

in all their Undertaking & that he woud Please to Direct their Ways so
that it may tend to their Mutual Happiness here and to all Eternity
Item I give & Bequeath to James Wright Esq^r William Geo: Freeman
Esq^r & Thom^s Johnson Esq^r Each a Mourning Ring as a small —
Acknowledgement of their repeated Friendships to me Item I nominate
and Appoint my Said Beloved Wife Ann Shephard to be the Whole and Sole
Executive of this my Last Will & Testament and my Said Three Beloved Friends
Jam^s Wright Wm: Geo: Freeman and Thom^s Johnson Esq^r to be Trustees
to this my Last Will & Testament hoping they will give my Poor —
distressed Widow all the Advice and Assistance they can Item I do hereby
Revoke all Other Wills heretofore by me made In Witness Whereof I have
hereunto Set my Hand and Seal this 3^d day of March 1747

Signed Sealed Published & declared

by the Said Testator as his Last Will
and Testament in the Presence of us
Who in his Presence and at his request
have Subscribed our Names

Sarah her
Burras
^{mark}
George Tayly
Mungo Graham
Recorded this 1st day of April 1748. Said Will —

Ann Shephard (Seal)

This Will was Proved before his
Excellency the 1st day of April 1748
by the Oath of Mungo Graham one of the Witnesses
of the Within Will at same time Qualified
Ann Shephard Sole Executive named in the

In the Name of God Amen I Edward Vanvelsen of the Parish of St^e
George Dorchester Berkley County in the Province of South Carolina Cord Wainer
being Very Sick and Weak in Body but of Perfect mind and Memory
thank be to God for the same but Calling to mind the Mortality of my Body
and Knowing that it is Appointed for All men Once to Die do make & Ordain this
my Last Will & Testament in Manner & form following that is to Say Principally
& first of All I recommend my Soul into the Hands of God that Gave it and my
Body to the Earth to be Buried in a Decent & Christian like Manner at the
Discretion of my Exors Hereafter named nothing deputing at the General reser-
vation to receive the same by the Almighty Power of God and as Touching Such
Worldly Goods Wherewith it hath pleased God to Bless me in this life I give
Divise and Dispose of the same in Manner and form Following —
In principio I will that all my just Debts and funeral Expences may
be discharged as soon as conveniently may be after my Burial —
Item I give Divise and Bequeath unto my Loving wife Catherine
Vanvelsen during her Natural Life the Lot and Buildings —
whereon I now live as also her choice of one Negro Woman to
Gether with One Bed & Furniture now being in her Lodging room
& the other Furniture appertaining to the same room & after her
decease the said Lot & other the Particulars to be sold & the money
so arising to be distributed to my Heirs Hereafter mentioned

Item I give Licence unto my Exors Hereafter named to sell & dispose of
my Jam Yard Houses thereon and Land appertaining thereto in case they
think the same to be most Advantageous if my Son Charles shall follow
the business of Cordwainer then they may give the Said Jam Yard with every
the Appurtenance unto him at the Age of twenty One Years Item my Will &
Desire is that all other of my Estate Real or Personal of what kind or
Quality soever be sold as Conveniently soon as can be after my decease and
the money thence arising to be put out to Interest for the Support of my wife
and Children vizt Charles William and Francis as also for the Support of
the Lawfull Issue of my Daughter Rousham Untill each shall attain the
Age of Fourteen Years and then to be Bound out apprentices to trades Untill
they shall attain the Age of twenty One years Item my Desire & Will is that
my Sister Hester Brown may have her residence in the House with such necessary
provision as may be thought reasonable by my Exors during her Natural life
or according to her good behaviour whilst living in the same — Item I give
Bequeath unto my Niece Catharine Brown the sum of Fifty Pounds Curr^m Money
to be Paid unto her by my Exors as soon as Conveniently they can after the
Sale of my Slaves and Land — Item my Desire is that the money arising
from the Land and Slaves to be sold (as also what shall be sold after the
decease of my wife) more than will support them Untill the time aforementioned
of fourteen years of age shall be Equally divided between my Sons Charles
Vanvelsen William Vanvelsen & Francis Vanvelsen & the Issue of the Body of
my daughter Catharine Rousham, that is the Issue of my Said Daughter
shall come in for One fourth Part of the Whole PROVIDED if any of her Chil-
dren die before they attain the Age of twenty one years or have Lawfull issue
his or her Part shall go to the Survivor or if they should all die not hav-
ing Lawfull Issue their Part or Share shall revert to my Sons Charles William
and Francis or to their Heirs for ever, and if either of my Sons should die
before they come to the Age of Twenty One Years or have Lawfull Issue that then
his or their Part do remain to the Survivor or Survivors or their Heirs. Lastly I do
hereby Appoint my Loving wife Catharine Vanvelsen Executive & my Trusty
and Loving Friends George Sommers & William Caswithen Exors of this
my Last Will & Testament & I do hereby revoke disallow & Disannull
all former Wills Testaments & Bequests whatsoever allowing this and
no other to be my Last Will & Testament In Witness Whereof I have
hereunto Sett my hand & Seal this 13th day of March One Thousand —
Seven Hundred and Forty Seven

The above written Will was Signed Sealed Published Proclaimed
and Declared by the Above Testator to be his Last Will and
Testament in the Presence of us —

N.B. the Sir name Brown was interlined
before the sealing hereof

Edward
Vanvelsen
mark

John Roberts Junr } This Will Was Proved before his Excellency this 15th
 William Shaw } day of April 1748 by the Oath of John Roberts Junr one
 William Smith } of the Witnesses to the Within Will at the same time Qualifid
 Catherine Vanvelsen George Scoures & William Carwithen Esqrs therein named
 Recorded this 15th day of April 1748

In the Name of God Amen. I Moses Dutart of the Parish of St James
 Sante Geravon County and Province of S^t Carolina being of good health
 of Body & of sound Perfect mind & memory Prais'd be unto Almighty
 God for the same Do make and Ordain this my last Will & Testament
 in manner and form following (Yrs) First Committing my Soul
 into the Hands of Almighty and my Body to the Earth to be Buried at
 the Discretion of my Executrix hereafter named
 Item I Will that my Debts and funeral charges Shall be Paid and
 Discharged. Item I give unto my well beloved wife Ann Dutart
 all my real and Personal Estate her Heirs and Assigns for ever
 leaving her my full and sole Executrix of this my Last Will & Testament
 And I do hereby Revoke disannull and make Void all former
 Wills and Testaments by me heretofore made In witness I have
 hereunto Sett my hand and Seal this Fifteenth day of March One
 Thousand Seven Hundred and forty four
 Signed Sealed and Delivered }

in the Presence of us - }

Moses Dutart (Seal)

William Thomas }
 John Perdian }
 the mark of John Thomas }

This Will Was Proved by Virtue of a Decimus
 before Elias Horry Esq^r to him Directed by
 the Oaths of John Perdian & William Thomas
 two of the Witnesses to the Within Will Also -
 Qualifid Ann Dutart sole Executrix therein named

Recorded the

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 of St George Dorchester Berkley County in the Province of South Carolina Cord
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 and my Body to the Earth to be buried in a decent and Christian like
 manner at the discretion of my Exors hereafter named nothing doubting
 at the General resurrection to receive the same by the Almighty Power of God

and as touching such Worldly Goods wherewith it hath pleased God to Bless me
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