

Signed & Sealed in }
the Presents of - }
Joseph Hamblton }
Joseph Sealy }
Thom^s Kumdell }

This Will Was Read Before his Excellency
this 25th day of March 1748 by the Oath of
Joseph Sealy One of the Witnesses to the Within
Will at Same time Qualified Sarah Sealy
Francis Pelot William Sealy Jun^r & Will^m
Elbert Executors & Exors therein named

Recorded this 25th day of March 1748

In The Name of God Amen the Twenty Third day of January in
the Year of Our Lord God Anno Domini One Thousand Seven Hundred
and Forty Seven I John M^cNesh of the Parish of St Johns in Colleton
County in the Province of South Carolina Planter Being Very Sick
& Weak of Body But of Perfect mind & Memory Thanks be Given -
unto God therefor Calling to mind the Mortality of my Body and
Knowing it is Appointed for all men Once to die do make & Ordain this
my Last Will & Testament that is to Say Principally and first of all
I Give and Recommend my Soul in to the Hands of God that Gave it
& as for my Body I commend it to the Earth to be Buried in a Christian
Like & decent manner at the discretion of my Exors Nothing Doubting
but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the Same a Gain by
the Almighty Power of God & As touching Such Worldly Estate Where-
With it has Pleased God to Bless me With in this Life I Give Reque-
-ath des^{ire} Dispose of the Same in manner and form following that
is to Say I Testify that all my Just Debts be Paid first tis my
Will that my Tract of Land in Prince Williams County on Indian
Land should be sold by my Exors & the remainder of my whole Estate
to be Equally Divided Betwixt my Beloved Wife Margott & my
Child John and Jane M^cNesh all the remainder and Residue of my
Estate then left to there Sole Use & Behoof & Heirs for Ever & Last of
all I constitute Ordain & Appoint my Beloved Wife Margott M^cNesh
& William Jenkins and James Cuthbert to be my Soul Exors
of
This my Last Will & Testament Also I do hereby utterly dis-
-annull all & Every Other former Testaments Wills Legacies and bequests &
Exors be me in any Ways before named Willed & Bequeathed Ratifying & Con-
firming this & no Other to be my Last Will & Testament In Witness Whereof I
have Hereunto Set my Hand and Seal the day & Year before mentioned
Signed Sealed Published Pronounced and
Declared by the said John M^cNesh as his
Last Will & Testament in the of us the Subscribers

Joshua Grimbball }
John Gregory }
Martha Hummahan }

This Will Was Read Before his
Excellency this 25th day of March 1748 by the
Oaths of Joshua Grimbball & John Gregory Two of the
Witnesses of the Within Will at Same time Qualified
Margaret M^cNesh Executrix therein named

Recorded this 25th day of March 1748 -

In the Name of God Amen I Charles Sheapheard of Charles Town
in the Province of South Carolina Vin^t being in Good health and of Sound
disposing mind & Memory Praise be God having a due Sense of the Shortness
and Uncertainty of Life do make & declare this my Last Will & Testament
in Manner & form following first I resign my Soul to Almighty God who
gave it Hoping for Eternal Salvation & redemption through the merits
of my Blessed Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ my Body I commend to the Earth
to be Buried in a Plain and decent manner to prevent all reflections that
may be cast on my Executrix (I positively direct my funeral to be Conduc-
-ed as follows that my Coffin does not Exceed £20 Currency in Value that
no burnt Uine nor Scarves nor hat bands be given that a few of my Best
friends only be invited to See me to my Grave & that my funeral in-
-General be Conducted With as much frugality & little Expence as possible
having allways had in Contempt the vain and Idle Expences that
often attend such Occasions.

Item Whereas it is my Earnest desire that all my just debts be duly
paid & Satisfied I hope my Creditors Will out of Compassion to my Wife
& Young Children give such indulgence in point of time to my Executrix as
may be Necessary as Well for the Sale of Such Part of my Estate as I shall
hereafter direct to be sold as for the recovery of such debts as may be due to
me at the time of my decease not doubting (that if my Estate be not lessened
by the Expence of Law Charges but it will be sufficient to pay all my
debts & afford a Small Subsistence for my family & I do hereby direct &
empower my Executrix herein after mentioned to sell & dispose my Estate as
follows -

Imprimis to use all proper and Speedy means to
recover all debts due to me at my decease Secondly to Sell all such Shares as
she can most conveniently Spare together With such Goods as she thinks of
least Use to her in business Thirdly to Sell the Lands at Wackamaw and
reserve to the last the Lease of Brampton Bayan & my Own House and
Land in Which we now live and that she Applys the money so arising
to Wards the discharge of debts in this Province - Item I give and
bequeath all the rest and residue of my real and Personal Estate unto my
dearly beloved Wife Ann Sheapheard to her & her Heirs begotten by me or
to be begotten and in case of their deaths to her Assigns With a full Power
after my death to hold on or Sell the said Possessions as she Shall think most
Advantageous to herself and family Being Well Satisfied that she Will take
all Proper & due Care of the Maintenance of Our Infant Children &
Promote their Education & Interests to the utmost of her Power -
Item I give and Bequeath to my dearly beloved Son & Daughter Lake Each of
them a Mourning Ring as a Token of my Remembrance Love & affection for them
Hoping they'll Accept thereof as such & not impute the smallness of the value
to Want of regard but Capacity having two Small Children & an Uncertain
Fortune to provide for them I have thus declared my Will

in all their Undertaking & that he would Please to direct their Ways so that it may tend to their Mutual Happiness here and to all Eternity
 I then Give & Bequeath to James Wright Esq^r William Geo: Freeman Esq^r & Thos^r Johnson Esq^r Each a Mourning Ring as a small Acknowledgement of their repeated Friendships to me I then ^{nominate} constitute and Appoint my Said beloved Wife Ann Shephard to be the Whole and Sole Executrix of this my Last Will & Testament and my Said Three beloved Friends James Wright Wm Geo: Freeman and Thos^r 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 I then 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
 George ^{my} Saxby
 Mungo Graham

Recorded this 1st day of April 1748. Said Will —

Rel: 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 Executrix named in the

In the Name of God Amen I Edward Vanselson of the Parish of St George Dorchester Berkly County in the Province of South Carolina Bord Wainer being Very Sick and Weak in Body but of Perfect mind and Memory Thanks 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 doubting at the General resurrection to receive the Same by the Almighty Power of God and as Touching such Worldly Goods Whereunto it Hath Pleased God to Bless me in this Life I give Devise and Dispose of the Same in Manner and form following —

Imprimis I will that all my Just Debts and funeral Expences may be discharged as Soon as Conveniently may Be after my Buriall —
 I then Give Devise and Bequeath unto my Loving Wife Catherine Vanselson during her Natural Life the Lott and Buildings —
 Wherein I now Live as Also her Choice of One Negro Woman to Gether With One Bed & ffurniture now being in her Lodging room & the Other ffurniture Appertaining to the Same room & After her decease the said Lott & Other the Particulars to be Sold & the money Arising to be Distributed to my Heirs Hereafter mentioned

I then I Give License unto my Exors Hereafter named to Sell & Dispose of my Farm Yard Houses thereon and Land Appertaining thereto in Case they think the Same to be most Advantage or if my Son Charles Shall fall into the business of Boardwaner then they may give the Said Farm Yard With all the Appurtenances unto him at the Age of twenty One Years I then 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 Viz 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 Prentices to Trades Untill they Shall Attain the Age of twenty One years. I then 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 — I then I Give & Bequeath unto my twice Catharine Brown the Sum of fifty Pounds Curr^t Money to be Paid unto her by my Exors as Soon as Conveniently they Can after the Sale of my Slaves and Land — I then 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 aforesaid of fourteen years of Age Shall be Equally divided between my Sons Charles Vanselson William Vanselson & Francis Vanselson & the Issue of the Body of my daughter Catherine Rousham, that is the Issue of my Said daughter shall come in for One fourth Part of the Whole Provided if any of her Children die before they Attain the Age of twenty one Years or have Lawfull issue his or her Part Shall go to the Survivors or if they Should all die not having 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 Catherine Vanselson Executrix & my trusty and Loving Friends George Sommers & William Camerithen 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 Set my hand & Seal this 12th day of March One Thousand — Seven Hundred and Forty Seven

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

N.B. the Six Name Brown was interlined before the Censeling hereof

Edward Vanselson