

In the Name of God Amen  
 I John Linning of Charles Town being Weak in Body But of Sound  
 & Disposing Memory, do make & Publish These presents to be  
 & Contain my last Will & Testament in manner following  
 that is to say my Soul I Commit into the hands of God  
 hoping for remission of my Sins & a Blessed resurrection to Eternal  
 Life thro' the merits of my Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ my Body I  
 Give to the grave & as for all my worldly Estate Real & personal Whatsoever  
 & wheresoever I Give Devise & Bequeath the same & every part &  
 parcel thereof unto my Loving Wife Sarah & to her heirs Executors  
 Admins. & assigns for ever knowing full her affection for  
 our Children & that in Due time she will make a suitable  
 provision for them & I do hereby constitute & appoint my said  
 Wife Sarah Executrix & John Battel son of Willigue Battel Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 Deceased & Jacob North Sen<sup>r</sup> & Francis Rose & John Rattery  
 Executors of this my last Will. In Witness Whereof I have  
 hereunto set my hand & seal this 19th day of March anno  
 Domini 1766.

J<sup>n</sup> Linning Seal

Signed sealed Published & Declared by the Testator to  
 be his last Will & Testament in presence of us who in his  
 presence & at his request have hereunto set our Names as Witnesses

David Rhind  
 Nath<sup>l</sup> Blundell  
 John Perdrian

Proved before the Governor in the Court of ordinary the  
 16th Jan<sup>y</sup> 1761 At the same time Qualified Sarah Linning  
 Exec.

South Carolina

In the Name of God Amen  
 I Benjamin Battel (son of the late Benjamin Battel Dec<sup>d</sup>) of the  
 Parish of St Andrew Berkeley County in the Province of South  
 Carolina Planter being of Sound & Disposing mind & Memory  
 (Blessed be God) & considering the uncertainty of this Transitory life  
 & the certainty of Death do therefore make publish &  
 Declare this my last Will & Testament in manner following  
 Principally being truly sorry for all my Sins & humbly ask  
 ing pardon & forgiveness of them I commend my immortal Spirit  
 to God who gave it in & thro' the Merits & Mediation of Jesus Christ my  
 blessed Saviour & redeemer in whom I confide for the full free pardon  
 of my sins for eternal life & salvation & my Body at Death I commit  
 to the Earth to be Buried in a Decent & Christian manner at the  
 Discretion of my Executors hereinafter named And as to my  
 worldly Estate & such worldly Estate & such Lands & Tenements I do

& Chaites as it hath Pleiged God Graciously to Bestow upon me  
 I will order & Dispose thereof every part & parcel thereof in such  
 manner as hereafter is Respectively Directed & appointed. First I  
 desire & Will that all my just Debts & Funeral Expenses shall be  
 duly paid & Discharged. Item I give & Bequeath unto the Vestry  
 & Church Wardens for the time being of the said Parish of St. Andrew  
 the sum of Five hundred Pounds Current money of this province  
 which Five hundred Pounds I will shall be paid unto unto them  
 within three Years after my Decease in case the Free School for the  
 said parish shall be then Built or begun to be Built or in Case  
 of Delay thereof then whensoever the said School House shall be  
 begun to be Built the said money to be put out at interest on good  
 Security Yearly & the Interest or profits thereof to be collected &  
 applied from time to time for ever towards defraying the Charges of  
 Building & maintaining such School House as the said Vestry &  
 Church Wardens for the time being shall see fit & for no other use  
 or Purpose whatsoever. Item I give & Devise unto Whitemarsh  
 Fuller (Son of William Fuller dec<sup>d</sup>) his Heirs & assigns for ever  
 All that my Plantation on the North side of Ashley River in the  
 said parish containing about Four hundred Forty one acres of Land  
 (Part of Three different Tracts of Land) together with all singular the  
 Hereditaments & appurtenances therunto Belonging. Item I give &  
 Devise unto my Kinsman Robt. Seabrooke his Heirs & assigns for ever  
 All that my Plantation at the Horse Shor containing about  
 Three hundred Acres Nineteen Acres of Land together with all singular  
 the Hereditaments & appurtenances therunto Belonging the same being  
 situate in the parish of St. Bartholomew Colleton County in the said Province.  
 Item I give & Devise unto Benjamin Battle (and his son of William  
 Battle Jun<sup>r</sup> late deceased) his Heirs & assigns for ever the Plantation  
 whereon I now live containing about seven hundred & thirty acres of  
 Land & also my Tract of Pine Land containing about one hundred &  
 sixty acres both situate on the South side of Ashley River aforesaid in the  
 said parish of St. Andrew as by the several plots thereof will more fully  
 appear together with all singular the Hereditaments & appurtenances  
 to the said Plantation & Tract of Land (last above mentioned) together of  
 them respectively Belonging. Item I give & Devise unto the Honourable  
 Mr. Charles Martyn his Heirs & assigns for ever all that my  
 Tract of Land now in his Tenure & Occupation by virtue of a lease  
 thereof situate in Colleton County aforesaid butting & bounding as the  
 plat thereof doth Represent & describe together with all singular the  
 Hereditaments & appurtenances therunto belonging. Item I give & Bequeath  
 unto my Negro man named Sumner the eldest his Freedom &  
 Manumission to all intents & purposes absolutely immediately from & after  
 my Decease as also his maintenance & an annuity of Ten pounds  
 Current money aforesaid to be paid him during the Term of his  
 Natural Life out of my personal Estate by my Executor herein after  
 named & further the liberty of Planting such Grain as he shall be  
 minded to do on my Plantation when he likes & to make the same to his own  
 use without any Charge or Expense on him therefore giving any thing  
 herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding. Item I give &  
 Bequeath unto my Negro Woman named Cullah her Freedom

& transmission absolutely & to all Intents Purposes immediately after my decease as also her maintenance & an annuity of Ten Pounds current Money aforesaid to be paid her During the Term of her Natural life out of my Personal Estate by my Executors herein after Named & more over the liberty of Planting such Grain as she shall be minded to do on my Plantation upon she lives & to reap the same to her own use with any Charge or Expence on her therefor Yearly any thing herein Contained to the contrary notwithstanding. **Item** I give & Bequeath unto **M<sup>rs</sup> Mary Smith** the Wife of **John Smith** my overseer the annuity on sum of Thirty Pounds current money aforesaid Yearly to be paid unto her every Year During her Natural life by my Executors herein after Named out of the Surplusage or Residue of my said Personal Estate. **Item** I give & Bequeath unto **Ralph Wood** son of **Henry Wood** late Deceased the sum of one hundred pounds current money aforesaid to be paid him out of the Surplusage & Residue of my said Personal Estate by my said Executors When he shall attain his age of Twenty one Years.

**Item** I give & Bequeath unto **Thomas Rivers** the son of **Thos Rivers** the sum of Two hundred pounds current Money of this Province to be paid him out of the Surplusage or Residue of my said Personal Estate by my said Executors When he shall attain his age of Twenty one Years. **Item** all the Rest Residue & Surplusage of my Estate Real & Personal Whatsoever & Whosoever I give Devise & Bequeath unto he be equally Shared & Divided by my said Executors herein after Named & the Survivors & Survivor of them his Executor or Administrators between & allotted & Delivered unto **William Fuller** **Benj Fuller** & the said **Whitemarsh** **Fuller** **Joseph Seabrooke** **Benjamin Seabrooke** & **John Seabrooke** & the said **Reverend Charles Martyn** (my Friends & relations) To have & to hold to each of them severally & respectively & their several respective Heirs & assigns for ever. **Lastly** I nominate constitute & appoint the said **William Fuller** **Benjamin Fuller** **Whitemarsh Fuller** **Rev<sup>d</sup> Charles Martyn** **Joseph Seabrooke** **Benjamin Seabrooke** **Robt Seabrooke** & **John Seabrooke** (my Executors) Executors of this my said last Will & Testament & do hereby revoke annul & make void all former & other Wills & Testaments heretofore by me made or declared.

**In Witness Whereof** I the said **Benjamin Battell** to this my last Will & Testament have set my hand & seal the Fourteenth day of November in the Thirty Third Year of his majestys Reign anno Domini 1759

**Ben Battell** Seal

Signed Published & Declared by Mr. **Benj<sup>d</sup> Battell** as his last Will & Testament in presence of us who in the Testators presence & at his request have hereunto severally set our Names as Witnesses

**Richard Bedon**  
**Alexander Ker**  
**Ralph Wood**  
**John Chiland**

Prorog Before the Governor 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1761 At the same  
 time Quallified W<sup>m</sup> Fuller Benjamin Fuller Chat Martin  
 Joseph Sealbrook & Ben Sealbrook Esq<sup>r</sup>. On the 20 February 1761  
 Was also Quallified Robt Sealbrook & John Sealbrook Esq<sup>r</sup> & on the  
 29<sup>th</sup> May 1761 was By the Governor also Quallified Whitmarsh  
 Fuller as Executor.

## South Carolina

### In the Name of God Amen

I John Battell son of Benjamin Battell of the Parish of  
 St. Andrew Brakley County in the Province of South Carolina  
 Plaintiff being Sick in Body but (thanks be to God) of sound &  
 Disposing mind & memory Do therefore make & Declare this  
 my Last Will & Testament in Manner & form following that  
 is to say **Imprimis** I commend my precious & immortal  
 Soul to God Who gave it in & thro' the Merits & Mediation of my  
 Blessed Saviour & Redeemer Jesus Christ & my Body at  
 Death I Commit to the Grave to be buried in a Decent &  
 Christian manner at the Discretion of my Executor hereinafter  
 named & as to all my Worldly Estate lands Tenements  
 Goods & Chattles I Will & Desire that the same & every part & pt<sup>l</sup> of  
 thereof shall go & be disposed of in manner hereinafter respectively  
 mentioned viz<sup>t</sup> I order & Desire that all my just Debts &  
 Funeral Expenses shall be paid & Discharged as soon as  
 conveniently may be Done after my Decease. Item I  
 give & bequeath unto my Beloved Wife Mary Battell on the  
 terms & Conditions hereinafter mentioned & expressed Concerning  
 her & not otherwise my Negro Slave Girl Named Lucy my  
 Riding Chgr with the Harness & Horse to y<sup>e</sup> same Belonging  
 & also the Sum of Two Thousand pounds Current Money of  
 this Province payable in the Manner following that is to say  
 one Thousand pounds part thereof Within Three Months after  
 my Decease & the other one Thousand pounds remaining & part  
 thereof within two years after my Decease with interest on  
 that one Thousand pounds for & During the said two years  
 more over I Will & Desire that (in the Terms & Conditions aforesaid)  
 shall be allowed unto my said Wife so long as She shall  
 live my Widow & shall think fit personally to reside at my  
 now Mansion House upon my plantation & no longer  
 for her use & accommodation during the said Term & Time  
 or Times the one half Part of my said Mansion House without  
 any interruption or Charge whatsoever for the same & also the  
 use of one Bed & Furniture such as my Executor hereinafter named  
 shall see fit & also whilst my said Wife shall so reside there  
 a Sufficiency for herself Slave & Horse of such Provisions  
 as the said Plantation shall then ordinarily yield But it is my