

Witness me James Michie by Virtue of a Deedman & Notary
from the Hon^{ble} William Bick Esq^r Lieutenant Governor
& Ordinary of this Province on the 29th day of
1739 Personally appeared James Lefley &
John Eccles two of the Witnesses to the within Instrument
who being Duly sworn on the holy Evangelists of
Almighty God Declared they were Present & saw
David Skinner the Testator Sign Seal Publish and
Declare the within Instrument of Writing to be &
contain his last Will and Testament & that he
was at the same time of Sound and Disposing
Mind Memory & Understanding to the best of their
Deponents Knowledge and Belief And further that
they together with the other Witnesses signed their
Names as Witnesses in Presence of the said Testator
Credentia Skorn the Executing

James Michie
Recorded 20th June 1739
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South Carolina In the Name of God Amen I John Bagbee
of the Parish of St James Goose Creek Planter being Sane
and Weak in Body but of Sound and Disposing mind
and Memory Thanks be given to Almighty God Do
make and Ordain this to be my last Will & Testament
in manner and form following that is to say First
I Will that all my just Debts and funeral Expenses
shall be duly Paid and Satisfied And as to such worldly
Goods and Estate as God hath bestowed on me I Dispose

of the same as follows (to Wit) I Give and bequeath to my
Wife Mary Bagbee one Indian Woman named Sarah one
Negro Woman named Kate and one horse of the Price of
fifty Pounds current money of this Province to be bought
by my Executors hereinafter named and to be Delivered
to my said Wife for her own proper use And it is my will
that my said Wife shall have her Election of any one
Room in the house in which I now live and that she
shall have free Liberty to Occupy Possess and Enjoy
the same during her widowhood and no longer and
I do also give and bequeath unto my said Wife during
her Widowhood only the sum of fifty Pounds to be
Paid her yearly and every year of the Profits of
my Estate real or personal with power in default of
Payment to Exile & Distrain for the same on any
Part of my Estate real or Personal the first payment
of the said yearly sum of fifty Pounds to commence
and be paid within one year after my Decese And
I Declare that what I have herein given to my said
Wife is in lieu of any Dower or thirds or any other
Claim or Demand whatsoever which my said wife
may have or Claim out of my Estate And as to all
the rest and Residue of my Estate both real & Personal
of what nature or kind soever or wheresoever the
same may be lying or being I Give Devise & bequeath
the same unto my Executors hereinafter named
and to the Survivors of them until my son William
Bagbee shall arrive to his age of Twenty one years
Upon the Special Trust & Confidence nevertheless
and to and for the several uses intents & Purposes

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Hereafter mentioned and to and for no other use intent
and Purpose whatsoever (that is to say) upon Trust
Each my said Executors or the Survivor of them shall
have the Care and Management of my said Estate until
my said Son shall arrive to his Age aforesaid and shall
improve the same to the best Advantage & out of the
Profits of the same shall pay & Discharge my Just
Debts and Funerall Expences & the Legacies and
Annuity bequeathed to my Wife & Maintain &
Educate my Children and the Surplus if any there
shall be shall Equally Divide amongst my several
Children hereafter named when my Son shall arrive
to their Respective to their Respective Ages of twenty
One years And when my Daughters shall arrive at
the age of twenty One or be married which shall
first happen I give and Devise to my Son William
Bagber when he shall arrive to the Age of Twenty
one years and to his heirs and assigns for ever
All that my Plantation or Tract of Land containing
by Estimation three hundred and Eighty eight acres
that I Purchased of Joseph Le Ragg Esq: Situate lying
and being on Horsehoe Creek I Do hereby authorize
Direct and Improve my Executors or the Survivors
of them to Purchase for the use of my Son George
Bagber a convenient Tract of Land out of the
Profits of my Estate to be held by the said George
Bagber & his heirs & assigns for ever And when
such a Tract of Land shall be purchased by my said
Executors for my said Son George then and in such

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I give and Devise unto my Son James Bagber and
his heirs and assigns for ever All that Tract of Land
containing by Estimation four hundred acres on
which I now dwell that was formerly purchased
William Norman Deceased of the late Lord
proprietors But in case my Executors shall
Purchase a Tract of Land for my aforesaid
George before he arrives to the age of twenty
one years then and in such case I give & Devise
the said Tract of Land on which I now dwell to
my said Sons James Bagber & George Bagber
severally and to their several heirs and assigns
for ever equally to be Divided amongst them
share and share alike & to hold the same as
tenants in Common & not Joint Tenants.
I Do further Authorize and Empower my said
Executors if they shall think fit to Sell a Tract of Pine
Land which I Purchased of Joseph Wragg Esq:
containing by Estimation six hundred and sixty
acres and in case my said Executors shall think fit
to Sell the same I Devise the money arising by
such Sale and Order & will that the same shall
be Equally Divided amongst all my Children but
in case my said Executors shall not think fit to
Sell the said last mentioned Tract of Land then I
do Devise and bequeath the same to my aforesaid
Sons James & George Bagber severally and to
their several heirs & assigns for ever equally to be
Divided amongst them share & share alike & to hold
the same as Tenants in Common & not as Joint Tenants.

I give and bequeath all my goods Chattels & Personal Estate whatsoever not herein before bequeathed unto my four Children William James George and Elizabeth Bagber equally to be Divided amongst them share & share alike but in case any of my said Children should happen to Dye under age before Marriage my Will is that the Share of the Child or Children so Dying shall be equally Divided amongst the Survivors. Lastly I Nominate constitute & appoint Joseph Cragg Esq. Richard Shingleton and William Little to be Executors of this my last Will & Testament. In witness whereof to this my Will contained in two Sheets of Paper wrote on one side only I have set my hand & Seal to each Sheet this thirty first Day of October in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and thirty Eight

John Bagber

Legally Sealed Published & Declared by the Testator to be his last Will & Testament in the Presence of the Subscribing Witnesses who in his Presence & at his request have set their Names as Witnesses hereunto

Witnesses
James Lucas
William Keating

South Carolina Before me William Bull Esq. President & Clerk of the Province of South Carolina on the Ninth Day of December 1738 Personally came & appeared William Keating one of the Witnesses to the within Instrument of Writing who being duly Sworn in the holy Evangelist of Almighty God declared that he was Present & saw the within named John Bagber the Testator Legally Seal Publish & Declare the Instrument of Writing to be & contain his last Will & Testament and that he was of Sound and Disposing mind Memory and understanding at the Time of Doing thereof.

According to the best of his Knowledge & Belief & further that he the said Deponent together with James Cuthbert & James Lewis signed their Names as Witnesses thereto in the Presence of the Testator. The said 9th Day of December 1738.

Sworn before me
James Wickham

25th June 1739 Recorded in the Secretaries Office

In the Name of God Amen Joseph Elliott of Beasley County in the Province of South Carolina Planting of perfect mind & Memory thanks be to God for the same but calling to mind the Mortality of my Body & knowing that it is appointed all Mankind once to Dye Do make & Declare this my last Will and Testament. First and Principally Recommending my immortal Spirits into the hands of Almighty God my heavenly Father who gave it hoping through the Merits Death & Passion of our blessed Saviour Jesus Christ To have full and free Pardon remission of all my Sins and to inherit Everlasting Life, and my Body committing to the Earth to be Decently Buried at the Discretion of my Executors herein after mentioned.

And as Touching such Worldly Estate wherewith it hath Pleased God to bless me in this