

67 them And to be enjoyed by them, as they become of Age respectively
to their heirs and assigns Item I order that Sundry Bond and Notes
be taken up and paid for and on Account of Jonathan Wood deceased
accounted by him in his Life time which I've neglected to charge in my
account against that Estate may be charged And added to that Account
by my Executors, which Bond and notes I omitted to be charged may
be found among my papers, Item It is my desire that my Nephews and Nieces
of my Nephews and Nieces (the Children of the said Jonathan Wood
deceased) should be kept together upon my Plantation & be employed
at such work as my Executors most Expedient for the advantage
of my Children and my said Nephew and Niece Item I thought
proper to make mention in this my said Will (to prevent Mistakes)
of the Number and names of the Slaves which are my property to
distinguish them from those belonging to my Nephew & Niece which
are as follows Vint Cogo, late Kaga, old Amy and young Amy (Five)
male belongs to me and Simon Cain, Atta, Chloe, Daphne, Tony, Ned
and Linda belongs to my said Nephew and Niece, Eight male Item
I hereby constitute make and Ordain my beloved friend, Messrs Isaac
Porcher, Edward Coram and my said Nephew Jonathan Wood my
Executors of this my Last will and Testament hereby disannulling
revoking and disallowing all and every former Testaments Wills lega-
cies and bequests Cashing and confirming this and no other to be my
Last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set
my Seal the Eighteenth day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand
Seven hundred and fifty Eight

Signed, Sealed, Published pronounced
and Declared by the said Alexander
Dingle as his Last Will & Testament
in the Presence of us the Subscribers,

Alex. Dingle (Seal)

Samuel Sittel, Willm Breedy, John Squon,

This will was proved before the ordinary the Fifth day of January
AD 1759 at the same Time qualified Edward Coram Executors

South Carolina. In the Name of God Amen I Robert McMurdy of Bonfion,
Planter being of sound and disposing Mind Memory and Understanding thank
be to God for the same But considering the Uncertainty of this Transitory Life
and the certainty of Death do make this my Last Will and Testament in
manner and form following (That is to say) First Recommend my Soul to God
That gave it in sure and certain hopes of a happy Resurrection thro the
merit and Mediation of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and my body
to the grave to be decently Interred at the discretion of my Executors hereinafter
named And as to what worldly Estate it hath pleased God to Endow me with
or Which I may any ways be Intitled unto or Possessed of at the Time of my
Decease I give and Bequeath the same as followeth (Viz) All my Estate which
ever and wheresoever I give devise and bequeath unto William Glen of
Charles Town Merchant, My loving Nephew John McMurdy late of Bromore
in the Kingdom of Ireland But now of Bonfion aforesaid and John Moore of
Bartholomeas Colleton County Planter their Heirs and Assigns or to any

108 of them that shall think fit to act herein To Have and hold the same in
every part and parcel thereof unto them the said William Glen John McMurdy
and John Gore (or any of them who shall so think fit to act herein) his and
their heirs and assigns for ever upon special Trust and Confidence never the-
less and to and for the severall uses Intents and purposes herein after mention-
That is to say First my Will and desire is that all my Just Debt and Legacies be
first paid for the Payment whereof I do hereby charge all my said Estate both
Real and Personal with as also with the Expences of his Executorship and I
do hereby Impower them my said Trustees whom I likewise appoint Executors
of this my Last Will and Testament to Raise the moneys for the payment of
such Debt Legacies Funeral Charges and Expences of the Executorship by such
ways and means either by Sale of all or any Part of my said Estate as to them
shall seem most proper and Convenient provided they have a necessity to do
do And Where as Elizabeth late Elizabeth the p. heard with whom I formerly
married (and by whom I have had several Children but none now alive) hath
for these two years and upwards last past not cohabited and hath entirely re-
fused to cohabit or dwell with me notwithstanding the many fair Offers and
the many Intreaties I have made to her so to do But instead thereof and in
Defiance of all Law and Justice hath for sometime past and still doth coha-
bit and Live with Andrew Guerin a school Master in Charles Town And hath
also evilly Entreated me by Robbing me both of Money and Effects which Beha-
viour of hers indegared to me and and others is most notorious and well known
in this Province therefore Considering the above Circumstances her during
also in adultery and her Robberies aforesaid do hereby as she has by such her
Transactions Unwarrantable and Unlawfull Behaviour) she having by so
doing Lost all Title to any Benefit or advantage which Smith or otherwise ex-
pect (as being my wife) either for dower or any other claim she might preten-
d to have to any part of my Estate whether Real or personal Entirely to
Exclude her the said Elizabeth McMurdy and her heirs for ever And in
Lieu thereof I do hereby Give devise and Bequeath unto the said Elizabeth
McMurdy the sum of five Shillings Sterling Money of Great Britain which
I do hereby appoint shall be paid by my Executors aforesaid if the same
shall be demanded in full of all Right Title or Interest she may or can here-
after pretend or claim to any part of my said Estate be it of what Nature or
Kind soever Item I Give devise and Bequeath unto my Nephew John Mc-
Murdy a negro boy named Mlybes or in case of his death before my decease
any negroe at my Plantation of the Value of Two hundred and fifty pounds
Currency I also Give devise and Bequeath unto William Read of Charles-
Town in the Province aforesaid the sum of one hundred pounds Currency
to be likewise paid by my said Trustees and Executors herein before named as
soon as Convenient may be after my decease Item all the rest and Residue
of my said Estate whether Real or personal I Give devise and Bequeath unto
my Loving Brother William McMurdy of the County of Armagh in the King-
dom of Ireland for and during the Term of his Natural Life and after and
after his decease to the Child or Children of the said William McMurdy
Lawfully Begotten or to be gotten Equally between them Share and Share
alike To have and to hold to the said Child or Children their Heir and
assign for ever And in Default of such Issue of my Brother William Then I

109 If we devise and bequeath unto my dear and beloved son Robert
in the bounty of Down near Dromore in the Kingdom of Ireland and to his
heirs for ever And I do hereby Revoke make Void and of none Effect all former
and other Wills by me here to fore made declaring this to be my Last Will and
Testament **Witness** whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this
Thirteenth day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred
and fifty six and in the Twentieth year of his Present Majesty's Reign
Signed Sealed published and declared by the above
named Rob^t McMurdy as and for his Last Will
and Testament, who in the presence of us and at
the Request of the said Testator have hereunto
Set our hands and Seals as Witnesses thereto
Daniel Cannon, Tho^s Parker, Thomas Gordon

Rob^t McMurdy (Sd)

This will was proved before the Ordinary the 5th day of Jan^y 1759 at the same time qualified Willidm Glen Esq^r

I Robert McMurdy of St Bartholemew's Parish in the County of Colleton
doth this day of July 13th 1758 make and publish this my Codicil To my
Last Will and Testament in manner following And Whereas I have by my
last will Given to William Read the sum of one hundred Pounds to be
paid out of my Estate and for sundry good cause to me knowing In this
forced my said Executors to pay him one farthing and Likewise my Cousin
John McMurdy being dead and Mr Cornell Moore removed far off it is my
will Mr John Beatty and his Son^{Francis} Beatty do Act as Executors of my Last
Will instead of John McMurdy & Mr John Moore and Lastly it is my will
and desire that this Present Codicil be annexed to and be made Part of my
Last will Testament To all Intents purposes **Witness** whereof I have
Set my hand and Seal this 10th day of July 1758

This Codicil was proved before the Ordinary the
26th day of January 1759 at the same time qualified
Francis Beatty as Executor

Robert McMurdy (Sd)

South Carolina. In the name of God Amen I William Burd of the parish
of St Johns in Collington County and Province of South Carolina Planting
ack and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be Given to God
Therefore calling unto mind the Mortality of the body and knowing that it is
appointed for all Men once to die do make and ordain this my Last Will and
Testament That is to say Principally and first of all I recommend my soul to
God that gave it and my body unto the Earth to be buried in a decent and Chris-
tian like manner at the discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at
the general Resurrection I shall receive the same by the mighty Power of
God And as touching such worldly Estate as it hath pleased God to bless me
with in this life I will, Bequeath, Devise and Dispose of the same in man-
ner and form following that is to say after Payment and Satisfaction of all
and singular my Just debts and funeral expences, It is my Will That all my
ready money Bonds and notes be Equally shared and divided between my
beloved wife Elizabeth Burd and my Nephew William Maxwell share
and share alike and that such division be made as soon as conveniently
may be after my decease And One moiety of such Cash Bonds and notes I
give unto my said wife and the other moiety thereof I Give unto the said
William Maxwell and to their Executors admors and assigns respectively
I Give devise and Bequeath unto my said Nephew Will^m Maxwell