

God hoping through his Mercy and the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ I shall enjoy eternal life My body I commit to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors hereinafter named

First

my Will is that all my just debts and funeral Charges be well and truly paid and satisfied All the rest and residue of my estate whatsoever and wheresoever I do devise and bequeath unto my good friends Hugh Cartwright of Charles Town and Edward Richardson Bricklayers and Edward Swan of the same place Cooper In trust for the uses intents and purposes hereinafter expressed That is to say to be by them their heirs Executors and Admors or the Survivors or Survivor of them or either of them employed and applied towards Purchasing the freedoms of one negro Woman named Eve and her two Malatto Children named both Will which negro Woman and her two Malatto Children aforesaid are at present in the possession of William Scott of Charles Town aforesaid Merchant But if the said William Scott his heirs Executors or Admors shall not be prevailed upon to sell the said negro Woman and her two Malatto Children aforesaid according to the intent aforesaid Then my Will is that the residue of my estate given in trust as aforesaid to the said Hugh Cartwright Edward Richardson and Edw^d Swan for the uses before mentioned shall be by them or either of them or the Survivors or Survivor of them disposed of as they shall think most proper And do hereby Nominate and appoint the said Hugh Cartwright Edw^d Richardson and Edward Swan Executors to this my last Will and Testament Also do hereby revoke and make void and Null all former and other Wills by me at any time heretofore made and do pronounce publish and declare this to be my only last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this fifth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and forty three.

Signed Sealed Pronounced Published and Declared by the Testator being in his perfect Senses in the presence of us who at his Request and in his presence Subscribed our Names as Witnesses thereto.

Henry X Sindsay ^{his} mark

Jer^e Sea Croft, W^m Canbury, Ja Drummond

South Carolina, By Virtue of a Sedimus to me directed by the hon^{ble} W^m Bull Esq^r Sicut Governor and Com^r in Chief of this province and ordinary of the same Personally appeared before me Ja^s Drummond and W^m Canbury two of the subscribing Witnesses to the within Will who being duly sworn declares that they saw the within named Henry Sindsay make his mark Seal Publish pronounce and declare the same to be and contain his last Will and Testament that he was then of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding that they signed their names as Witnesses thereto in his psence and that Jer^e Sea Croft the other subscribing Witness did the same in their presence Witness my hand this 25 October 1743/ at the same time Swore all the Executors.

Recorded 26th October 1743. John Champneys Dep Sec^y

James St. John

In the Name of God Amen.

First

I James St. John of South Carolina Esq^r Do make this my last Will in manner following I bequeath my soul to the Almighty God that gave it, my body I commit to the Earth to be interred at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named And as to the Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me, I dispose thereof as follows:

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I Will and desire that all my just Debts be paid and do direct and appoint that James Champ

and no more be Expended on my Funeral

Item I Give and bequeath unto my Loving Wife Mary St John, my Gold watch with the Gold Chain and Seals thereunto belonging to and for her own proper use forever.

Item I Give unto my Niece Mary St John only Daughter of my brother Tho^s St John (who dyed in this Province) the Sum of One hundred Pounds Sterling to be paid her at the age of one and twenty years or day of Marriage which shall first happen with lawful interest from the time of my death.

Item I Give to William Smith my late Esq^r the Sum of Fifty Pounds Curr if he be living at my Death.

Item I Give and bequeath unto my Negro man Dublin and unto my Negro Woman Rosy their Freedom forever immediately after my death for their great care of me for several years in my sickness.

Item I Give to my Eldest Son Meller St John all that Plantation or Tract of Land containing Five hundred and Eight Acres more or less situate lying and being in Colleton County in the province aforesaid commonly called or known by the Name of Kelly's Plantation and which I lately purchased from William Guy the younger: To hold to him the said Meller St John his heirs and assigns forever.

Item I Give and bequeath unto my said Son Meller St John the following Negro Slaves (to wit) Belfast, Kinsale, and Charles Men, Mariah, Hannah, and Flora Women, Sings and Stepmey men Boys: To hold the said Negro Slaves being Eight in Number to him the said Meller St John his heirs and assigns for ever.

Item I Give to my said Son Meller St John for ever all the Household Goods and Furniture at the said Plantation commonly called Kelly's Plantation.

Item all the rest and residue of my real and Personal Estate in this Province or elsewhere of what nature or kind soever that I shall be possessed of or intitled unto at the time of my death, I Give Devise and bequeath unto my said Wife Mary St John, my said Elder son Meller St John and my younger Son John St John, to be equally divided amongst them share and share alike, Provided Nevertheless and my Will and mind is that my two Sons Meller and John St John shall hold and Enjoy their and each of their several and respective Shares to them Devised as aforesaid to them their heirs and assigns forever: And that my Wife Mary St John shall hold and Enjoy her said share for and during her Natural life and from and after her decease I will and bequeath her said third part or share to my said two Sons Meller and John St John their heirs and assigns forever to be equally divided between them share and share alike. And Whereas there is due to me from several Persons by Bonds the principal Sum of one thousand Pounds Sterling money Now my will and mind is that if my said Wife Mary St John shall choose to accept of the interest of the said One Thousand Pounds Sterl. and in Consideration thereof shall be willing to relinquish her said third part or share of my real or personal Estate so Devised to her and my said two Sons as aforesaid, then I do hereby Give and bequeath unto my said Wife Mary St John the Interest of the said One thousand and Pound Sterling to be held and enjoyed by her during the term of her natural life, and from and after her decease I Give and Devise the same to my said two Sons Meller and John St John their heirs and assigns forever to be equally Divided between them.

Item my will is that if either of my said Sons Meller and John St John shall happen to depart this life without issue lawfully begotten that in such case the share of him so dying shall go to the Surviving Brother his heirs and assigns forever.

Item I Give to my Sister Catherine Dyer the Sum of thirty Pounds Sterling. And I do hereby constitute and appoint my Good Friend Richard Hill of Charles Town Esq^r and my said Son Meller St John Executors of this my last Will and also Trustees for my said Wife Mary St John and my younger Son John St John and it is my will and mind that my said Son John St John shall not be permitted to receive into his own hands and power his said third part or share of my estate so devised to him in the manner aforesaid until he shall attain the age of twenty Five years, but that my aforesaid Executors do direct and manage the same for his use allowing him his board at the Plantation, the keeping of a Horse, and the Sum of One hundred and Fifty Pounds a year Current money of Carolina for Cloaths and Pocket money with the meantime, And furthermore it is my Earnest desire and I do hereby empower my said Executors to Do and Act as Trustees for my said wife Mary St John in her absence what

shall be thought for her interest and benefit in pursuance of this my Will and to take care to see the same duly performed according to the true intent and meaning thereof And finally her by revoking all former Wills by me heretofore made I do constitute and appoint this to be my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I the said James St John the Testator have hereunto set my hand and seal the twenty third day of June One thousand seven hundred and Forty two.

Jas St John. 

Memorandum that I the said James St John the Testator do hereby further Give and Devise unto Jonathan Thompson my Clerk the Sum of Fifty Pounds Currency which I have caused to be Subscribed as a bodicil to my said Will before the Execution thereof and which devise may be taken and understood as part thereof as Witness my hand the day of June 1742. Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the within named James St John the Testator as his last Will and Testament in whose presence and at his request we have signed our Names as Witnesses therunto.

Adam Beauchamp
Jona^s Thompson
Thom^s Cooper

South Carolina

Before the hon^{ble} William Bull Esq^r Lieutenant Governor Commander in Chief and Ordinary of this Province. This day Adam Beauchamp and Jonathan Thompson, two of the Subscribing Witnesses to this Will being duly Sworn Declare that they were present and saw the within Named James St John sign Seal and Declare & pronounce the within Writing to be and contain his last Will and Testament that he was then of sound disposing mind & good understanding and also that the other Subscribing Witness Thomas Cooper Signed his Name as such at the same time and in presence of the Testator this 16th day of April 1743.

W^m Bull.

in May 6th 1743.
Memorandum^m Administ^r was this day Granted to Edmond Atkin Esq^r
S^c Carolina.

Memorandum By Virtue of a Decimus from the Hon^{ble} William Bull Esq^r Lieutenant Governor and ordinary of this Province I have this 22^d Day of September 1743. Qualified Mr. Miller St John One of the Executors of the within Will by administering to him the usual Oaths of Executors.

J. Hammerton

Recorded 12th Decemb^r 1743.

William Beathly.

In the Name of God Amen.

the twenty seventh day of August in the year of our Lord God one thousand seven hundred and Forty two.

I William Beathly in prince Frederick Parish County of Brazen Planter Being Weak in Body but of Perfect Memory thanks be Given to God therefore Calling unto mind the Mortality of my Body knowing that it is appointed for all Men once to Die do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament that is to say principally and first of all I Give and Recommend my soul unto the hands of Almighty God that Give it and for my Body I Recommend it to the Earth to be buried in a Christianlike and Decent manner at the Discretion Executors Nothing Doubting But at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same By the Mighty Power of God and touching such Worldly Goods as I have I have God to bless me in this Life I Give devise and Dispose of the same in manner and form following And first I Revoke and frustrate all wills wills by me formerly made or Done and I do hereby