

120/ both Real and Personal to be Equally Divided amongst my Children Viz William Ball my eldest Son Ann Ball my eldest Daughter My Daughter Helena & my Samuel Ball, Thirdly As my Son William Ball is Subject to fits and I am therefore suspicious that he will not be Capable of acting properly for himself with what Interest may fall to his Share I therefore will and Ordain my said undermentioned to keep his Share of my Interest in their own hands While he lives and lay it out and dispose of it for his behoof and Maintenance in the best manner according to their Discretion, Fourthly if my Son William Ball or any of my other Children happen to die in that Case Ordain and Will the remaining part or parts of his heirs of their Interests to be Equally divided amongst my surviving heirs or heirs, Fifthly I Appoint Will and Ordain M^r George Austin and M^r Henry Laurens Merchants in Charlestown And M^r Will^m Brown as Executors of this my Last will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal before these presents

Witness James Bolton, Ephraim Payne, Nath: Payne Elias Ball (Seal)

This Will was proved the first day of Septemb^r 1758
and the same Time Qualify William Brown as Executor

In the Name of God Amen I John Secrest of Beauford in the Province of Carolina Mariner being weak in body but of sound & disposing mind Memory & understanding Considering with my self the Certainty of Death & the uncertainty of the time hereof do therefore make & Ordain this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following That is to say First & principally I commend my Soul to God that gave it in full hopes that thro the Merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ I shall Receive remission of all my sins And my Body I leave to be decently Interred at the discretion of my Executrix hereafter mentioned And as touching such worldly Estate which it hath Pleased God to bestow upon me (my just Debts & funeral Charges being first Paid) I dispose thereof as followeth

Whereas a certain Piece or Parcel of Land with the Mapuage Tenements and other Improvements standing thereon Situated & lying & being in the Island of Bermuda in S^t Hampton County in the Parish of Port Royal formerly Occupied by my Aunt Elizabeth Secrest but now or late by my Mother Sarah Secrest commonly known & distinguished by the name of the West side house & land doth of Right belong to me It is therefore my Will And I do hereby Order that the said Land with all the Houses & Improvements of what nature kind or Quality so ever be disposed of as soon as conveniently may be by my Loving Wife Amelia (Whom I hereby make constitute & Appoint whole & Sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament) for the most profit & advantage and the monies Arising therefrom Applyd and made Use of at the discretion of my said Executrix to the Uses & purposes following That is to say for the Sole Use and benefit of my said Executrix in Order to Enable her to maintain & Support my Son John now an Infant & the Child (if it be born alive & survive) of her now Pregnant All other my Real Estate that now of Right doth belong to me by any manner of ways & means whatsoever or now in the hands of any other in Trust for me I Give & bequeath to my said Son John & the said my said Wife (my Executrix) all my Household Goods Negroes debts & Effects whatsoever and Wherever due owing & belonging to me or any other part of what Nature kind or Quality whatsoever to her, her heirs Executors administrators And Lastly I do hereby make Ordain constitute & appoint

My loving wife Amelina whole & Sole Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament aforesaid & I do hereby revoke all former and Other Wills by me at any Time here to fore made & do Publish & Declare this to be my Last Will & Testament In Witness whereof I the said John Secraft the Testator have hereunto set my Hand & Seal this Tenth day of July in the Thirty Second Year of the Reign of King George the Second in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven Hundred and fifty Eight

John Secraft Seal

Widn Sealed Publish'd and declared by the Testator John Secraft as and for his Last Will & Testament in Presence of us who have hereunto Subscribed our names as Witnesses in his Presence and at his request
John Chapman / Desaufure Henry Calbird

This Will was proved before the Ordinary the eighteenth of August 1759 By a de district

In the Name of God Amen I Samuel Peyre of Craven County in the Parish of St Stephen Planter being weak of Body but of perfect Mind and Memory and considering the Uncertainty of this Life do make and Ordain this my Last will & Testament & first I Recommend my Soul to almighty God that have it Hoping for Salvation through the Merits of Christ my Saviour & my Body to be buried in a Decent Manner at the Discretion of my Executors which I shall hereafter name not Doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall Receive the same Again and as Touching such worldly Estate it hath Pleased God to bless me with I Give and Devise in the Manner & Term following First it is my will that all my just Debts be paid, Item I Give and Bequeath unto my loving Wife Sarah Peyre My riding Chair and Two Riding Horses which shall make Choice of & also the Use of one of my Negro Boys that she chooses to wait on her And also I Give unto my said loving wife the Use of my House & Plantation whereon I now dwell during her life & that she be maintained out of the Produce of my Estate during her Widowhood or till there be a division made of my Personal Estate as I do hereafter Order Item I Give and bequeath unto my Sons viz Samuel Peyre John Peyre & Charles Peyre all my Lands viz the Plantation whereon I now Live the River Swamp Over against it a Tract of Land Joining the Plantation whereon I now Live butting & bounding South East containing five Hundred Acres & a Tract of Land containing five Hundred Acres in the River Swamp on the Path leading to Capt^m Joseph Cantey which aforesaid several Tracts of Land to be as Equally as conveniently may be divided between my three said Sons Samuel, John & Charles Peyre by my Executors as they Attain to the age of Twenty One Years to be freely Enjoyed by my said Sons Respectively & their Heirs for ever And it is my Will that the Remaining part of my Estate not yet disposed off be Equally divided unto three Shares by my Executors one Share of which Division I Give unto my loving wife Sarah upon Condition that the Mustee woman called Dina and her Children be not in the Share that she draws by the aforesaid Division that then it is my will that my said wife shall have the Liberty to take the said Mustee Women and her Children at the time they are appraised at and Return as many Slaves at the Appraisement of such Slaves as will Amount to the Value of the aforesaid Woman & her Children And it is my will that my loving wife shall have Possession of her share of my Estate here given her when the first of my Children attains to the Age of Eighteen Years & in case my Wife should Marry Again before that time that then & in such Case is my Will that she shall have at the day of Marriage Item I Give and bequeath the two Remaining parts of my Estate not yet disposed off to be Equally divided by my Executors between my five Children viz Samuel, John, Sarah, Ann, & Charles Peyre Respectively as they Attain to the Age of Eighteen Years but if any of my aforesaid aforesaid Children should by Extravagance or Imprudence Give