

John Hamilton

In the Name of God, Amen.

this twenty second day of August in the year of our Lord God, one thousand seven hundred and forty,

I John Hamilton of Edisto Island in the Province of South Carolina being very weak and sick in Body, but of sound Mind and Memory Thanks be given to god, do make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament That is to say, I first recommend my Soul to God who gave it, and my Body to the Earth to be decently buried at the Discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting but at the General resurrection, I shall receive the same by the Power of Almighty God, and touching the Goods wherewith it hath pleased God to Bless me in this Life, I Give, Devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

Imprimis

I give and bequeath to my well beloved wife Patience Hamilton during her Widowhood the use of the Plantation or Tract of Land on which I now live, Situate lying and being on Edisto Island in the Province aforesaid and containing in the whole One Hundred and Ninety Acres, also all the Rest of my Real and Personal Estate (excepting what is hereinafter excepted) I Give and bequeath to the above mentioned Patience Hamilton to her, ~~her~~ Heir, Exor, Admor, and Assigns for ever

Item

I Give and Bequeath to my Brother William Hamilton to him, his Heir, Exor, Admor, and Assigns for ever, the Plantation or Tract of One Hundred and Ninety Acres Land above mentioned the Use only of which is already given to my wife Patience Hamilton during her Widowhood as is above mentioned.

Item

I Give & Bequeath to my Son in Law William French, to him, his Heir, Exor, Admor, and Assigns forever One Negro Boy named York.

Item

I Give and Bequeath to my Son in Law John French, to him, his Heir, Exor, Admor, and Assigns for ever, one Negro Child named Abraham.

Lastly

I appoint and ordain my well beloved wife Patience Hamilton above mentioned and my Trusty friend Captain William Edings, Executors to this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking, Disannulling all and every other former Will or Wills, Testament or Testaments, Legacies or Bequests, by me in any wise heretofore mentioned, Willed or Bequeathed, or meant or intended to be Mentioned, Willed or Bequeathed, ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament.

Signed Sealed published pronounced and declared by the aforesaid John Hamilton to be his last Will and Testament in presence of us the Subscribers

John Hamilton (seal)

John Davant
Matthew ^{his} ~~mark~~ Grace

Algernon Ash

South Carolina Charles Town 25 July 1741.
By Virtue of a Decimus from the Honble William Bull Esq.
Lieut Governor and Commander in Chief and ordinary of this Province

came before me, John Hammerton Esq^r. Matthew Brece one of the subscribing Witnesses to the within written Will who being duly sworn deposes that he was present when the Testator John Hambleton Signed Sealed & pronounced this to be his Last Will and Testament And that he was of good sound understanding and memory at that time and also that the other subscribing Witnesses John Dayant & Algernon Ash, were present at the same time with him and Subscribed their Names as Witnesses at the Same time & in presence of the Testator. at the same time swore his widow Patience Hambleton Executrix.

Recorded the 11th July 1741
J Hammerton.

Thos. Gadsden

South Carolina

In the Name of God, Amen,
I Thos. Gadsden of St. Phillips Parish in the Province of South Carolina do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form following:

I do Give to my Eldest son Christopher the Sott of Land in Charles Town w^{ch} I lately purchast of Mrs. McKensie, containing Thirty four foot front on Elliotts Allie & Eighty foot Back, with all ye Buildings & improvements thereon, or shall be at my Discease, & likewise I give to my said Son three hundred acres of Land near Dorchester I purchast of Mr. Alex^r. Sherne & I give to my said son all my Lands at Ninian, as likewise a lott in the Town, there — I likewise give to my said son four Negroes, named Prince, Pane, Scippo, & Hannah.

I now give to my other two sons James and Thomas, all my Real & Personal Estate, Excepting as above mentioned, to be sold and shared Equally alike, and when sold, to be delivered to their Grand Mother Mrs. Anne Mighels, at Stratford in Essex, & Mr. Ez^r. Hall Merchant in London, Jointly. I desire them two to have the care, of my two Children & what Fortune, they may have, & to manage it to the best of their advantage, as they the said Mighels & Hall, may think proper, In the meantime - till orders, may come from them. I do hereby appoint Mr. Richard Hill & Mr. John Garard, to be my Lawfull Executors, of this my last will, & to take Into their possession, all my worldly Goods, till further orders from the said Mighels & Hall, but as for my son Christopher, & Rents of 5 Houses on 5 Sott, I give to him will serve to maintain him in his Apprentiship but I would have it under 5 care of 5 said Hill & Garard till he is Twentie one years of age, w^{ch} will be at 5 time he is free from his Master as Mrs. McKensie is not paid for 5 lott of Land, I would have her paid out of 5 money, that may arize out of my two sons shares James & Thomas. That my son Battie may have his share Cleare without any Incombrance and in case one or two, sons should dye before, they come of age, it shall be shared to 5 two equally alike, or if but One left he to take all, as to the Sott of Land, I purchast of Mr. Rose, I give ten, foot, on 5 west side, for a Publick Allie, a fott way only — all my Funerall Charges & what debts is Due to any one, I would have it all paid out of my Son's James,