

- Item I Give Devise and Bequeath unto my Son Thomas Butler the Sum of fifty pounds Current Money of S^c Carolina to be paid unto him his heirs Executors Adminors or Assigns within twelve months after my decease.
- Item I Give devise and Bequeath unto my Son Joseph Butler four Negroe Slaves named Phamius Pegg, Alice, Betsy together with their Issue & increase and for the only use & behoof of him the said Joseph Butler his heirs & Assigns for Evermore.
- Item I Give devise and bequeath unto my Daughter Sarah Cartwright Widow Relict of Daniel Cartwright Deceased the Sum of Eight hundred current money of South Carolina to be paid unto her her heirs Executors Administrators or Assigns within Twelve Months after my Decease.
- Item I Give devise and bequeath unto my Daughter Rebecca Baker wife of Josiah Baker the Sum of Fifty pounds Curr^t money of S^c Carolina to be paid unto her her heirs Executors Adminors or Assigns within Twelve months after my decease.
- Item I Give Devise & Bequeath unto my Daughter Abigail Watsons Wife of John Watson Merchant the Sum of Eight hundred pounds Current money of S^c Carolina to be paid unto her her heirs Executors Adminors or Assigns within Twelve months after my decease.
- Item I Give Devise & Bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth Bellinger Widow Relict of Edmond Bellinger Son^r dec^d. All the rest & Residue of my Estate both Real & Personal To the only use & Behoof of her the said Eliz. Bellinger her heirs and Assigns for Evermore.
- Lastly I Nominate constitute & appoint my said Daughter Elizabeth Bellinger to be Sole Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament hereby Revoking and making Void all former or other Wills by me made & declare this only to be my Last Will and Testament In Witness Whereof I have hereunto Set my hand & Seal this Ninth day of March in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred & forty One & in the fifteenth Year of his Majesties Reign.
- Signed Sealed published and declared by the Testatrix as her Last Will & Testament in the presence of us who at her request have Subscribed our Names as Witnesses
- Robert Cooper
Ja^s Scarlett
Tho^s Radcliffe

South Carolina

By the Hon^{ble} William Bull Esq^r Secy^t Governor and Ordinary of this Province.

This day Robert Cooper and Thomas Radcliff two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the Within Will came before me and being duly Sworn declared that they were both present and saw Mrs. Esther Elliott sign Seal & pronounce this said within Instrument to be & contain her Last Will and Testament that she was then of Sound disposing mind memory and good understanding to their belief and also that the Other Subscribing Witness Ja^s Scarlett did Sign his Name at the same time with them as Witness & in the presence of the Testatrix Esther Elliott, and at the same time Swore Mrs. Elizabeth Bellinger Executrix of this Will as directed herein This 28 May 1742

Recorded 30 June 1742

Wm Bull

John West
In the Name of God Amen,

This 24th day of Oct^r in the year of Our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and Forty I John Best of St Philipps Parish Charleston in the Province of South Carolina Mariner Being in Perfect health of Body & of a sound & disposing memory and understanding mind Thanks be to Almighty God for the same Do make publish & declare this my Last Will & Testament in Manner and form following That is to say

Imprimis I commend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it hoping through the merits of my blessed Saviour Redeemer Jesus Christ to Obtain pardon and Remission of all my Sins And as for my Body I desire it may be decently Buried at the discretion of my Executrix hereinafter Named And as for Concerning my Worldly Goods & Chattels wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with all I give devise bequeath & dispose thereof in manner & form & to the use end intent & purpose hereinafter mentioned Expressed and declared That is to Say

I Give devise & bequeath unto my Loving and Affectionate Wife Mary Best the whole Sole of all my Goods and Chattels all my Negroes whose Names are Maria Lucy Rose Oronoko and Carolina & Every Individual Effect or Effects that I am possess of with all for her own use Benefit & advantage for Ever she my said wife discharging all my Just and Lawfull Debts & Obligations as Conveniently as in her power may be done to the Satisfaction of all with me concerned I do also place constitute & appoint my said Loving & Affectionate wife my whole Sole Executrix of this my said Will & Testament in witness whereof revoking & making void all other and former wills by me made I have to this my Last will & Testament put my hand & Seal.

The Twentyfourth day as above written signed Sealed published & delivered by the said John Best to be his Last Will & Testament he having put his hand & Seal to this his Will in the Presence of us

} J^r: Best (SEAL)
Isaac King Clark
Tho^s Simmons

South Carolina

By virtue of a Licentia from the Hon^{ble} W^m Bull Esq^r Lieutenant Governor Commander in Chief and Ordinary of this Province.

This day Tho^s Simmons one of the subscribing Witnesses to the within Instrument being by me duly Sworn Declares that he was present & saw the within said John Best sign seal declare & pronounce the within writing to be & contain his last Will & Testament and that he the Testator was then of sound mind memory & good understanding to his belief and also that the other subscribing Witness Isaac King Clark signed his Name as such at the same time with him & in presence of the Testator

This 29 June 1742. Sworne also the Executrix within Named

J. Hammonston

Recorded 4th July 1742.

Elisabeth Woodward

I Elisabeth Woodward widow of Col^o John Woodward Deceased of the Province of South Carolina Being weak in Body but of Sound and Perfect Memory do make this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following.

Imprimis I Do will and that all such debts as I do owe to any Person or Persons be paid by my Executors hereafter named within a convenient time after my decease.

I Item I do will & Give unto my daughter Mary Gibbs one Mustee Hench by name Affected to her and to her Heirs and Assigns for ever with her Increase.

I Item I do will and Give unto my daughter Elizabeth Flower one Mustee Gnl by name Pegg to her & to her Heirs and Assigns forever with her Increase.