

*South Carolina* In the Name of God Amen I John Finger being Sick & Weak of Body but in perfect mind and memory do make this my Last Will and Testament in the manner and form as follows, First I Recommend my soul into the hands of almighty God hoping to have full pardon and forgiveness of all my Temporal Goods and Estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with I Give and bequeath as follows First my will is that all my Just debts and funeral charges shall be paid and discharged Item I Give and bequeath unto my Beloved mother Hannah Finger the use of my Five Negroes and their issue Viz Tom Diana July Abram Polmas and all my Stock of Cattel & Horses During her natural Life and after her Decease to be Equally Divided between my Brother Joseph Finger and my Nephew Anthony Bonneau Lastly I Nominate and Appoint my Brother in Law William Bonneau and my Sister Mary Bonneau my Executors and give cutria to this my Last Will and Testament Thereunto Set my hand and seal this Twenty seventh day of September and in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty Six

Sealed Signed and Delivered  
in the Presence of us

In the Sight of the Word horses  
Interlined

Isaac Ladson In: Bradford Thomas Honour

John Finger Seal

In the Name of God Amen the Thirtieth day of January One thousand Seven hundred and fifty Five William Welsby of John Island Planter being in perfect health & sound in Mind and Memory Thanks be given to God for the same therefore calling to mind the Mortality of my Body and knowing it is appointed for all Mortals to die I do make and Ordain this my Last Will and Testament that is to say Principally and first of all I Give and Recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it and for my body I Recommend to the earth to be Buried in a Christian like and Decent manner at the Discretion of my Executors 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 wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me within this Life I Give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form. First it is my Will and I do Order that in the first place that all my Just debts and funeral charges be fully paid and Satisfied. Item it is my Will and Pleasure that my beloved Daughter Martha Welsby shall have the use of that part of my Estate both real and Personal as I shall hereafter Nominate During her natural Life and after my Decease to the Lawfull Heirs of her Body but in Case she dies without heir then it shall return to the Lawfull heirs of my Daughter Mary Stocks Body that is to say that my Daughter Martha Welsby shall have the use of my Plantation where now I live containing three Hundred Forty two Acres of Land Likewise a Negro Woman named Kannah or give called Phoebe one Boy Sam one Ditto Anthony one Ditto Little Tom Old Hector Cooper Tom Jenny old adam Little Phillis and her Child Till and her Child Isaac Old Phillis to live on the Plantation but not to be put to any hard Labour nor to be Misused and to Find in cloaths and Provision. Item it is my Will and pleasure that my beloved Daughter Mary Stocks shall have the use of that Part of my Estate both Real and Personal as I shall hereafter Nominate During her natural Life and after her Decease to the Lawfull heirs of her Body but in Case she dies without heir then it shall Return to the Lawfull Heirs of my Daughter Martha Welsbys Body that is to say that my Daughter Mary Stocks shall have the use of that Tract of Land on Tooloo Island containing Four hundred Acres of Land Likewise one Negro woman called Sarah one Girl Bess one Ditto Linda one Boy Peter one Ditto London Little Abraham Jacob Joe Big London Rose and her Child By Abraham Wally Little adam James & Venus And further it is my Will that my household Furniture Plantation Tools and my Stock of cattle Horses Sheep & Hogs and all other Utensils be Equally Divided between my Daughters Martha Welsby & Mary Stocks and Further that if my do disagree about What I have done in Dividing my Estate that the Transgressor shall loose the whole of their Part of my Estate both Real and Personal and the other shall have the use of the whole Estate I Likewise Nominate Appoint Ordain & constitute Mr John Freer Senior Mr Thomas Fleming Mr John Holmes Mr Thomas Hounscomb to be my Executors to this my Last Will and Testament

112 Acknowledging this and no other to be my Last Will and Testament In Witness  
whereof I have set my hand and Seal the day and Year above Written  
Signed Sealed and declared and Pronounced  
at the Last Will and Testament of William  
Welsby in the presence of us  
Joseph Shepps, Sam Hooks, Benjamin Weatherly  
William Welsby (Seal)

The said Will was proved before the  
Ordinary the 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 1759  
and the 19<sup>th</sup> of the said month viz W<sup>m</sup>  
Boone & Samuel Stock qualified as Admors

Be it Remembered That I John Witter of Berkley County in the Province  
of South Carolina (Planter) being in good health of Body & of sound Disposing  
Mind and Memory & Understanding (Praised be God for the same) Do make &  
ordain this my Last Will & Testament in manner & Form following That is to say  
First I will and order that all my Just debts & Funerall Charges be duly paid &  
satisfied (by my Executors hereafter named) out of the Monies I may have owing  
to me at the Time of my Decease or out of the Produce of my Plantations Before any  
Division of my Estate be made to my Legatees hereafter mentioned Item I give  
and bequeath unto my Grandson John Witter (a Negroe Slave viz Eudjoe  
Phillip Grace Mary & her two Children I likewise give and bequeath unto my  
Grandson John Witter (When as he attains the age of Twenty One years) One hundred  
& forty acres of Land Part with the Houses whereon his Late Father lived & (Part of  
the Tract I bought of James Screven to hold to him his Heirs & Assigns for ever And  
my Will further is That my Daughter in Law Hannah Parrott do continue in the  
said House & Plantation Till my said Grandson John Witter attains the Age of  
Eighteen Years (if she shall live so long) Keeping the House & out houses in Repair  
Except my Executors see Just cause to the contrary And my said Daughter in Law  
Hannah Parrott shall render every year a Just Account unto my Executors  
of all the Crops & produce that shall be made with the Negroes in her Possession  
one Third Part thereof belongs to herself and the other two Third Parts to my said  
Grandson John Witter) and after (Deducting the Charges of maintaining Cloathing  
& Educating my said Grandson) she shall pay the Remainder of the Money  
arising from the said two Third Parts to my Executors to be by them put out at In-  
terest for the Benefit of my said Grandson But and if my said Grandson should die  
before he attains the age of Twenty One Years or have lawfull Issue of his Body  
Then the Share and Part of my Estate both real & Personal hereby Intended  
for my said Grandson shall go to Descend & be Equally Divided among such of  
my Children as shall be then Living share & share alike Item I give and  
bequeath unto my four Grand Children William Bee Joseph Bee Mary-  
Bee & Elizabeth Bee the seven following Negroe Slaves That is to say Cyru-  
Jenny, Flora and her two Children Betty & her Child to be Equally Divided be-  
tween them by my Executors, the Boys when they shall Respectively attain the  
the age of Twenty One Years and the Girls at the Age of Eighteen Years or day of  
Marriage and if any of them should die before they arrive at the said Ages to  
be Equally Divided amongst the Survivors of them Item I likewise give and  
bequeath to my two Grand sons William Bee & Joseph Bee and to the Survi-  
vor of them That Tract of Land that formerly was Benjamin Witters as far as  
the Eastermost Side of the Path leading to the Savannah containing One hun-  
dred & thirty Acres (Or thereabouts) To them and their Heirs for ever to be Equal-  
ly Divided between them by my Executors when they shall Respectively attain  
the Age of Twenty One Years But and if both of my said Grandsons should die  
without lawfull Issue then the said Lands shall Devolve and go to My three-  
sons or the Survivor or Survivor of them share & share alike And my Will fur-  
ther is that my Son in Law William Bee shall have the use and Possession  
of the said Plantation above Given to my two Grandsons till the Decease of them  
shall