

hereafter named That is to say my Son Thomas Rivers my Son Robert Rivers my Son Daniel Rivers my Son John Rivers my Daughter Ruth Bedon & my Son George Rivers that is to say in case my Son George Returns here in two Years after my Decease & if not my will & order is that my Son Georges Part or Division be Equally Divided by my Exors Between my five Children (Vizt) Tho^s, Rob^t, Daniel, John, Ruth if then all Living if not among the then Survivors Item I Give & bequeath unto my Granddaughter Elizabeth Bedon & her heirs one Negro Girl by Name Dubow. Item I give to my Granddaughters Daughters of my Sons Robert & Daniel each one Pistoll & also I Give one Pistoll to each of my Cozen Robert Rivers is Children Robert & Francis Item I will order & hereby empower my Exors to make a Division of the Lands heretofore disposed of as this my Will Directs - Item I constitute nominate & appoint my well Beloved Sons Thomas Rivers Robert Rivers Daniel Rivers & John Rivers Exors & trustees of this my last Will & Testament Ratifying & Confirming this & no other to be my last Will & Testament In Witnes whereof I have hereunto Set my hand & Seal this eleventh day of July in the Year of our Lord God One Thousand Seven hundred forty & nine 1749

the above last Will & Testament
Containing two Sheets of Paper
Signed Sealed Published Proclaimed

& Declared & Delivered by the Testator as his last Will & Testament in Presence of us the Subscribers

George ^{his} Rivers (Seal)
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This Will was Proved before
his Exor the 17th August 1749 by the
Laths & Robert Rivers & John Holmes and
were qualified at the same time

Robert Rivers
Jos: Snowden
John Holmes

In the Name of God Amen I Francis Baker of Cha^s Town in the province of South Carolina Merchant being Weak in Body but thanks be to God of Sound & disposing Mind & Memory do make Publish & Declare these presents to be & contain my last Will & Testament. First & principally I commend my Soul into the hands of God hoping for the Remission of my sins thro the Righteousness of Jesus my Saviour and Redeemer, my Body I Commit to the Earth And my worldly Estate I dispose of as follows. that is to say- I Inherit all that Lott of Land in Charles Town whereon I now live. with the Houses Out houses & Appurtenances I give & Devise unto my Loving Wife Mary to hold during the term of her Natural Life & after her Decease unto my Son Thomas & his heirs forever. Item That part of my Lott of Land in Cha^s Town afo^r fronting King Street which is Built upon & improved Containing in front fifty feet & about

thirty

thirty eight feet in Depth together with such Buildings & Improvement I give & Devise unto my Daughter Sarah & her heirs forever Item all that other part of the same Lott Containing in front upon King Street afo^r upwards of Sixty feet & in Depth about one hundred and fifty feet, which is at present unimproved I give & Devise unto my Son Francis his heirs forever. But it is my express Will that all & singular the rents profits & issues arising & accruing from the whole of the said Lott fronting King Street as well that built upon and improved as that which is not, shall be & I do hereby give & Bequeath the same unto my said Loving Wife Mary & during her natural Life. Item I give & Bequeath unto my said Loving Wife Mary my Servell Horse & Chair & also a Negro - Woman named Pegg & to her Exors Aditors & Assigns forever. Item I give to my Son Thomas a Negro Boy named George to my Daughter Sarah a Negro Girl named Bob: And to my Son Francis a Negro Boy named Will & to their Exors Aditors & Assigns Respectively Item all & singular the Residue of my Estate I give devise & Bequeath unto & among my said Loving Wife Mary & my said three Children named Thomas Sarah & Francis to be equally divided amongst them share & share alike & to their heirs Exors & Aditors respectively & it is my Will that my Wife's fourth part or share of such the Residue of my Estate shall be invested in her immediately after my Death, And that she shall have & enjoy to her own proper Use & Behof of all & singular the profits & Income arising from the other three parts of such Residuary Estate, untill my two Sons Thomas & Francis shall respectively arrive at the Ages of Twenty One Years & untill my Daughter Sarah shall arrive at the Age of Seventeen if then married, or untill the time of her Marriage if the same shall happen to be between her said Age of Seventeen & Twenty one, & if not then untill she shall arrive at the full age of Twenty one Years, And when my said Sons shall arrive at the respective ages of Twenty One Years, & when my said Daughter shall arrive at the age of Seventeen if married, or when thereafter married, or in case she shall not marry before attaining the Age of Twenty one Years, Then my said Sons & Daughter respectively shall receive their parts & portions of my said Estate the said profits & Income thereof being first paid to or applied to the use of my said wife, as a Compensation & Satisfaction for the Expence which must necessarily attend the Education & maintenance of my said Children And in case any of my Children should happen to dye before the Ages & times herein before appointed & allotted for the payment of their said parts & portions of my Residuary Estate Then it is my Will That the part

Part or share of the Child or Children so dying shall go to & devolve upon the Surviving Child or Children his her or their heirs Executors & Assigns forever And in case all my said Children shall happen to dye before the said appointed & alloted Ages, & times as aforesaid. Then the whole of my Estate both Real & Personal I do hereby Give Devise & Bequeath unto my said Loving Wife Mary to have & to hold the same unto my said Wife Mary her heirs Executors & Assigns forevermore. And it is further my Will, That my Executors & Assigns hereinafter named shall have full power & Authority either to keep my said Residue any Estate together & improve the same, or otherwise to sell & dispose thereof to the best advantage & put out the moneys arising from the Childrens parts to Interest as their wisdom & Discretion shall best direct for the purposes aforesaid so that the profits or Interests be duly & punctually paid into the hands of my said Wife And Finally I do hereby constitute & appoint my said Wife Mary Executors & my friends Doctor William Brisbane & Thos. Bulline Junr Executors of this my Will & Guardians of the persons & Estates of my said Children. In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand & Seal this eight day of July in the year of Our Lord One thousand Seven hundred & forty nine Signed Sealed published & declared by the Testator to be & Contain my Last Will and Testament in presence of us who bore him & at his request have hereunto subscribed our names as Witnesses

Francis Baker (Seal)

Thomas Bulline
Alex Shafford
John Rattray

Baths of John Rattray & Alex Shafford & Mary Baker, W^m Brisbane & Thos Bullin Junr Executors & Assigns was qualified at the same time

South Carolina

In the Name of God Amen I Jeremiah Russell of the Parish of St Thomas & St Dennis in Berkeley County being a little indisposed of Body But of Perfect Sound Disposing Mind & Memory thanks be to God for the same Considering the Uncertainty of this Present Life do make & declare these Presents to be & Contain my Last Will & Testament First & Principally Recommend ing my Soul into the hands of my Great Creator trusting in the Merits of my Blessed Saviour for Pardon & remission of all my Sins And my Body to the Earth to be decently Buried at the Discretion of my Executors hereinafter named & touching the Disposition of such worldly Estate with which it hath pleased God to Bless me I give Give Devise & Bequeath the same in Manner & form Following that is to say Infirmities I Will Order & Direct that my Just Dells & Funeral Charges be paid & Discharged as soon as conveniently may be After my Decease & that my Executors hereafter

hereafter named shall have all the profits of my whole Estate Real & Personal untill such time as my Just Dells & Funeral Charges are paid & Discharged & Then from I Give & Bequeath to my Beloved Daughter Mary Russell one negro man named Jeffery to her her heirs Executors & Assigns forever. From I Give & Bequeath to my Dear & Well Beloved Wife Mary Russell her choice of any one of my Slaves to her & to her heirs Executors & Assigns forever Excepting the negro fellow named Jeffery Given my Daughter as above mentioned From I Give & Bequeath to my Son Joseph Russell the Sum of Five Pounds Current Money of the province aforesaid to him his heirs forever to be paid him by my Executors hereafter named & the reason why I do not Give or Bequeath him noe more then said five pounds in or by this my Last Will & Testament is that at severall times heretofore I paid for him several Sums of money in the Discharge of Dells which he Contracted on his Own proper accl to the Amount of a Considerable Sum of money & that I have lately by a Deed of Gift Given him One thousand Acres of Land & two negro men. From I Give & Bequeath to my Dear & well Beloved Wife Mary Russell & to my Beloved Daughter Mary Russell & to them both jointly my Plantation on which I now live & all the rest of my Slaves - not hereby Given Before & all my other Goods & Chattles of any Sort or Quality whatever (that I shall be possessed of at my Decease) to them & for their Proper Uses jointly till one of them shall dye or Decease this Life & then to the Other of them that shall be the Surviving party & shall be then Living I Give & Bequeath my said Plantation above mentioned to the Surviving party of my said Wife or Daughter to her that shall survive & to her heirs Executors & Assigns forever. And Lastly I do hereby nominate constitute & appoint my said Loving Wife Mary Russell & my Loving Daughter Mary Russell to be my Executors of this my Last will & Testament - hereby Revoking & Making null & Void all former Wills by me heretofore made and Declaring this present to be & Contain my Last Will & Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand & Seal this Seventh day of August Anno Domini One thousand Seven hundred & forty Signed Sealed Proclaimed Published & Declared by the Above named Testator Jeremiah Russell to be & Contain his Last Will & Testament in Presence of us who in his Presence & at his Request have Signed Our names as Witnesses hereto

W. Bruce

Geo. Cluckin

Ja^s Akin

Jeremiah Russell Seal

This Will was Proved before his Excy the 23^d June 1749 by the Oath of Ja^s Akin & Mary Russell Junr Executors was qualified at the same time - & on 4th July 1749 Mary Russell Junr was qualified before Ja^s Akin Esq by Virtue of a Oedimus to him Directed for the same purpose