

In the name of God Amen the Twenty Second Day of October Anno Domini One thousand Seven hundred & forty nine I Benj<sup>n</sup> Witter of James Island Pariter in Berkly County in the Province of South Carolina being weak in body but of Perfect mind & memory thanks be to God for it therefore Calling to mind the mortality of my body & knowing that it is appointed to man once to die. I do make & ordain this my Last Will & Testament That is to say Principally & first of all I recommend my Soul to God who gave it & my body to the Earth to be buried in a Christian manner at the discretion of my Exors, hoping to receive the same again by ye power of God And as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me I Devise & Dispose of in ye following manner & form Inprimis my Will is that my funeral Charges <sup>with</sup> all other my Lawfull Debts be fully Paid. Item my Will is that Sarah my wife shall have the use of my Plantation with Liberty to sell thereon During her Widowhood & that in case she shall she shall marry again before my Child James Borne of age or the other child wherwith she is now Pregnant, then my Exors shall have Power fully & absolutely to sell & dispose of the sd<sup>t</sup> Plantation according to due form in Law for as much money as they can get & that the sd<sup>t</sup> moneys be paid out to use & Interest for the use & benefit of my afores<sup>d</sup> Child already Born & my Child or Children yet unborn. Item my Will is that my whole personal Estate (excepting my Large Roan mare which I give to Sarah my wife) be sold at Public Sale by my Exors hereinafter named & of the moneys which arise out of the same I give & bequeath unto Sarah my wife the Sum of three hundred Pounds, which shall be in Debt of all & all manner of Debts or things which she may claim any right unto. And as for the rest of the afores<sup>d</sup> moneys my Will is that the same be paid out to Interest & use for my afores<sup>d</sup> Child already born & also my Child or Children that shall or may be hereafter born by an Equal Dividend. And in case that all my - Children shall die before they shall come of age then I bequeath one hundred Pounds to each of the children or Lawfull Issue of my Sister Simms deceased & my Will is that the remainder shall be Equally Divided between John Collins & my Bro<sup>r</sup> then Jonathan Witter & James Witter's Children And Lastly I do make & ordain & constitute my two Cousins William Seaven & James Seaven & my good friend Daniel Rivers to be Exors of this my Last Will & Testament and Declaring this & no other to be my Last Will & Testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal the Day & year

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first above written

Signed, Sealed, Pronounced and Declared  
to be the Last Will & Testament of Benj<sup>n</sup>  
Witter in whose Presence & at whose request  
We have Subscribed as Witnesses

Benj<sup>n</sup> Witter (Seal)

Josh<sup>n</sup> Snowden } This Will was Proved before his Ex<sup>cy</sup> the 10<sup>th</sup> Day of  
James Willkaye } November 1749 on the Oaths of James Willkaye & Thomas  
Thos<sup>n</sup> Hutchinson } Hutchinson & W<sup>m</sup> Seaven James Seaven & Daniel  
Rivers were Qualified at the same time

In the name of God Amen, I Henry Norman of Goose Creek Parish being weak in Body but of Sound & perfect memory & Understanding Do make Publish & declare this my Last Will & Testament in manner & form following that is to say First & Principally I recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God the Author & giver of Life, Hoping for Remission of all my sins, in & through the merits Death & Sufferings of my Lord & only Saviour Jesus Christ wherewith I give to the Earth to be decently Buried among my deceased friends at the discretion of my Exors & my Worldly Estate I give in manner aftermentioned Inprimis it is my Will that before any Division be made of all or any part of my Estate that all my just Debts & funeral Charges be paid & Satisfied. I give & Devise to my Daughter Rebeckah Norman these six following Slaves Viz<sup>t</sup> Trustee Scipio, Rose, Joney, Judy, Sarah, & Abram to her & her Heirs forever. Item I give & bequeath to my Sister Sarah Lewis one negro man named Buffey & one negro man named - Carolina to her & her Heirs forever. Item I give & bequeath to my Sister Elizabeth Lewis these three following Slaves Viz<sup>t</sup> Black Wall, Larry & Daphney to her & her Heirs forever - Item I give & bequeath to my Brother Sedquick Lewis these three following Slaves named Tom, Guy & Mary - I give & Devise to my Daughter Rebeckah Norman that parcel of Lands which were left me by my deceased Husband W<sup>m</sup> Joseph Norman Consisting of One Hundred Acres & Situate in Goose Creek Parish to her & her Heirs forever but in case my said Daughter Rebeckah should die before she arrive to the Age of Eighteen years or Day of Marriage I then give the aforementioned Lands containing One Hundred Acres to my Brother Sedquick Lewis & his Heirs forever. It is my Will also that my two Sisters Sarah Lewis & Elizabeth Lewis shall live upon my afores<sup>d</sup> Lands containing One Hundred Acres untill my Daughter Rebeckah arrive to the Age of Eighteen years or Day of Marriage or untill my said Sisters shall marry

Marry + no longer. Item I give + Devise unto my Daughter Rebeckah Norman my Chain + Chain Horse to her + her Heirs forever. Item I give + bequeath unto my Brother Sedquich Lewis + to my two Sisters Sarah Lewis + Elizabeth Lewis my two Lots of Land in Chatham Town one fronting the Street commonly called Tradd Street the other fronting Church Street to be equally divided amongst them + their Heirs forever. Item I give all my Stock of Cattle, Horses, Hogs &c to be equally divided between my Brother Sedquich Lewis + my two Sisters Sarah Lewis + Elizabeth Lewis to them + their heirs forever. Item I give all my Plate and Household furniture of any kind or Sort whatsoever to be equally divided among my Brother Sedquich Lewis + my Sisters Sarah ~~Lewis~~ + Elizabeth Lewis to them + their Heirs forever. It is my further Will also that in Case my Daughter Rebeckah Norman shall Die before she arrive to the Age of Eighteen Years or day of Marriage I then Give all the Negroes already bequeathed to her, to my Brother Sedquich Lewis + my Sisters Sarah + Elizabeth Lewis to be equally divided between them + their Heirs forever. I give + Devise to my Daughter Rebeckah Norman my young Mustee Wench named Bealia to be in her actual Possession + Property from this date but in case my said Daughter Rebeckah shall Die before she Arrive to the Age of Eighteen Years or Day of Marriage I then give the said Wench Bealia to my Brother Sedquich Lewis with all her Increase if any she has to him + his Heirs forever.

Lastly I Constitute + appoint my Brother Sedquich Lewis my Whole + Sole Executor to this my Last Will + Testament Consisting of two Sheets of Paper, hereby Revoking + Dissolving all former Wills made by me. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto sett my hand + Seal this Fifteenth day of August in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred + forty nine

Signed Sealed Published + bedared  
by the testator Mary Norman  
to be her Last Will + Testament  
in Presence of

Maurice Keating  
Daniel Switwait  
James Ditch

This Will was Proved before his Ex<sup>ty</sup> the 10<sup>th</sup>  
of November 1749 by the Oath of Maurice Keating  
+ Sedquich Lewis Sole Ex<sup>or</sup> was qualified at the same time

Mary Norman (Seal)

In the Name of God Amen I being in perfect Sense + Memory but in a very Low + weak Condition off health, I Constitute this to be my Last Will + only Testament Inprimis I commit my Soul to God who gave it + my body to the Grave first my Will is that all my Negroes should be kept together at the Plantation at poor poor where I now live + there to work till all my Just debts is paid Secondly I do Give + bequeath to my beloved Son James Sanders all my Real + Personal Estate Consisting Lands Negroes Cattle horses Sheep Hogs &c to be his + his heirs forever Except the one Seventh part of all the Real Produce that shall be made on my Estate I doe reserve for my Beloved - Wife Mary Sanders + to be paid to her yearly by my Ex<sup>ors</sup> during her Life + after her Death to Return to my above said Son James Sanders + Likewise one horse Bridle + Saddle + one Bed with Furniture to be Delivered to the above said Mary my Wife by my Ex<sup>ors</sup> + this I constitute to be my Last Will + only Testament + do Leave Will<sup>ts</sup> Sanders + Joseph Sanders my only Brothers + my John M<sup>c</sup>Collum to be my Whole + Sole Ex<sup>ors</sup> + I doe Leave them to fulfill each part + Clause of this my Dying Will As Witness my hand this Eight Day of October One thousand Seven hundred forty + nine

Signed + Sealed in

the Presence of us  
Will<sup>ts</sup> Steads In<sup>o</sup> Moore  
Anthony A<sup>o</sup> Gratia  
mark

Chas<sup>s</sup> Sanders (Seal)  
This Will was Proved before his Ex<sup>ty</sup> the 17<sup>th</sup> November  
1749 by the Oaths of John Moore + Anthony Gratia +  
W<sup>ts</sup> Sanders, Joseph Sanders + John M<sup>c</sup>Collum Ex<sup>ors</sup>  
were qualified at the same time

In the Name of God Amen the Twenty Sixth day of January One thousand Seven hundred + thirty nine forty I Patrick Poor of S<sup>c</sup> Carolina Planter Being in Sound + Perfect mind + Memory but in a low + Sickly Condition Therefore calling to mind the mortality of my body + knowing that it is appointed for all men Once to make + Ordain This my Last Will + Testament that is to say Principally + First of all I Give + Recommend my Soul into the hands of God that Save it; and my Body I Recommend to the Earth to be Buried in Decent Christian manner at the discretion of my Ex<sup>ors</sup> hereafter mentioned + as Touching such Worldly Estate wherewith it Pleas'd God to Bless me with in this life I Give + Dispose of the same in Following manner + form Inprimis I will that my debts shall be paid + Discharged From I Give + Bequeath to my Beloved Wife Mary Poor one tract of Land lying + being on Hilltown Head Island Containing Two hundred acres Joyning Mrs. Robert Samms Land

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