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South Carolina In the name of God Amen I Bethell Dewes of St Pauls
Parish In the Province of South Carolina Planter being sick and Weak of
Body but of sound mind memory and understanding do make Publish and
declare this to be and contain my Last Will and Testament First and Princip
ally when it shall please God to call me hence I resign my Soul into his
almighty Protection hoping for the Remission of my sins through the Merits
of my only Saviour Jesus Christ and my body I commit to the Earth to be de
cently Buried at the discretion of my Executors Hereafter named and as to
my worldly Estate It has pleased God to bestow upon me, I Give devise and
bequeath the same as follows Viz In the first place I order and direct that
all my Just and Lawfull debts be paid and discharged as soon as conven
iently may be after my decease by my Executors Herein after named and
for that purpose I do hereby Impower them to sell dispose of and convey
to any Person or Persons whomsoever all my Negroes Cattell Horses Hou
hold Goods and all other my Personall Estate and the Money Arising there
from after all my debts & Funerall Expences are paid to be Put at Inter
est on such good and sufficient Security as my Executors Herein after named
shall in their discretion think proper. Item I Empower and direct my
Executors to pay to my Sons as they arrive at Age their Equall share and
dividend of the Money at Interest and to my Daughter when she shall
come of Age or day of Marriage her Equal share and dividend also
of the money at Interest. Item I Give and bequeath to my Eldest son
William Dewes when he Arrives at Age my Tract of Land Containing
Two hundred & fifty Acres Situated In St Georges Parish. Item I will &
desire that all my Children shall be Educated & maintained In Comm
out of the Money at Interest till they arrive at the age of Twenty one
Years. Item I will & desire that all my Children shall be bound out
to some Trade as my Executors shall in their Discretion think proper.
And Lastly I Comy Nominate constitute and Appoint my Loving friend
John H Queen & Maurice Harvey Executors and Guardians of this my
Last Will and Testament In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set
my hand and seal this Sixteenth day of November One thousand
Seven hundred & Fifty Eight

Signed, Sealed, Publish'd and declared
by the Testator to be and contain his
Last Will & Testament in the presence
of us who in his Presence and at his
request have set our Names as Witnesses
Jacob Ladson Abraham Boulain Robt. Muller Jun^r

This Will was proved by A. Dedismus

Bethell Dewes Seal