

South Carolina

In the name of God Amen the second day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & fifty I Margaret Sturms in Chancery County widow Being sick and low in Body but in perfect mind and memory thanks be to God therefore calling to mind the mortality of my body I make & ordain this my last Will & Testament that it principally first of all I Give & recommend my soul into the hands of God that he will and for my Body I recommend it to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like manner, the Discretion of my Exors. and as Touching such Worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to Bless me in this Life I Give Bequeath & Dispose of the Same in the manner & form following Imprimis my will is that my Lawful Debts & Expenses be paid I Give & Bequeath to my dear Daughter Maria Sturms my house and two Lots in Beaufort Town Knight at Coll. William Vandue to her & her heirs of her Body but in case she should die without Issue then I Give the above said house and two Lots to my nephew John Baunwell to him & his heirs forever I Give and Bequeath to my dear Daughter Nancy Sturms two thirds of my Personal Estate to her & her heirs forever.

I Give and Bequeath to my dear son Richard Sturms one third of my Personal Estate to him & his heirs forever I Give and Bequeath to my niece Ann Rivers the sum of two hundred pounds to her & her heirs forever I Give and Bequeath to my niece Margaret Baunwell the sum of two hundred pounds to her and her heirs forever I Give & Bequeath the sum of two hundred pounds toward paying in the Church yard to be paid to the Vestry & Church warden

I Give my Brothers & Sisters a Suit of Mourning Lastly I will Designe & Appoint Nathaniel Baunwell & John Baunwell to be my Exors. of this my last will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand & seal the Day & year above Written.

Signed Sealed in the presence of

Margt. Sturms
Ja. Sturms
Ed. Shipton

Margaret Sturms

This will was proved by Testimony
Before Robt. William Esq. 24th Sept. 1750
& the Exors. Qualified at the same time

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In the name of God Amen I Mary Fabian of Charlestown St. Pauls Parish in Colleton County and Province of South Carolina Widow of John Fabian of the same Place Planter Being at present weak in Body but sound in mind & Judgment Blessed be Almighty God knowing that it is a Christian duty to Disentangle themselves as much as may be of all worldly cares and concerns that they may attend their Lords Call at death do after recommending my dear soul to the merits of Almighty God in and thro' the merits of my Redeemer Jesus Christ and my Body to be decently Buried according to the Discretion of my Exors. hereafter to be named Imprimis I order and appoint all my just & Lawful Debts together with my funeral Charges to be faithfully and Honestly Paid I Give and Bequeath to my Daughter Ann Fabian & her heirs to be inherited to her at the age of twenty one or Day of Marriage which ever shall first happen five negro slaves formerly given to me by my son John Fabian Dec. by name to say Quintels Betty Abby & two other other Issue and Annual Salary after all Charges paid & Incumbrances to which they may be liable by the last Will and Testament of my said son John I Give and Bequeath to my said Daughter Ann & her heirs forever my Riding horse a Saddle & Carriage new Sumner by the name of Peggy and her Coll. and other Increase also a feather bed known by the name of my bed together with all the furniture therunto Belonging with my Clock and all my Bedding Lining and my other Apparell I Give and Bequeath to my son Joseph Fabian and his heirs forever a horse & span bottom Sack feather bed and all the furniture therunto Belonging also two pieces with their other Colls their & their Increase which has been in his possession ever since the death of his Brother Jos. I Give and Bequeath to my two Sons William & James Fabian also to my two Daughters Mary & Elizabeth Webb to each of them for and in lieu of any Claim or Pretensions to any part of my Estate a mourning ring off Ten pounds Value Each to them and their heirs forever I Give & Bequeath unto my two Sons Joseph & Jonathan Fabian all the Residue & Remainder of my Personal Estate whatever it may consist in not hereto for given away to be Equally Divided between them share & share alike to them & their heirs forever I Do hereby Nominate Constitute and Appoint as my Exors. my three Sons Joseph Jonathan James & Joseph Fabian to this my last Will & Testament Revoking and annulling all former wills Testaments or Gifts by me made and done touching this to be my last In Witness whereof I Mary Fabian have hereunto set my hand & seal the third day of September in the year of our Lord

one thousand seven hundred and ~~th~~ forty nine

Signed Sealed Published & Delivered
by the said Mary Graham to be
her Last Will and Testament in
presence of us who also signed as
Witnesses in presence of the
Testator

Joseph Ash
Richd Cook. Ash
Moses Butler
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Mary Graham (LS)

This will was proved before
his Exc. the Govr. by the oath
of Joseph Ash J. P. of the Co. 1750
+ Joseph Graham Qualifyd as Exor^r

In the name of God Amen I Thomas Ashby of the Parish of
St Thomas in Beekly County in the Province of South Carolina
Plaster being sick & weak in Body but of Sound & perfect mind memory
and calling to mind the Uncertainty of this mortal life that it is
appointed for all men now to die I do hereby make and
reclaim this my Last Will & Testament in the manner and
form following that is to say first & principally I Recommend
my Soul to God that gave it hoping for mercy through
the merits & intercession of my Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ
my Body I Commit to the Earth to be buried at the
discretion of my Exors hereafter named and as touching
such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless
me with I do Give and Dispose of the same in the following manner
Imprimis I Give Bequeath & Bequeath unto my Loving Son
Thomas Ashby all that plantation or tract of Land on
which I now reside known by the name of Walnut Grove
and one other tract of Land containing about five hundred
Acres joining or Butting to the Southmost on the above Plantation
or tract of Land known by the name of Walnut Grove
unto him the said Tho^s Ashby and his heirs forever and I
do also Give and Bequeath unto my s^d Son Tho^s Ashby one
thousand Acres of Land more to be taken off from the Land

that I Purchased from my nephew John Harell to be laid out by the
plantation known by the name of Walnut Grove on the west or South-west
of the said tract of Land or Plantation known by the name of Walnut Grove
which said one thousand acres to be laid out at the breast of five chains
from Mr Mangent's Line in the swamp and as to Run within five chains
Parallel with the line adjoining the Land Bought by me of Mr John Harell
that is to say to Run far up into the Pine Land that it may
include one hundred acres of Land which I Give and Bequeath
the same unto my eldest Son Thomas Ashby and his heirs
forever Item I Give and Bequeath unto my Loving Son
John Ashby all those four tracts of Land which I Purchased of
Mr John Harell containing about one thousand acres of
Land (Excepting) the afo^r one hundred acres of Land to be
said off as aforesaid unto him my s^d Son John Ashby his heirs
forever and in case my s^d Son John Ashby should die before
he attains to the age of twenty one year leaving no lawful
Issue that then & in such case I Give whatever the possession
of my Estate so well Real as personal to be Equally Divided
amongst his Surviving Sisters & Brothers Item I Give &
Bequeath unto my Grandson Samuel Thomas Just all that tract
of Land or Plantation situate lying & being on the North
East Side of Black River joining or Butting on Williamsburgh
Township on one side and Run by the name of Christial
Mountain & containing in the whole about nine hundred
Acres unto him my said Grandson Samuel Thomas Just
and his heirs forever Item I Give Bequeath unto my
Loving Daughter Constantia Ashby all those Slaves that
was her Mother that is to say Great Abba and all her
Issue Wando Jimmy and her Children or all the Issue of
of her the said Jimmy Abba Chubby also I do Give &
Bequeath unto my s^d Daughter Constantia Ashby all the
moneys and Bonds now at Interest in the hands of Elias
Hofen Esq^r and all the Interest arising thereon the principle
& Interest to be placed out at Interest yearly out bond
wth Good Personal Security untill my Daughter Constantia
Ashby shall attain to the age of twenty five years or the
Day of Marriage or when ^{may happen} first to be Paid & returned out the
hands of my s^d Daughter Constantia Ashby with whatever
else is left to her by me I do also give her my s^d Daughter
all the stock of real cattle that now her Mother together
wth their Increase and of they should not amount to
many in number as to make an Equal Division of my