

two sons Thomas and John, and as I in my Will left to my son John a Couch  
 Six black Chairs one bed I now leave the furniture of the House excepting what belongs  
 to my son Stephen which I give to my Daughter Mary Fuller but the rest of the furniture  
 to be equally divided between my son John and my daughter Mary Fuller this I  
 desire may be taken for that part of my Will which I hereto set my hand this twenty  
 third day of June 1741.

Ann Drayton

South Carolina

Before me William Bull Esq<sup>t</sup> Lieutenant Governor and Ordainer  
 of this Province of South Carolina on the Thirtieth day of August 1742 Personally  
 came and appeared Thomas Farr and Gertrude Rantoul two of the Witnesses  
 to the within Instrum<sup>t</sup> of Writing who being duly Sworn on the Holy Evangelist of  
 Almighty God Declared that they were present and saw the within named Anne  
 Drayton the Testator Sign Seal Publish and Declare the said Instrument of Writing  
 to be and contain her last Will and Testam<sup>t</sup> and that she was of sound and dis-  
 posing mind memory & understanding at the time doing thereof according to the  
 best of their knowledge and belief and further that they the said Deponents Together  
 with Elisha Butler Alexander Gantoul Benj<sup>t</sup> Williamson and Susanna Elliott  
 Signed their names as Witnesses thereto in the presence of the Testator The said 30<sup>th</sup>  
 day of Aug<sup>t</sup> 1742. Sworn before me also M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Elliott M<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Maxton M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Drayton  
 Mr John Drayton and Mrs Mary Fuller Executrix and Executrix of the within Will.

Wm Bull

At the same time was produced as a Codicil to the within Will a quarter of a  
 Sheet of Paper which the said Thomas Farr declared on Oath, that he verily believed  
 was the Handwriting and Signing of the Testator he having frequently seen her write,  
 and was well acquainted with her handwriting.

Wm Bull.

(Recorded the 27<sup>th</sup> October 1742)

William Swinton

In the Name of God Amen.

I William Swinton of Craven County in the province of South Carolina Planter,  
 being in an uniform State of health, but of sound and disposing mind & memory  
 thank's be to God, but knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die; and  
 for the more ease and satisfaction of my Wife & Children after my decease; I do  
 hereby make and declare this to be my last will and Testament Resigning my  
 Soul to God who gave it, and my Body to be Interred in the dust from whence  
 it came, and as to my worldly Estate I dispose of the same as follows:

Imprimis I will that all my Personall Estate be kept together untill all my Debts are paid,  
 if my Creditors will allow and consent to it.

Item after the payment of my just Debts I give and bequeath unto my Wife Hannah Swinton  
 one fourth part of all my Personal Estate whatsoever in South Carolina, or elsewhere,  
 and to her Exes Admrs & assigns for ever.

Item I give and bequeath the other three fourths of my Personal Estate whatsoever in S<sup>t</sup> Carolina  
 or elsewhere unto James Abercromby of Charles Town Esq<sup>t</sup> Mr William Fleming of  
 George Town Merchant, my Brother Mr Hugh Swinton, and my Wife Hannah  
 Swinton, their Exes Admrs and Assigns for ever, upon the several Trusts and Con-  
 fidances nevertheless and to and for the several uses, Intents and purposes hereinafter  
 mentioned, limited and declared of and concerning the same, that is to say, upon trust

that they the said James Abercromby William Fleming Hugh Swinton and Hannah Swinton and the Survivor of them do sell and dispose of the said Three fourths of my Personal Estate in two years after my decease and the moneys thereby arising to place out at Interest for the use and Benefit of my two sons Alexander Swinton and Hugh Swinton and my Daughter Margaret Swinton & for the use and Benefit of such Child or Children, as my said Wife is now Entent or shall be Entent with at the time of my decease and to the Survivor or survivors of them my said Children upon personal Security Expressing the same to be in trust for my said Children, hereby Willing that each of my said Children shall have and receive his & their portion thereof as they shall attain their age of Twenty one Years or day of Marriage which shall first happen.

Item I Give and Bequeath all that plantation or Tract of Land which I bought of John Richard containing Two hundred acres more or less Situate in Braven County, and lying on the North Branch of Black River together with all the Buildings and Appurtenances unto my said Wife Hannah Swinton for the Term of her Natural Life without Impeachment of or for any manner of Waste, Willful waste in the chief Misusage only Excepted and from and after the decease of my said Wife Hannah I Give devise and Bequeath the said last mentioned plantation or tract of Land with the Appurtenances unto my son Alexander Swinton his heirs and assigns forever.

Item I give and Bequeath unto my son Alex<sup>r</sup> Swinton and to his heirs forever the Tract of Land which I bought of Col<sup>o</sup> Thomas Lynch with the Appurtenances containing two Thousand one hundred and seventy acres more or less, Situate in Braven County aforesaid.

Item I Give and Bequeath unto my son Alex<sup>r</sup> Swinton that Plantation or tract of Land on PeeDee River containing five hundred and Twenty five acres more or less Commonly known by the name of the Bluff Plantation, to him his heirs and Assigns forever.

Item I give unto my son Hugh Swinton the Plantation on Cedee River on both sides of the River and Apposite to each other, which I commonly call Pleasure Garden containing Two hundred and Ninety Acres more or less unto my said son Hugh Swinton his heirs and Assigns forever.

Item I give and devise unto my Son Hugh Swinton the Plantation or Tract of Land containing five hundred Acres, Situate lying and being in Braven County butting and bounding on Sampill Creek, & George Town River to him my said Son Hugh Swinton and to his heirs and Assigns forever.

Item I give and devise unto my Daughter Margaret Swinton all my Town Lots being Six in Number in George Town & particularly sett down in the plan of the said Town, to my said Daughter Margaret Swinton and her Heirs and Assigns forever.

Item I give devise and Bequeath unto my Brother Hugh Swinton and his Heirs forever all the real and personal Estate which I had of him consisting of Lands Slaves &c he paying or obliging himself to pay unto my heirs or Executors what he stands justly indebted to me on my Books.

Item I will that if any of my Children should die without issue that then his or their Estate heretofore devised both real and personal shall be Equally divided between my two surviving Children, but in case two of them should die without Issue then and in such case I will that all the lands herein devised to my Children so dying shall be sold by my Executors hereafter mentioned for the most money they can reasonably get, giving at least one year Credit. And the moneys arising thereby, together with their share of the personal Estate I dispose of as follows, to wit One half thereof unto my surviving Child and the other half

thereof to be paid unto my brother Hugh Swinton my Sister Elizabeth and Margaret Swinton Magdalen Stewart my Sister Katharine Thomson my Nephew William Swinton son of Alexander Swinton share and share alike and to their heirs respectively all should it please God that all my Children die without and there be no other Child of me the said William Swinton then living then and in such case I will that all the lands herein devised to my said Children shall be sold by my Executors hereafter mentioned and the monies arising thereby together with all the moneys due for the three fourths of my personal Estate, shall be let out at Interest till it can be conveniently divided amongst my relations in Scotland as above mentioned.

- Item I will that the sum of Twenty five pounds Sterling money of Great Britain be remitted to Scotland yearly, and every year be disposed of there amongst my friends at the discretion of my Executor and I hereby leave it to them to continue it always, or for so long as they shall see fit and think my Children can spare it.
- Item I will that the sum of one hundred pounds Sterling money of Great Britain be paid to my Sister Magdalen Stewart as soon as may be after my just debts are paid.
- Item I will and order that about ten Negroes or as many as my Executors shall see convenient be bought and kept on the Plantation or Tract of Land which I bought of Col<sup>t</sup> Thomas Lynch to manage the Saw-mill on the said Tract of Land or to be otherwise Employed as my Executors shall see convenient And the Profits arising by the Profits of the said Slaves I order to be Employed (with the Interest of whatever else belongs to them) towards the Maintenance and Education of my Children if so much is wanted which I leave to the discretion of my Executors.
- Item I give unto the trustees for the Presbyterian Meeting house in Prince Fredericks Parish the Sum of One hundred pounds Currency to be by them Applied towards building a new Meeting house for the Dissenters of the Presbyterian Perswasion agreeable to the Rules and principals of the Church of Scotland And I do hereby Order the said Sum of One hundred pounds Currency to be paid to the said Trustees Accordingly in one year after my decease.
- Item I do hereby nominate Constitute and appoint James Abercrombie Esq<sup>r</sup> Mr William Fleming and my Brother Hugh Swinton to be Executors of this my last Will & Testament and Guardians of my Children and I do also appoint my said Wife Hannah Swinton Executrix jointly with my other Executors and joint Guardian of my Children during her Widowhood only; and in Case of her Marriage then I do the said James Abercrombie Esq<sup>r</sup> William Fleming and Hugh Swinton to be sole Executors and Guardians of my Children And
- Lastly I do hereby declare this only to be my last Will and Testament contained in three Sheets of paper In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand to each Sheet and my hand and Seal to the last Sheet this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand and Seven hundred and forty one  
 Signed sealed Published & declared by the  
 Testator William Swinton to be his last Will &  
 Testament in presence of us who have subscribed  
 our names as Evidences thereto.
- W<sup>m</sup> Swinton (SEAL)
- Sa<sup>r</sup> Hunter.  
 Will<sup>m</sup> Brown.  
 John Brown.

By the Honble John Geland Esq<sup>r</sup> by virtue of a full power from his Honour the Circuit J<sup>r</sup> Com<sup>r</sup> dated the thirteenth day of March 1741/2 Personally appeared before me Samuel Hunter and William Brown two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within Will who being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God declar the were present