

William County in the Province of South Carolina Planter being of the
sound Body but of perfect Mind and Memory I do hereby
testify and shew the Mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed
for all men once to dye do make and Ordain this my Last Will and Testament
in manner and form following that is to say Principally and first I do
give and Recommend my Soul into the hands of God that gave it my Body
to the Earth to be buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter mentioned
nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same
again by the mighty Power of God and as touching such worldly Estate
as it hath pleased God to bestow upon me in this life I give Devise and
dispose of as follows. I Primitively Will and desire That all my Just Debts
and funeral Charges be paid as soon as conveniently they can after my
decease. Item I will and desire that my Executors as soon as they
conveniently can may Purchase a Plantation or Tract of Land for my
Son James Cochran Ash and working Negroes on it likewise that my
Wife Ann Ash may Live on the said Plantation during her Widowhood
and no longer Item I give unto my Loving Wife Ann Ash the use
of two of my Negroes a free white man and a free boy during her
Widowhood also one third part of the Net Proceeds and Profits arising
yearly from the work of my Negroes during her Widowhood or longer
but in case of marriage then I give unto my Loving Wife Ann Ash One
thousand Pounds Currency to be paid her within Twelve Months after she
is Married to her and her heirs for ever also one Riding horse called Chase
and saddle now in her Possession and all my household Goods Item I
do give and bequeath unto my Son James Cochran Ash all the residue
of my Estate both real and Personal to be delivered to him at the Age of
Twenty one to him and his heirs for ever but in case the said James Cochran
Ash shall dye before he Lives to that Age then I Will and Order that the
whole shall devolve to my three Brothers Joseph Ash Richard Cochran Ash
and John Ash to them and their heirs for ever share and share alike
And lastly I do constitute and appoint my Loving Brothers Joseph
Ash Richard Cochran Ash and John Ash Executors of this my last
Will and Testament Revoking and making void all other Wills and
Bequests whatsoever heretofore by me made In Witness whereof I
have hereunto set my hand and seal this Sixth day of February Anno
Domini One Thousand Seven hundred and fifty seven

Signed Sealed published pronounced
and Declared to be my Last Will and
Testament in Presence of

Elizabeth Livingston
Sarah Ash
Henry Livingston

James Ash
This Will was proved before the
Ordinary the 10th February 1757
At sometime Qualified Joseph
Ash Richard Cochran Ash and John
Ash Executors