

one thousand seven hundred and ~~th~~^{ty} four

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 Exor^r 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 Devise & 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 South-west 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 ^{2^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
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 Chain
from Mr Mangent's Line in the swamp and as to Run within five Chain
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 ^{2^d} Son John Ashby his heirs
forever and in case my 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 produce
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 and them my said Grandson Samuel Thomas Just
and his heirs forever Item I Give Devise & 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 ^{2^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 ^{2^d} Daughter Constantia Ashby with whatever
else is left to her by me I do also Give and Bequeath
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

other estate to be divided amongst my other Children that there in such case my Ex^{ts} shall make her number equal out of my own stock and I do yet further give unto my 1st Daughter Constantia all the household furniture including Apparels that was her mothers together with what plate belonged to her, to wit four large silver tea spoons, finger & stirrer two Mahogany and Red bay Tables one Grand feather bed & furniture Dressing Glass & press

Item I do give Elvira and Bequeth unto my two Young Daughters Constantia Ashby & Anne Ashby to each of them a pair of horse & each one side saddle to be purchased and provided for each of them by my Ex^{ts}. I do also give and bequeath to each of my said Daugh^{ts} the sum of four hundred pounds Currency of the money arising from the next Income of my Estate after my just debts are paid and the said sum of four hundred pounds Currency to each I will that the same be placed out to Interest on good personal security for and until they arrive to the age of twenty one years or Day of Marriage or which may happen first and my will further is that my son John Ashby my Daughter Anne Ashby and my Daugh^t Constantia Ashby shall have their Education & Maintenance out of the profits of the undivided part of my Estate until they have their parts allotted or divided to them by my Ex^{ts} which I do will that my son John Ashby have his Share or Dividend of Real as well as personal to be delivered at the age of nineteen years Item I do likewise yet further Give & Bequeth unto my four Elder Children all the Rest & Residue of my Personal Estate to be Equally divided between them or the survivors of them and that my son Thomas Ashby to Count those Slaves that I have already given him as a part of this dividend or share and also my Daughter Elizabeth Thomas to Count what she has had as part of her dividend that is to be And lastly I do hereby nominate appoint my trusty and well beloved friends Col^l Thos. Seger, my son in law Samuel Thomas & Elder son Thomas Ashby to be my Ex^{ts} to this my last Will & Testament Restoring making null and void all other former Will Covenants & Speculums by me heretofore made Ratifying & confirming this & my other orders to be my last Will & Testament In Witness whereof I have

hereunto set my hand & seal this 16th day Feb^r 1748

Thos. Ashby (S)

signed sealed & Published pronounced by the witness named Thos. Ashby the his last Will & Testament having before signing read out of the other side of this leaf shew four lines & a half and also the words the principle & Interest being first intimated in the Body of this Will in presence of us as Witnesses

Charlotte Hutchinson
Peter Banbury

J. Hartley

This will was proved before his Ex^{ts} the Hon^{ble} by the oath of J. Hartley 7th of December 1750 at the same time sealed & signed Sam^l Thomas & Thomas Ashby two of the Ex^{ts} therein named - 11

South Carolina

In the name of God Amen I Mary Stewart of Buckly County in the province of South Carolina Widow of W^m James Stewart late of Buckly County in the province aforesaid dead being of perfect mind & memory thanks to the God but having to mind the Mortality of my Body and that it is appointed unto 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 of Almighty God that Good & Respecting him to forgive me all my sins through the merits of Jesus Christ my ever Blessed Saviour and Redeemer and my Body I Recommend to the Earth to be Buried at the Discretion of my Ex^{ts} hereafter named nothing Doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall Receive the same again by the mighty power of God and as touching my worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to