

and my three daughters, Martha Mells, Mary Mells, & Margaret Mells, to them and their heirs for ever; Item it is my will, that any thing herein not mentioned, shall be equally divided between, my two sons Thomas Mells and William Mells. Lastly I hereby nominate, constitute and ordain, my said Wife Mary Mells, Executrix, and my said Two sons Thomas Mells and William Mells Executors of, this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof, I the said Thomas Mells senior have to this my last Will and Testament, contained in three sheets of paper, set my hand to the first and second, and my hand and seal to the last sheet thereof, the Eleventh day of October in the Year of Lord, One thousand seven hundred and fifty seven, and in the thirty first year of his Majestys Reign.

Scaled, Published, and Declared by M^r Thomas Mells
as and for his Last Will and Testament, in the presence of
Us, who in the Testators presence and at his Request have
herunto subscribed our respective names as witnesses

Thomas Mells



James Streater

Daniel Perkey

Benjamin Hurst

Proved 28 December 1759. At the
same time Qualified William Mells Esq.

South Carolina

In the name of God Amen; Be it known to All men by these presents, That I John Crockett of Charlestown in the province aforesaid Merchant being in perfect health, and sound in mind and memory, but knowing the Uncertainty of Human Life, think it necessary to make my Last Will & Testament, which I now do in the manner & form following. That is to say, I give and bequeath & hereby Dispose of all my Estate either real or personal, which either now does, or may at any time hereafter appertain unto me, either by Right of Inheritance, Marriage, Acquisition, Mortgage or otherways, or which I shall die possessed of to and amongst my Lawfull Children, whom it hath pleased God at this time to Bless me with, by Susanna my present Wife, or any other Child or Children he or his Infinite Goodness, shall further Bless us with, during our marriage, that is to say To Daniel Crockett my at present Eldest Son, to Thomas Crockett, to John Crockett, to Sophia Maria Henrietta Crockett my Daughter, or to any other that may Yet be born, to me by Susanna Crockett aforesaid, to each one Equal share or portion of all my real and personal Estate, except as herein after is excepted, First for the Love and favor I bear to Susanna Crockett my present wife, I give and bequeath unto her all my household Furniture, Jewells, Watches and Plate, Horses Cows & Chair (the large silver two handled cup excepted) which I leave to Daniel Crockett my Eldest Son, with his Grand fathers Picture if sent Me from Scotland by Daniel my Father, and to Margaret Crockett my Daughter by Margaret my former Wife. I give one third of one equal share of all my personal Estate, only in the same proportion as an equal share shall fall to any my other Children aforesaid that is to say whatever shall fall to any one of them as an equal share of my

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243. personal Estate or if Three hundred pounds comes to any one of them, her Share is One hundred, and so in proportion, for a larger or lesser Sum as my Estate turn out; And that she nor the World may not blame me, for this unequal Share - left her less than to my other Children, I answer she is otherways provided for by Right of Inheritance, which has been greatly improved at a considerable Expence to me, as well as very large Sums of Money paid for her Education &c. which makes her equal with any of the aforesaid Infants, as she also is in my Affections, And I earnestly recommend to her at all times & in all Circumstances to bear, that duty Love and Affection she never can sufficiently Discharge to the best of Mothers my present Wife, whose example if she strictly Copies after in all things will make her happy while on Earth, and eternally happy hereafter. And further it is my Will and Desire that If I die possessor of any Lands Houses, or other real Estate, that the same be either sold and divided as aforesaid among the Children of my present Marriage in equal Divisions, or retained and Improved, by letting the same to rent, or otherways, and the Income thereof, to be equally divided amongst my Children of the present Marriage by equal Divisions as aforesaid in either shape, as it shall seem best for their Advantage by my Executrix herein after mentioned, and in case any or either of my Children should die before they arrive at the age of Twenty one Years or before the day of their Marriage, then and in that case I will that their Share or Division be equally divided amongst the Survivors or Survivor their Heirs or Executors, And further I hereby Will and Declare, that no Child or Children shall be entitled to any share of my Estate real or personal further than a Necessary Education and Maintainance not exceeding the income of such Three share yearly, till they arrive at the age of Twenty one Years or on the day of marriage, at the option of my Executrix herein after mentioned, and it is also my Will & desire that the whole of my personal Estate, except such as is otherways disposed of, to Susanna my Wife, & Daniel my Son, be put out to Interest on good and sufficient securitys without any Division or Diminution till the time of the Eldest Child arrives at 21 years, or the day of marriage - the Remainder after such share is taken out to continue till the next Child arrives at the same periods, and so on to the Youngest; and for the true Execution of this my Will, I name constitute & Ordain, Susanna Brockalt my wife sole Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament, Renouncing & hereby Revoking all former Wills or Testaments heretofore made or executed by me, Particularly one made at Edinburgh in North Britain, on or about the 29 day of May 1733. In witness whereof these presents are wrote by myself and given under my hand & seal at Chatham in the Province of Georgia the Eight day of Decem^r 1749. & of his Majesty's Reign the Twenty third Year.

Signed, Sealed, & delivered, by the within Testator John Brockalt & Declared to be his last will & Testament in presence of us who subscribed our Names in presence of the said Testator & John Bullidge

John Brockalt

Proved 23 Novem^r 1759. Attestame -
Jane Qualified Susanna Brockalt Executrix

Signed
by Mary