

Proved by virtue of a *Testimony* the 9th of *July* 1761 at the
same time Qualified *Richard Beckwith* & *Jas. Hebburn* as
Exors.

In the name of God Amen I *Elisha Sorven*
of *Craven County* in the *Province of South Carolina* Planter
being Weak in Body but of a Sound & Disposing mind memory &
understanding thanks be to God & considering the uncertainty of
Life it being appointed for all men to Die. Doe for the more
ease & satisfaction of my Wife & Children make & Declare this to be &
Certain my Last Will & Testament & First I Reun my Soul to
God who gave it & my Body to the Dust from whence it came
There to be Buried at The Discretion of my Executor in hopes of a
Resurrection to Eternal life & as to The Worldly Estate with which
it hath Pleased God to Bless me I Desire thereof as Follows
In primis I will that all my Just Debts & Funeral Expenses first
paid & Discharged. Item I give & Bequeath to my son *Elisha*
one Tract of Land containing seven Hundred acres lying on
Black River which my Father bought of *Arthur Porter* to
have & to hold said Tract of Land to him my said Son
Elisha & his Heirs and assigns for ever. Item I hereby empower
my Executors & Executive hereafter Named to sell & Dispose of
that Plantation or Tract of Land containing the Third part
of one Thousand acres more or less lying on *Big Bee Tree*
River & on land late *Jamies Micchie* now *Archibald Johnston*
which my Father's Will Will appear & one new Boat which I
bought of *Mr. Young* & the third part of the old Boat & my
Silver Watch Either at Publick or private sale for the most
money they can get & the money arising by such sale to be
paid out for the advancement of my Estate at the Discretion
of my Executors. Item I give & Bequeath to my Beloved Wife
Rebecca Sorven one Riding horse & Furniture & Bed &
Furniture to her my said Wife *Rebecca Sorven* & her
Heirs & assigns for ever. Item I order & appoint that all
the Remainder of my Personal Estate Not heretofore
Bequeathed Consisting of Negroes, Stock of Black Cattle,
Horses, Hogs, Household Furniture & Plantation Tools & shall be
Equally Divided Between my Beloved Wife *Rebecca* & my
Children *Elisha* & *Hannah Sorven* Each Share & Share alike
Item I order and appoint that Either of my Children
should happen to die Before they arrive at the age of Twenty one
Years & have no Lawful Issue my Will is that that part of
my Estate shall I send to my Brothers & Sister that Survives
my Children. Item my Will further is that the share
of my Personal Estate which shall fall to my beloved Wife
Rebecca may if she requires it be Delivered to her immediately

to my surviving child and if both of my
children should happen to die before
the age of twenty one years
and have no lawful issue
then that the share of my estate
shall be divided among my
brothers and sister that survive me

after my Decease & that the shares of my said Estate which shall fall to my Children to witt Elisha & Hannah shall be Delivered to them as they attain their respective ages To witt my son at the age of Twenty years if he Deserts it & my Daughter at the Age of Twentyone or Day of Marriage which shall first happen & that my Will further is that my Beloved Wife shall Reside on the Plantation on Black River where I formerly Dwelt During her Widowhood & my Will is that if my Wife should alter her Condition by Marriage that the first part of my Estate which will fall to my Children to be Continued on that Plantation or Else Where or Sold as my Executors shall think best to the advantage of my Estate & if sold the moneys so arising to be put to interest taking good Security & the Division from time to time to be made of my Estate shall be made by two indifferent Persons & then the Lot or Share to be Drawn by Ballot & I so nominate constitute & appoint my Wife During her Widowhood & my Brother Joshua Scriven Mr. Alexander Davidson & my Brother William Scriven When he attains the age of twentyone Years To be Executors & Executors of this my Last will & Testament fully Confiding in Their Honour & Integrity to interpret the same according to my true intent & meaning. In Witness whereof I have to this my Last Will & Testament Written on two Sheets of Paper infolded Set my hand & Seal this 21st. day of July in the Year of our Lord 1760

Elisha Scriven *Seal*

Signed sealed Published & Declared by the Testator Elisha Scriven as & for his Last Will & Testament in the presence of us the Subscribers.

Robt. Hefsmith
William Reed
Saml. Smith

Proved before Chas. Woodmason Esq. By Virtue of a Sedormus The 9th January 1761 at the same time Qualified Joshua Scriven Alexander Davidson & Rebecca Scriven Executors & Executrix