

My Will is that he shall live Only One Year after my death
and immediately thereafter shall be at liberty and thereby
Will and Desire my said Negro Man his Liberty accordingly
Law that I constitute and appoint Gabriel Blumig
Esquire and Jane Mary Merchant, Executors and my daughter
in Law Magdalen June Countess of this my last Will and Testa-
ment hereby recording & making null & void all former & other
Wills by me hereto fore made And I do hereby pronounce, make
and Declare this Only to be my last Will and Testament for
Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this the
Day of October in the sixth Year of his Majesty's Reign And in
the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred Thirty eight
Signed, sealed & pronounced - - John Belton Seal

Published and declared by the Testator
John Belton publishing in his perfect Sense
for his last Will and Testament in the
presence of us who in the presence of the
Testator & at his request subscribed
our Names as Witnesses thereto
Ja. Goome
David Heat
Ja. Drummond

Before me James Michie Esq. by Virtue
of a Commission from the Hon. Com. Bull Esq. Lieutenant
Governor & Ordinary of this Province Personally Came & appeared
on the thirtieth day of November 1738 David Heat and James
Drummond two of the Witnesses to the within Will of John Belton
who being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God

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That they were present & saw the within named John Belton
sign, seal, publish and Declare the within Instrument of writing
to be his last Will and Testament and that he was of sound
and disposing Mind Memory and understanding at the time
of his doing thereof according to the Best of their deep Understanding
and belief And further that they the said Witnesses together with
James Goome signed their Names as Witnesses thereto in
presence of the said Testator

Recorded this 12 day of November 1739

South Carolina In the name of
God amen James Gordon of the Parish of St. James
County being of perfect Mind and Memory
do make & Ordain my last Will and Testament in Manner
following to wit I suppose, give and Devise that all my Debts be
paid in Order to Do which I do hereby empower my Executor
after named to sell and dispose of the two tracts of Land Situate
Campbell Creek One whereof I purchased of Peter Smith Containing
seven hundred and fifty Acres And the other adjoining Containing
thousand and fifty Acres and also the Eighteen Negroes hereafter
named viz. Lujia, Glasgow, Pegy, Oliver, Bristol, Dick, Moses
Harry, Jacob, Pompey, Manny and his Child, Selia, Whittier, Judy
Maria, Sarah and Leah Also my Will and desire is that my Executors

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Whom I hereby give full Power and Authority to sell and dispose
of any other lands, Houses, goods & Chattels whatsoever belonging
to my Estate in Order to discharge all Debts that I shall owe at
the time of my decease, Also I Give Devise and bequeath
to my Elder Son Cosmus all that Tract of 500 Acres of Land
whereon I now Live Situate on the West Side of Pedee River, and
also one other Tract of One hundred and fifty Acres which I purchased
of Hugh Shinton and also four hundred Acres of Land which is
part of Two Tracts Situate on the East Side of Pedee containing
Five hundred Acres purchased of Peter Boncort, and also

Acres of Land purchased of

Shinton

all which Tracts and parcels of Land Containing in the whole

I Give Devise and bequeath
unto my said Son Cosmus and his Heirs for ever, But if my Estate
shall find it necessary and do sell these several Tracts of
Land last mentioned, then that I will only I Give Devise
and bequeath to my said Son Cosmus a Tract of Land in the
Township of Queenborough Containing Eleven hundred
Acres whereon Adam Fox now Lives to him my said Son
Cosmus and his Heirs for ever, in Lieu of the lands above -

Mentioned, if those should be disposed of by my Executors as
aforesaid But if there should be sufficient Effects to discharge
all my Debts without selling the plantation and premises
whereon I now live that then I Give Devise & bequeath the
Eleven hundred Acres of Land in Queenborough to my
Son Patrick and his Heirs for ever but in Case my son Patrick
do not hold the Eleven hundred Acres for the reason aforesaid then
in Lieu thereof I Give Devise and bequeath to him my said Son
Patrick and his Heirs for ever Three hundred Acres of Land
Situate at the Point between Lyncha Creek and Pedee River and

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that I Give my Executors will give a Grant for a Tract of Land
situate between the aforesaid three hundred Acres and other lands
belonging to me for which I have paid Major Spangley now hath a
Grant in his hands which said Grant I Give to my Son
Patrick and in Case the vacant Land be not obtained for my Son
Patrick in Lieu thereof I Give Devise & bequeath five hundred
Acres in the Township of Queenborough adjoining on lands
belonging to Mr. Moore to him my said Son Patrick and his
Heirs for ever But if my Son Patrick be not disappointed as
aforesaid of the Eleven hundred Acres aforesaid that then I Give
Devise and bequeath the three hundred in the point between Lyncha
Creek and Pedee River together with the Land to be purchased
in Lieu thereof the five hundred Acres joining Mr. Moore's
Land to my Son Charles and his Heirs for ever Also if my Son
Charles do not hold the lands above given that then instead thereof
I Give and Devise to him my Son Charles and his Heirs for ever
that Tract of Land Containing five hundred Acres (litting on
lands of Monon River & 250 Acres joining Parker) and also
three hundred Acres joining Mr. Abernethy's Land on Pedee
I Give Devise & bequeath to my Son James and his Heirs for ever
in Case my Son Charles be not disappointed as aforesaid
that then I Give & Devise the Tract of five hundred joining to
Monon River also two hundred and fifty Acres of Land joining
Patrick's Lands and also the four hundred Acres joining Mr.
Abernethy's to pay my Son James and his Heirs for ever Also
I Give and bequeath unto my Son Cosmus all my other Plate
where I now Live the same may be also Ten Cows, ten
Years Old and ten young Calves which now are under
the Care of Mr. Neithley on the East Side of Pedee River branded
also ten Sorel Mares with their Colts, One three Year Old -

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Nation and One Sorel Gelding all Branded **IG** Also
I Give and Bequeath to my son Patrick, Charles, & James
and my Daughter Clementine Fifty head and upwards of the
Year Old Two Year and Yearling Horses with their Calves
be Equally Divided among them Share & Share alike, which said
Cattle are on now my Lands whereon Adam Joy now lives and
are all Branded **IG** Also I Give & Bequeath to my son Patrick
a Bay Mare & One Bay Gelding Branded **A.5** & also One Bay
Gelding and a Black Mare Yearling Branded **IG** Also my
Will is that the remainder of my Cattle be sold to discharge the
Debt due to Messrs. Rumsey & Tappin but if they should not
be found sufficient for that purpose and no other better way
found to make to make up the Deficiency that then I will
that Equal proportions be taken Out of my Childrens Cattle
Sufficient for that purpose Also it is my Will that all the Money
be kept together the profits arising thereby to be applied to
the use of my Children in education and otherwise as my
Executor shall think proper untill my Two eldest Sons arrive
at the Age of Twenty One Year & then all the Money is Equally
to be divided among my Children Share & Share alike and
then my Executors may Deliver the trouble & Charge of the
Administration to my said Two Sons Also I Do earnestly
Recommend to my said Executors that they do not suffer
my Children to remain with their Mother above Six Months
after my Decease, Also My Will and desire is that my Executors
do Comply with the Contract herein inclosed between my
Wife & myself by Yearly Payments Out of the proceeds of
my Estate & if it shall be my Wifes Choice to go to Prison

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I desire that it be that my Executors shall remit her Arrears to
my person in London that she shall receive the same without
any person producing Certificates of her being alive each
Year of Payment and further if my Executors shall find that my
Wife cannot discharge all the legacy & other Demands about
as judge to my Children that then my Will & request is that over
and besides what she is intitled to by Contract, that my Wifes
be paid Yearly and Every Year the sum of Fifty Pounds Current
during her stay & abode in this Province or during the time
she remains my divorced Widow I desire if she be inclined to
depart this Province that then she be paid the sum of Twenty
Pounds for defraying the Charge of her passage home which
sum of Fifty Pounds Yearly I Give & Bequeath to my said Wife
full for all kinds or Powers that she otherwise might be intitled
to for ever barring and excluding my said Wife from any other
Demands on my said Estate whatsoever Also I Remit to
my said Wife that my Children be not left with
their Mother longer than Six Months after my Decease Also
my Will is that my Wife deliver up on Oath all the Silver Plate
& Bath in her Custody to my Executors for the use of my Son
James before she receive any sum or sums of Money what
soever Also I Do hereby appoint Mr John O'Brien Mr
William Wallin, Mr William Swinton and Major George
Rawley to be Executors to this my Will Giving them full power
sell & dispose of Lands Slaves and remove all Debts due to me
I Do hereby revoke all former Wills and Testaments by me
heretofore made Acknowledging this and as Others to my
last Will and Testament for Testimony whereof
I have James Gordon have hereunto subscribed my
name and fixed my Seal this 12th day of June 1799
and sealed, published and declared by me James Gordon
in the presence of Mr John O'Brien Mr William Swinton
Mr William Wallin and Major George Rawley who are
in our presence subscribed Our Names as Witnesses thereto

South Carolina
By ^{Wm} William White Esq
Lieutenant Governor & Commander in Chief of the Majesty
Province of South Carolina & Ordinary of the same

Thomas Laroche & Wm White Esqs
Preparation of Special Trust & Confirmation in the
Fidelity Care & Circumspection of you the said Thomas Laroche
& William White have by these presents Do Give unto
you full Power & Authority to Examine the last Will & Testament
of James Gordon late of this
Province deceased as shall be brought before you upon their
Oath & Corporal Oath & the Holy Evangelist of Almighty
God before you to be taken touching the said Execution thereof
According to the form of the Statute in that Case made and
Provided And also you are to return your doing & Return
your Hand & Seal from your approbation & Allowance And you
are also to Administer the usual Oath to the Executors therein
named

Given under my Hand and
Seal the Tenth day of October Anno
Domini 1709
Certified
James Michie Esq
Wm Bull

Craven County
Personally Came & appeared
before us William White Esq & Thomas Laroche Esqs Wm John
Cuthbert & William Lang Two of the Justices of the Peace to the last Will
and Testament of James Gordon deceased who being duly sworn
He declared they saw the said James Gordon deceased sign & seal
his last Will & Testament the Instrument of Writing hereunto annexed
as his last Will & Testament agreeable to the Statute in that Case

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and provided And that the said James Gordon was at that
of sound mind and disposing Judgment, also they did the
said the other Justices of the Peace the same, And also that they
did the same in the presence of the said James Gordon
on the 24th

1709
Wm White Esq
Tho. Laroche
Craven County

Personally Came & appeared
before us William White Esq & Thomas Laroche Esqs Wm William
Cuthbert & William Lang Two of the Justices of the Peace
to the last Will & Testament of James Gordon deceased who being duly
sworn in the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God declared that
he fully & truly executed the office of Executor to the
last Will & Testament of James Gordon which is hereunto annexed
Before us the 24th October
Wm White Esq
Tho. Laroche

Recorded this 10th day of Nov. 1709
Carolina

In the Name of God the Father the Son & Holy
Spirit my Body to the Earth and my Soul in the hands of my
Creator And his Son my Saviour through the merits of
His precious Merits Amen Altho James the last Executor
my Body yet and very hard & firm in mind & thought
in this my last Will & Testament, Hoping that my goodwill
Executor will be so good as to Execute in the manner following