upon me, so there remains only my said Daughter
 Marianne to whom I give besides a Negro Woman named Doll, which I
 gave her a long time since and her three Children One Negro man named
 Cesar, one named Bacus, One named Sammy, One named Hieronimo,
 and one Paul, and one Negro Woman named Kinder and her Male Child named
 Peter.

Thirdly I dispose of my Lands after this manner, that my son Isaac Parcher
 shall have a piece of Land, which lies from the avenue of his Plantation
 to the first Creek which is upon the path from his said Plantation to mine
 and also four hundred acres of Land which are part of two Tracts of Land
 Surveyed by Col. Moore & Col. Bull, with the Provision that he shall not
 take up any of the cleared Land of a Plantation, which my son Peter hath
 settled upon a piece of Land I have given him, and that Thomas shall be
 laid out from my said son Peters Plantation to the line where they were
 first began to be surveyed by Col. Bull, and that he shall take what shall
 be wanting to make up the four hundred acres upon the Land which was Surveyed
 by Col. Moore, and as I have formerly given these hundred acres to Charles

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Colleton, the husband of Susannah Porter my said Daughter, my Will is
that they shall be laid out in such manner as the land shall as ways come
upon the land which he has (bought), and so as it may not prejudice
Plantation I have lying to him, and when the said seven children
have been taken out of my said lands, I desire that the remain
shall be equally divided between my said Son Peter and Daughter
Marrianna.

Item I give unto my said son Peter, for the good Services he has
me, my Plantation together with all the Land belonging to it, to him
and his heirs for ever, with the Condition that my said Daughter
Marrianna shall and may live upon the same, as long as she shall
think fit, and have her Chamber in the dwelling house, and moreover
that she shall have the length of Ten Acres of Land belonging to my
Plantation, which shall begin at the corner of the fence which joins
the Plantation of the said Colleton, and the Plantation Commonly called
the short Grove, and shall run along the path, and then shall be drawn
a line as straight as possible to join the New plantation belonging
my said son Peter.

Item I give unto my said son Peter all the Land I have upon the other
path, as I am obliged thereunto by the Treaty of Marriage, I made
with Mr Gordon deceased, when my said son married his Daughter.

Item I give unto my said son Peter and Daughter Marrianna
my other Lands whatsoever.

As to the remainder of my Estate I give all my Stock of Horses
Sheep and Swine, unto my said son Peter and Daughter Marrianna
equally to be shared between them. As for the Horses, they
be divided of as they shall think fit for the use of the plants
Except a Mare and Mare Colt which I give unto my said Daughter
Marrianna, and also a Horse which has been bred for her,
because of the services which she renders me daily, and has been
unto my dear Wife, I likewise give unto her all household Goods, Lin
Plate and Ware, which shall be found in my house after my decease.
As for all other Plantation Tools and Utensils they shall remain unto

Said son Peter.

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Item by reason of my said son Isaac and Daughter Elizabeth have had no time
particularly by me given them, I order my said son Peter to pay unto each
of them one Year after my decease the sum of Two hundred pounds, as if they
shall receive in Rice after the rate of Forty shillings per hundred weight.
As to what other Slaves shall remain unto me, after my said Daughter
Marrianna hath taken those I give her by this my last Testament, they
shall be equally parted between my aforesaid five Children, but in case
my said Daughter Susanna should happen to die without Children, my
will is that such Slaves as her husband shall receive after my death shall
return unto my other four Children, and when it shall please God to take
me out of the world, If I leave any Debt, and that my said son Peter should
not have made an end of paying for his Negroes which he has bought this
Year, my will is that such other Slaves as shall be able to work, shall
not be parted till such time as the said Debt is paid, or else that all
my Children shall be obliged each of them to pay their Part.

And as my dear Wife was Desirous to give something to her five Sons &
four Daughters, in case I should die before I shall be able to give each of them
a Slave, my Will is, that they shall each of them have one, out of those
that shall remain to be shared; I intend and order to each of my

Dear Children to constantly keep in memory the holy Exhortations made them by
their Mother upon her Death Bed, and that they do all live, in a true
Brotherly Union, And as Charity is one of the greatest Christian Duties,
I charge them to take care of the Children of late Mrs. Hutchinson, as being
Objects worthy of Compassion after having read over my present Testament
I find nothing therein contained but what is entirely conformable to my last
will, made in my house in Carolina the 25th Sept. 1726. In Testimony
whereof I have writ it with my own hand, Signed and sealed it in the
presence of

Upon Condition that the said Charles Colleton my son in Law, shall not sell the
aforesaid Three hundred Acres of Land, and Plantation, which he hath
bought thereon, Directly or indirectly, but to some of my family, and for

That purpose they shall be obliged to Good Some Indifferent Persons to appraise the same, and in Law should Cellson should seek some Indis means to frustrate those of my Family of the same, my will is, that he shall lose all manner of Title thereunto, and that Thomas shall re unto my Children. I do approve of this addition above written also of some words which are interlined, the whole being written in my own hand

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Witness

Philip Tourian

Francis Godes

Peter Cellson

26 April 1727 Recorded of Chas Hart Secy.

I Adowed then

19 April 1727

Personally appeared before me Philip Tourian and Francis Godes of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within Will, who being duly Sworn the Holy Evangelists Declare they were present and Did see the above nam Isaac Porcher, Sign Seal, publish and Declare this Present Instru of Writing to be his last will and Testament, and that he was at the time of Sound and Disposing mind, memory and understanding, to the of those Deponents Knowledge, and those Dep^s Subscribed the in Nam as Witnesses together wth the other Witnesses Peter Cellson in hope of the said Testator and at his request.

Ar. Widdleton

26 April 1727

Two Testamentary granted to Isaac and Peter Porcher
The Executors Test. Amstergaard of En

Isaac Porcher Letter of Administration to Peter Porcher and Isaac Porcher

By the Hon^{ble} Arthur Widdleton Esq^r President and Commander in Chief in and over His Ho^{ty} Majesty's Province of South Carolina and ordinary of the same.

To all to whom these presents shall come greeting
Know Ye that on the Nineteenth Day of April in the Year of our Lord 1727 One Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty Seven, the last Will and Testament of Isaac Porcher Deceased was proved, approved, and allowed of the said Deceased having whilst he lived and at the time of his Death Divers goods, rights and Credits within the province aforesaid by means thereof the approbation and allowing of his Testam^t and the power of granting the admision of all & singular the goods, rights and Credits of the said Deceased (and also the auditing the accounts and reckonings of the said Deceased and the final discharge and Discharge from the same to me is manifestly known to belong, and that the admision of all and singular the goods rights and Credits of the said Deceased and his Testament any manner of way concerning was committed unto Peter Porcher and Isaac Porcher named Executors on the said will & Testament being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God well and faithfully to administer the same and to make a full and perfect Inventory of all and singular the goods rights and Credits of the said Deceased to Exhibit the same into the Secretary's Office in Charles Town in order to be recorded and on before the Nineteenth Day of August next Enning, and to render a true and Just and Calculations & reckoning thereof when thereunto required.

Testified

Chas Hart Secy

In Testimony whereof I have Signed
Set my hand and seal this Nineteenth Day
of April in the Nineteenth Year of His
Majesty's Reign anno Dom 1727

26 April 1727

Ar. Widdleton
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