

In the Name of God I John Ward of Berkeley County in the Province of South Carolina Planter being of Sound and disposing mind and memory partly to be to Almighty God for the same, but Considering the uncertainty of this life do make this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following that to say First and principally I Recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God hoping through the merits and mediation of my Blessed Saviour and Redeemer to inherit Eternal Life. My Body I commit to the Earth to be decently interred at the discretion of my Executors herein after named and as for such worldly estate with which it hath pleased God to bless me I dispose hereof in manner following (that is to day) 10 M<sup>r</sup>ch<sup>st</sup> I will and desire that all my just debts and funeral charges be first paid and satisfied as soon as conveniently may be after my decease & Item I give devise and bequeath unto my dearly beloved wife Sarah Ward my daughter Mary Burrows and my sons John Ward Junior, Joshua Ward, Benjamin Ward and Daniel Ward all my estate both Real and Personal of what nature or kind soever or where soever the same may be which shall be seized and possessed of at the time of my death Equally to be divided between them share and share alike Lastly I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my sons John Ward and William Burrows Executors of this my Last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former and other Wills by me at any time heretofore made Raking and conforming this and this only to be my Last Will and Testament witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this Nine  
Tenth Day of May in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and fifty six and in the Twenty Ninth Year of his Majestys Reign

Signed Sealed Published and declared  
by the abovesigned John Ward and  
for his last Will and Testament in the  
presence of us who have hereunto Subscribed  
our names as witnesses thereto in the presence  
of the said Testator and in the presence of each  
other.

J. Ward (seal)

Moses Audibert  
James Hobo Jr.  
John Boomer

This Will was proved before the Ordinary the 17<sup>th</sup>  
Day of March 1758 and the same time William  
Burrows & John Ward qualified as Executors

In the name of God Amen I James Eedes of Charleston in the Province of South Carolina being sick and weak in body but of sound and disposing Mind & Memory thanks be to almighty God for the same and knowing the uncertainty of this mortal life do make and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner following (that is to say First my Will that my Body be decently buried and my debts and funeral charges paid as soon as conveniently can be after my decease also I give and bequeath unto my good friend Mr Peter Bocquetto of Charles Town Baker the sum of One hundred Pounds Curren<sup>cy</sup> and to my wife Mary Eedes the sum of Ten Pounds Curren<sup>cy</sup> and the Rest and Residue of my estate by me and bequeath to my Daughter Sarah Eedes and her Heirs for ever And do hereby commit the tuition and guardianship of my said Daughter Sarah until she shall attain the age of eighteen Years or Day of marriage unto the said Mr Peter Bocquetto and William Gibney of Charles Town Merchant whom together with James Grindlay of of Charleston Esq<sup>r</sup> I do constitute and appoint Executors of this my last will and Testament and Lastly I do hereby revoke disannul and make void all former and Other Wills by me at any time heretofore made In witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal at Charles Town aforesaid the twenty third Day of January in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and fifty eight

108 Signed Sealed published and Declared  
by the Testator James Edes and for  
his Last Will and Testament before  
us who in his presence and at his Request  
have subscribed our Names as Witnesses  
hereunto

James Edes Seal

This will was proved before the Ordinary the 1<sup>st</sup> March 1750 and  
at the same time qualified Peter Bacquet Executor

In the Name of God Amen I James Denly of the Province of South Carolina  
finding my self very weak of body but of sound mind and memory have Constit-  
uted Ordained and appointed this as my Last Will and Testament do Commit  
my soul into the hands of Almighty God and my body to be buried in a decent  
Christian way at the Discretion of my Executors Item I do dispose of all my  
Personal Estate in the following manner after all my Just debts is Paid viz  
I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife one third of my Personal Estate and  
the Remainder Part to be Equally Divided among my Children as they  
come to proper Age viz either Money arising from my Children's parts after all  
to be put out at Interest Within my hand and Seal this Seventeenth day  
of November One Thousand Seven hundred and Fifty Seven A.D. Mary Denly  
John Elders Executor

James Denly Seal

Test Charles Middleton

Ella Fowler

Daniel Sean

This will was Proved before the Ordinary the 10<sup>th</sup>  
day of December 1757 and at the same Mary Denly  
and John Elders qualified as Executrix & Executor  
to the same

In the Name of God Amen I Benjamin Ladson of the Island of Helena &  
Granville County and Province of South Carolina Plant or being yetch & Weak  
of Body yet being of a sound and disposing Mind and Memory and Understanding  
through the Mercy of God do make and Ordain this my Last Will and Testament in  
Manner and form following That is to say First and Principally to resign my Soul  
with the utmost Humility into the hands of Almighty God my Creator humbly hoping  
for a blessed Immortality through the Merit and Mediation of my blessed saviour  
and Redeemer Jesus Christ and my body I desire may decently Buried as my  
Executors hereinafter named may Judge best And as to my Worldly or Temporal Estate  
as he hath Instituted me with I Give Devise and bequeath thereof as follow  
**Imprimis** and first of all I Will that my funeral Charges and Just debts be  
discharged with the first Conveniency Item I Will and Order that my Executrix  
and Executors do pay and may be wanted from Time to Time for the Cloathing  
Schoolding and Buring out Apprentice John the Son of John Slim  
so that the Whole sum do not exceed Forty Pounds Currency Money  
The above uses only, Item I Will and Order that my Wearing Apparel be given  
unto my Brother Samuel soon after my Decease Item I Bequeath all my  
Land on Helena Containing two hundred Acres more or less to be divided  
My Sons Benjamin & Thomas (and the infant of which my Wife Elizabeth is  
Pregnant of, if it should prove a boy but not otherwise) soon after the Decease  
of my said Wife and not before but after her decease to my Son Benjamin  
and Thomas (and to the said Infant if a boy) and not otherwise among their  
heirs for Ever Item I Will that the rest & Residue and Remainder of all