

Signed Sealed Published & Declared  
by the Testator to be his Last Will &  
Testament in Presence of us who in  
his Presence and at his Request have  
hereunto Set our names as Witnesses

Herr Gibbs  
Mungo Graham  
George Saxby

William Saxby (Seal)

This Will Was Proved before  
his Excellency the 4<sup>th</sup> day of  
March 1747 by the Oathes of Herr Gibbs &  
George Saxby Also Qualified

Recorded the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March 1747

South Carolina

In the Name of God Amen I John Bragg  
late of New Windsor Now of Charles Town in the Province of South  
Carolina Gent: being Weak in Body but of Sound & Disposing Mind  
and Memory do make this my Last Will and Testament in Manner  
and form Following that is to say In Primis I will and desire  
that all my just Debts and Funeral Expences be first Paid and  
Satisfied by my Exors Herein after named Item I give devise and  
Bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary Bragg all the rest & residue of  
my Estate both Real and Personal after the Payment of my Debts for  
and During the Term of her Natural Life she Taking Care of &  
Providing for (in every respect out of the same) Bryan Kelly and  
Mary Kelly Grand Children of my Said Wife Item I give devise and  
bequeath unto my Said Wife Mary Such part of my Said Estate as  
Hath been my Own purchase to be by her disposed of as she Shall think  
fit at her decease And Such part of my said Estate as Came into my Hands  
through or by any of the Name of Kelly to be at the discretion of my said  
Wife Mary for & During the Term of her Natural Life and from  
and After her Decease then to the aforesaid Bryan Kelly his Heirs and  
assigns for Ever Item I give devise and bequeath unto my Said Wife  
Mary Bragg Such Part of my Said Estate as Was the Property of the Said  
Wife when she Was the Widow of James Welch for and During the Term of  
her Natural Life and from & After her Decease to her Daughter late Ann  
Welch Now Ann Holmes and her and to her Heirs and Assigns for Ever  
Lastly I do hereby make Ordain and Appoint my Said Wife Mary  
Bragg and Thomas Holmes to be Executors & Exors of this my Last Will  
and Testament hereby revoking making Null & Void all former &  
Other Wills whatsoever by me heretofore at any Time made heretofore  
hereby declaring this to be and Contain my Last Will & Testament  
all between red lines missing

In Witness Whereof I the said John Bragg have Hereunto Set  
my Hand and Seal this first day of January in the Year of our  
Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty four and in the Eighteenth  
Year of his Majesty's Reign

Signed Sealed Published & Declared by the  
Testator as & for his Last Will & Testament  
in the Presence of us Who in his Presence &  
at his request have Hereunto Subscribed our  
Names as Witnesses

John Bragg (Seal)

Edward Jenkins  
Thomas Green  
Thos Holmes

This Will Was Proved by Virtue of a Subjunctum  
this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February 1747 by the Oath of  
Thos Green One of the Witnesses to the Within  
Will Before Robert Williams Esq: to him —  
Directed at same time Qualified Mrs. Mary Bragg  
Exix therein named

Recorded this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1747

South Carolina

In the Name of God Amen I William Sealy of  
Granvill County Planter being through the Abundant Mercy &  
Goodness of God tho<sup>t</sup> Weak in Body yet of Sound & Perfect Understanding  
and memory do constitute this my Last Will & Testament <sup>desire</sup>  
it may be Received by all as Such In Primis I must Humbly beque-  
ath my Soul to my Maker through the merits of my Dear Redeemer  
And first Require that all my Debts are faithfully Discharged and all  
Funeral Charges Item I give & Bequeath unto my Loving Wife —  
Sarah Sealy A Negro Girl named Hannah & A Negro Boy named Andrew  
& A Horse named Tilkler a Side Saddle & A Young Pacing Horse now  
on An<sup>d</sup>als Island: Item I give & Bequeath unto my Daughter —  
Mary Sealy, A Negro Girl named Bina & the Scrrell Pacing Mare  
Item I do Give & Bequeath unto my Daughter Ann Sealy A Negro Girl named  
Phoebe, and a Pacing Mare Cough Item I do Give & Bequeath unto my Son  
William Sealy A Negro Boy named Budis & A Negro Girl named Wanny  
and the Scrrell Mares <sup>Regin</sup> Cough Item I do Give & Bequeath unto my nephew Ben-  
jamin Sealy A Horse named Ball and the Rest of my Personal Estate to be Equally  
Divided Amongst my Loving Wife & Children The Respective Part that  
Shall become Due unto Each Child to be paid at the time of Marriage  
or at the Age of Seventeen Years Be it further Observed I do constitute  
my Loving Wife & Loving Friends Y<sup>e</sup> Francis Pelot, William  
Sealy Jun<sup>r</sup> and William Elbert Executors & Exors of this my Last  
Will & Testament In Witness Whereof I have Hereunto Set my  
Hand & Seal this 28<sup>th</sup> day of November 1747  
all between red lines missing

Signed & Sealed in }  
the Presents of - }  
Joseph Hamblton }  
Joseph Sealy }  
Thos<sup>r</sup> Kumdell }

This Will Was Read Before his Excellency  
this 25<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>r</sup> & Will<sup>m</sup>  
Elbert Executors & Exors therein named

Recorded this 25<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>r</sup> Nesh 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<sup>r</sup> Dispose of the Same in manner and form following that  
is to Say I Provisis 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<sup>r</sup> Nesh 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<sup>r</sup> Nesh  
& 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 Witnes 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<sup>r</sup> Nesh as his  
Last Will & Testament in the of us the Subscribers

Joshua Grimboll }  
John Gregory }  
Martha Hummahan }

This Will Was Read Before his  
Excellency this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 1748 by the  
Oaths of Joshua Grimboll & John Gregory Two of the  
Witnesses of the Within Will at Same time Qualified  
Margaret M<sup>r</sup> Nesh Executrix therein named

Recorded this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 1748 -

In the Name of God Amen I Charles Sheapheard of Charles Town  
in the Province of South Carolina Vin<sup>t</sup> being in Good health and of Sound  
disposing mind & Memory Praised 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 Condese-  
-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