

(blessed be God) Do make and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner following That is to say

I bequeath my Soul into the hands of Almighty God hoping and believing a Remission of my Sins by the Merits and Mediation of Jesus Christ and my Body I Commit to the Earth to be buried at the Discretion of my Executors hereinafter named.

I Will that all my just Debts and funeral Charges be first paid & discharged.

I Give and Bequeath to my very good friend Capt. Adam Beauchamp of Charles Town Gent. a long silver Spoon with a Grater at the end of it; one Silver Ringer with a Cover two pair of Gold Sleeve Buttons, half a Dozen Knives and forks with Silver handles, and one Dozen China Plates also one Clock now in the Possession of Mr. William Battell provided that the said Adam Beauchamp do pay and satisfy the said Mr. W^m Battell all his just and reasonable Charges for mending & cleaning the said Clock To have and to hold the said Premises to him and his Heirs forever. I Give and Bequeath all the rest and Residue of my Estate of what sort soever to Mr. Peter Jeyes of Charles Town in the Province aforesaid (To have and to hold) the same to him and his Heirs forever.

I do hereby Constitute Nominate and Appoint the said Capt. Adam Beauchamp and Peter Jeyes Executors of this my last Will and Testament etc. Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal This Seventeenth Day of November In the year of our Lord one Thousand Seven Hundred & forty one.

Signed Sealed & Published in the Presence of us who have subscribed our names in the Presence and at the request of the Testatrix and by her declared as and for her last Will and Testament & The said Premises being first interlined.

J^{ps}
Joyce Ford
her mark

SEAL

Elianor Sandwell.
Elizabeth Mc Kenzie.
Alex. Stewart.

South Carolina Secretarys Office 24 Novem. 1741.

By Virtue of a Deedimus from his Honour William Bull Esq^r Lieutenant Governor and Ordinary of this Province This day came before me Alexander Stewart who being duly sworn Declareth that he was Present at the Time the Testatrix Joyce Ford Signed Sealed and Declared this to be & contain her last Will and Testament and that she was then in good sound disposing mind and Understanding to his belief and that the Other two Subscribing Witnesses Elianor Sandwell and Elizabeth Mc Kenzie were also Present with him and signed their names as Witness at the same time and in presence of the Testatrix Eodem die Sworn the Exors. Adam Beauchamp & Peter Jeyes.

Recorded the 7 December 1741

J Hammerton

William Smith

In the Name of God Amen.

I William Smith of the Parish of St Philips Charles Town in Berkeley County in the Province of South Carolina Planter being sick and weak of Body but (thanks be to God) of sound and perfect mind and Understanding and being desirous of settling my temporal Affairs do make and declare these presents to be and contain my last Will and Testament first and principally recommending my

immortal Spirit into the Hands of my great Creator trusting in the Merits of my blessed Saviour for pardon and remission of all my Sins and my Body I commit to the Earth to be decently interred at the Discretion of my Exors hereinafter named and touching the disposition of such worldly Estate with which it hath pleased God to bless me I give and dispose of the same in manner and form following, that is to say,

- Imprimis I will order and direct that all my debts and funeral expences be paid and discharged with all convenient Speed after my Decease.
- Item I give devise and bequeath unto my honored Mother Elizabeth Smith two Cows and calves out of my Stock such as she shall choose and also the joint use with my dear wife of my horse Bart and two Horses during the life of my said Mother.
- Item I give devise and Bequeath unto my dearly beloved wife Elizabeth Smith two Cows and Calves out of my Stock such as she shall choose after my said Mother. Also give to my said Wife the joint use with my said Mother of my said Horse Bart and two Horses.
- Item I give devise and bequeath unto my said dear Wife Elizabeth Smith and to her heirs Exors. Admors. and Assigns for ever One full third part the whole into three parts to be equally divided, of all and singular the residue of my Estate real and personal whatsoever and wheresoever to have and to hold the same to my said dear wife Elizabeth her heirs Exors. Admors. and Assigns for ever.
- Item all the remaining two thirds of my said real & personal Estate whatsoever and wheresoever I give devise and bequeath to and among my five dear daughters Elizabeth, Mary, Sarah, Rebecca and Margaret to be equally divided between them Share and Share alike Subject Nevertheless to the restrictions and limitations hereinafter mentioned of and concerning the same, that is to say, Whereas the Eldest of my said daughters is shortly to be married to Mr. Nicholas Burnham with whom I have promised to give as a Marriage portion my Six Negroe Slaves named Jenny and her two sons Peter and Tomlyn, Cesar, Tom and a Girl named Patt now in case the said Marriage should take Effect in my life time and I should deliver the said Slaves to the said Nicholas Burnham then and in such Case my mind and will is that the said remaining two thirds of my real and personal Estate shall be only divided into four parts and I do give the same to my four younger daughters Mary, Sarah, Rebecca and Margaret to be equally divided between them Share and Share alike Provided always that if upon such division of the said two thirds of my said Estate among my said four daughters it shall amount to more in value to each daughter than is the value of the said Slaves so intended to be given with my said daughter Elizabeth then and in such Case I do give devise and bequeath unto my said Daughter Elizabeth so much out of my said two thirds of my said Estate as will make my said daughter Elizabeths portion equal in value to any of my said younger daughters portions or Share of the said two thirds of my said real and personal Estate.
- Item my mind and will is that my said four daughters Shares of my said Estate shall be respectively delivered to them by my Exors hereinafter named as they shall respectively attain their Ages of Eighteen Years or day of Marriage which shall first happen but in Case it should so happen that any of my said four younger daughters should happen to depart this life before they attain their said Age of Eighteen Years or day of Marriage as aforesaid then and in such Case my mind and Will is that the portion of my said Estate so intended for such of my said daughters dying shall be equally divided among all my surviving daughters Share and Share alike.
- Item and to the end and intent that my said real and personal Estate may be

the more readily and equally divided according to the directions aforesaid among my said Wife and Children I do hereby Authorize and impower my Exors. hereinafter named and the Survivor of them to sell & dispose of all or any part of my Estate either real or personal or both as they in their discretion shall see fitting or advantageous to my said wife and Children and the Monies arising by such sale or sales I order & direct shall be divided allotted and paid by my said Exors. to and among my said Wife and Children in the same parts shares and proportions as my said Estate is hereinbefore directed to be divided and given among my said Wife and Children if the same should continue unsold. And I do hereby Authorize and impower my said Exors. and the Survivor & Survivors of them when they shall divide and allot my said Estate in three parts and shall deliver one part thereof to my said Wife as aforesaid to divide the remaining two thirds among my said four daurs and then to allot to each Child her particular Share or part or to keep the said remaining two thirds together and intire untill my said younger daurs shall attain their respective Ages or days of Marriage as aforesaid, and then to allot to my said daurs respectively as they attain their respective ages or day of Marriage as aforesaid Their respective Shares of my said Estate as my said Executor in their discretion shall think fit. And

Lastly

I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my said dear wife Elizabeth Smith Executor and my Brother Peter Taylor and Thomas Dale Esq^r and my loving friends and relatives William Elliott and John Hanyame Exors of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making Null and Void all former and other wills by me, heretofore made declaring these Presents to be and contain my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this thirtieth day of December in the year of our Lord, One Thousand seven hundred and fortyone, and in the fifteenth year of his Majesty's reign.

Signed sealed pronounced published & declared by the said Testator Will Smith as & for his last Will & Testament in presence of us who in his presence & at his request have Subscribed our Names as Witnesses herto the words [as they attain their respective ages or day of Marriage as aforesaid] between the sixteenth & seventeenth lines of the second sheet being first Interlined.

Will Smith 

Catherine Smith.
Ann Smith.
Bn. Smith.

South Carolina. By the Hon^{ble} William Bull Esq^r Lieutenant Governour & Commander in Chief and Ordinary of this Province.

Before me this Twenty Eighth day of January 1741. Appeared Benjⁿ Smith and Ann Smith two of the Subscribing Witnesses to this Will who being duly sworn declare that they were present and saw the Testator William Smith sign seal and pronounced this to be and contain his last Will & Testament and that he the Testator was then of sound disposing mind and good understanding to their belief and also that Catherine Smith the other Subscribing Witness was present with them & subscribed her name at the same as Witness & in presence of the Testator At the same time swore Dⁿ Thomas Dale & Peter Taylor Esq^r Executors as Within Mentioned.

W^m Bull

Recorded the 1st February 1741.

Paul De St Julien

In the Name of God Amen
I Paul De St Julien of the Parish of St John County of Berkeley in the province of