

South Carolina

In the Name of God Amen, I James Beattie of Colleton County & Province of S^c being weak & Sick in body but of sound mind & memory thanks be to God & calling to mind the mortality of my Body & knowing it is appointed for all men Once to die do make & Ordain this my Last Will & Testament (that is to say) Principally & first of all I give and recommend my Soul into the Hands that gave it, & my Body I recommend to the Earth to be Buried in a Christian like & Decent manner at the discretion of my Exors hereinafter Mentioned & as touching such worldly Goods wherewith it hath pleased God to Bless me in this life I give demise & Bequeath the same in manner & form following Viz: —

Imprimis, I will that all my just debts & funeral Expenses be first Discharged & paid from the better to enable my Exors to discharge my just debts. They are hereby Impowered to sell all or any part of my said Estate Real & Personal as they shall Judge Necessary Immediately & as soon as they conveniently can. shall dispose of all my Real & personal Estate for the purposes After Mentioned Viz: the discharging of all my just debts and the Remainder to be divided into four equal Shares one of which I give to my beloved Wife Purchase Beattie & to my three Children William Purchase and James Beatties each of them One Share to them & their Heirs for Ever my s^d Wifes Share to be paid after the discharge of the debts of s^d & my three Childrens shares of s^d shall be put out to Interest, which of principal shall be (James Beattie) be Applied for all interest & cost or part Education of my s^d Children in such a prudent manner

Think Proper & the reversion of their said Several Shares to them at the Age of Twenty One years or be married Whichever Last. I do hereby nominate constitute appoint & Good Friends Ezekiel Bramford Samuel Lowle Will

Thomas Sacheverell my whole & sole Exors of this my Last Will and Testament Herby Revoking Disallowing Disannulling & making Void all every other former Wills & Testaments Legacies & Bequests by me made or bequeathed Ratifying & Confirming this & no other to be my last Will Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my Hand Seal this twenty seventh day of Aprill in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and forty Seven

Signed sealed Published Ratified & declared by the s^d James Beattie

To be his Last Will & Testament in Presence of us as contained in this & the former page

George Mitchell
John Bandy
John Duncan

This Will was proved by Virtue of a Edictus this 3^d day of December 1747 by the Oaths of George Mitchell & John Bandy before James Bullock Esq to him directed at Same time Qualifier

Recorded 11th day of December 1747

In The Name of God Amen, I Joseph Coke of Johns Island in Colleton County in the Province of South Carolina, Surgeon, being weak of Body but of sound & disposing mind & memory after recommending my Soul in the most serious manner to its Merciful Creator think proper to dispose of my Temporal Estate as follows Imprimis I give to my Exors and Executrix Hereafter Mentioned in Trust my five Hundred Acres of Land on Salcacher River in South Carolina, to be sold in such manner as they shall think proper either at publick or private Sale as soon as they can and the money Apply'd as is herein After directed From I Appoint & require that all my Horses, Cattle Household Goods, Books, Medicines & Surgical Instruments together with my Plantation & the Crops made this Year be immediately Sold and What is due to me by Bonds, Notes or Book debts be Collected without Loss of time and that the money arising there from as well as from the sale of my Land above mentioned be Apply'd to the payment of my just debts and funeral Expenses and What shall Remain I give to my Sister Rebecca Coke: From I give & bequeath to my Sister Sarah Coke one Negro Man Named Ben & his Wife Balia & their two children Grace & Sam to her Heirs & Appoints forever From I give to my friend Thomas Smith Jun^r Merchant in Charles Town One Waxen Ring to be made for him at my Expence of the Value of five Guineas. with a Hand in Hand engraved thereon & this motto round it, Nec Morbo Separabimur. From I give and Bequeath to my sister Rebecca Coke all the residue of my Estate both Real & personal Wheresoever it may be found On condition that she maintain & support my Father Bently Coke in good wholesome, sufficient & necessary meat drink Washing Lodging And Apparel for and during the term of his Natural Life From I appoint my friend Thomas Smith Jun^r the Above mentioned Exor & my Sister Rebecca Coke Executrix of this my Last Will & Testament & do hereby disanull & make void all former Wills & Testaments by me heretofore made or Appointed In Witness whereof I have hereto Set my hand & Seal this Twenty Seventh day of November in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and forty Seven

Signed, Sealed, published & declared to be his last Will & Testament in the presence of

Joseph Coke (L.S.)

Many Crosthwait
Elizabeth Bamfield &
William Bamfield

This Will was proved before his Excellency this 11th day of December 1747 by the Oaths of William Bamfield One of the witnesses also qualified