

By the Grace of God Amen

I Paul Hamilton of Colleton County Planting at this time in health of Body and of a sound Judgement. I understand and blessed be God knowing that it is a Christian Duty to disengage him of worldly affairs as much as possible that he may the better attend his Lords Call at Death Do make Constitutions and appoint his Last Will and Testament to stand in full force after my Decease. Recommending my Soul into the hands of God for eternal salvation through Jesus Christ my only Lord and Redeemer and my Body to be Decently and Christianly Buried by my Executors & I do appoint & constitute my beloved friends Mr. William Bonner Mr. William Edging Mr. Joseph Russell Mr. John Bee Junr and Mr. Thomas Sackevell to be Executors of this my last Will and Testament. I promise my Will and Order is that all my just and lawful Debts be honestly and justly paid & what remains of my Estate to be disposed of as follows. Item I Give and bequeath forty three pounds Sterling to be paid a year after my decease into the hands of the Reverend Mr. Archibald Aboe Minister Timothy Hendrick John Bee Junr George Tagley, John Haynes John Platt John Atkinson, John Andrew, Thomas Burr, John Mitchell, Jacob Denham Elders & Deacons of the Presbyterian Church at Wiltown to them or their survivors & Successors of them as they shall be Chosen & Ordained according to Rules of the aforesaid Church to be disposed of by them and improved for the use of the aforesaid Presbyterian Congregation always preferring the Principal Intire Item I Give & bequeath forty three pounds Sterling to be paid two years after my decease into the hands of Mr. William Edging Mr. Joseph Russell Mr. William Bonner

George Norton Mr. William Whippy Mr. James Landon and Deacons of the Presbyterian Church in Edisto Island to them or their survivors & Successors of them as they shall be Chosen & Ordained according to the Rules of the aforesaid Church to be disposed of them & improved for the support of the aforesaid Presbyterian Congregation always preferring the principal Intire Item I Give & bequeath One hundred pounds of the Current Money of this Province to be laid out in Two Silver Tankards for the use of the Communion Table of the aforesaid Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island Item my Will is that One Tract of my Land lying on the North Side of Edisto Island Containing four hundred Acres for the use of my Beloved Son Paul Hamilton Item my Will is that One Tract of my Land Containing five hundred Acres lying on the South Side of Edisto Island shall be for the use of my Beloved Son John Hamilton Item my Will also is that another Tract of my Land Containing One hundred and fifty four Acres lying to the aforesaid Tract of five hundred Acres be also for the use of my Beloved Son John Hamilton Item my Will is that One Tract of my Land Containing four hundred and forty Acres and another Tract Containing Two hundred and eighty Acres lying to the aforesaid Tract of four hundred and forty Acres lying on the South Side of Non pon River be for the use of my Beloved Son Archibald Hamilton Item my Will is that One Tract of my Land lying on Edisto Island Containing Three hundred and ten Acres and another Tract of fifty Acres lying to the aforesaid Tract of three hundred and ten Acres be bequeathed by my Executors & the Money & the Money be put to Interest for the use of my Two Daughters Martha & Dorcas & to be Equally Divided between them as they arrive the age of Eighteen years or Day of marriage Item I Give unto

Item my Will is that One young Negro Woman shall be bought by my Executors & paid for Out of my Estate for my daughter Paula Williams to be Delivered to him with her Issue if any there be taken to arrive to the age of Twenty One year Item I Give unto my Beloved Daughter Martha Hamilton Two Negro Girls One named Phoebe and the Other named Sarah Item I Give unto my Beloved Daughter Dorcas Hamilton Two Negro Girls One named Salira & the Other named Jude Item my Will is that all the rest of my Personal Estate be Equally Divided among my three sons Paul John & Archibald Hamilton & that this my last Will & Testament may stand in full force thereby revoking & annull all former Wills whatsoever by me made & I request all Judges & Magistrates to Construct this my last Will in the most favourable sense for the Intention whereof I have this Day of _____ set my Hand & Seal to the foregoing Publishing & Declaring the same to be my last Will & Testament

Witness
Jehabed Fry
Wm Bird
By the Hon^{ble} James Bull
Esq^r President & Commander in Chief in & Over his Majesty's Province of South Carolina

To James Bull Esq^r
Reporting Special Trust & Confidence in the Integrity & Circumspection of you the said James Bull I have & by these presents Do give unto you full power & Authority to examine the several Witnesses to the last Will & Testament of Paul Hamilton late of this Province planter deceased as shall be brought before you upon their several Oaths

On the Holy Evangelist of almighty God teaching the due Execution of said Will according to form of the Statute in that Case made and provided And also you are to return your Doing herein under your Hand & Seal for my approbation & allowance And you are also to administer the usual Oath to the Witnesses in named

Given under my hand & Seal this First Day of March Anno Domini 1738
James Bull

Certified
James Michie Dep^y
Memorandum that on the 7th day of March 1738 William Bird & Jehabed Fry made oath before me that they were present saw Paul Hamilton sign Seal Publish & Declare a foregoing Instrument of Writing to be & contain his last Will and Testament & that at his doing thereof they believed him to be of sound Mind memory & understanding & that they signed their names as Witnesses to in the presence of the Testator James Bulloch

On the same Day William Birding John Beejud and Thomas the several three of the Executors mentioned & appointed in the aforesaid last Will & Testament of Paul Hamilton deceased & that they would well & truly administer all the goods rights & Credits of the said deceased & pay his Debts & Legacies so far forth as his goods rights & Credits will extend according to their rate & Order in Law & so far forth as the said Executors bind them and also that they would make a true & perfect Inventory of all the Goods rights & Credits of the said deceased & return the same into the Secretarys Office of this Province according to the time prescribed by Law & finally that they would in all things use themselves as Executors by Law ought to do
James Bulloch

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By the Hon^{ble} William Bull Esquire Secretary
 Governor and Commander in Chief in and over his 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 seventh Day of March which was in the Year of Our
 Lord One thousand seven hundred and thirty eight the last Will &
 Testament of Paul Carnillon late of this Province planter
 deceased was proved approved and allowed of the said deceased
 among which he lived and at the time of his Death Divers goods Rights
 and Credits within the Province of said by means whereof the
 approbation and allowing of his Testament and the power of Grant
 the Administration of all & singular the Goods Rights and Credits
 of the said deceased and his Testament any manner of way concern
 was Granted & Committed unto William Doring John Bee Junr
 & Thomas Sackville Three of the named Executors in the said
 Last Will and Testament being first sworn On the Holy Evangel
 of Almighty God well & faithfully to administer and make a
 full & perfect Inventory of all & singular the Goods Rights and
 Credits of the said deceased and to Exhibit the same into the Auditors
 Office in Charles Town in Order to be recorded on or before the
 fourteenth Day of October now next ensuing and to render a
 just & true Account Calculation and reckoning thereof when
 thereunto required

Secretary's Office
 Certified
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In Testimony whereof I have
 hereunto set my hand & seal this
 fourteenth Day of July in the Thirteenth
 Year of his Majesty's Reign Anno Domini 1738
 Wm Bull

Recorded this 16 day of Novem^r 1738

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In the Name of God Amen I Paul
 of Colleton County in the Province of South Carolina
 being at present of perfect and sound Memory and Judgment
 the Mercy of Almighty God yet Calling to mind the Transitory
 nature of this present life & that it is appointed for all men Once to
 die I thought Convenient to make this my last Will and Testament
 in the form & to the intent following And first of all I recommend
 my Soul to Almighty God who gave it, assuredly believing to have
 full Instruction by the Merits of my Saviour at the great Day
 of Judgment My Body I recommend to the Earth from whence it had
 its Original to be decently interred at the Discretion of my Executors &
 hereinafter to be named Revoking and disannulling hereby
 all former and Other Wills in Writing or by word of Mouth by me
 made or made or executed And that this shall only be and
 remain my Last Will and Testament, in the form following
 I bequeath such worldly Effects with which it has pleased
 Almighty God to Bless me I will Devise bequeath the same
 in manner following (Vizt) I will that my Funeral Charges
 and Lawful Debts be truly & justly paid by my Executors
 hereafter to be named as soon as may be after my Decease when ever
 they shall happen at the pleasure of Almighty God I give
 bequeath unto my Son Thos the Plantation Containing
 one hundred acres of Land on which I now live with the house
 & movables Trees Timber & appurtenances thereto belonging
 to him and assigns for ever but if he should die without
 issue that the said Land be divided equally between my Two
 Daughters Mary and Elizabeth to belong to them and their Heirs
 for ever I give unto my Beloved Wife Rebecca a