

South Carolina

In the Name of God Amen, I Henrietta
Catherine Cordes of St. Johns Parish in Berkeley County in
the Province aforesaid widow being of sound mind disposing
mind memory and understanding for which I am thankful
to almighty God desire to settle my temporal affairs and do
make this my last will and Testament. I resign my soul to
Its great Creator in all humble hopes of its future happiness
from the merits of my blessed Saviour trusting therein for the
pardon and redemption of all my sins my body I order to
be decently interred at the discretion of my Executors and as
touching my worldly estate which by Gods great goodness
I am possessed by I give devise and bequeath in manner
and form following, that is to say I give I order all my just
debts and funeral Expenses to be paid as soon as my decease
as may be convenient. Item I give devise and bequeath
unto my affectionate son James Cordes and to his heirs forever
one dozen feather bedsteads which I now have by me.
Item all the rest residue and remainder of my silver plate
I give devise and bequeath to my affectionate son Thomas
Cordes and to his heirs and assigns forever. Item I give
devise and bequeath unto my good daughter Mary Radford
and to her heirs forever the sum of fifty pounds Currency to be
paid at the end of one year after my decease. Item I give devise
and bequeath unto my dearly beloved grand daughter Eleanor
Cordes and to her heirs and assigns forever one hundred and
fifty pounds Currency to be paid unto her within a year after
my decease and legal interest thereon to commence the day of
my death. Item I give devise and bequeath unto my said
son James Cordes and his heirs and assigns forever one negro
man slave named Hercules a Cooper, one young negroe
woman named Bess and her son named Abram, which he
shall pay for to my Executors what sum soever the Appraisers of
my Estate shall value them at. Item all the rest residue
and remainder of my Estate whatsoever not here in before given
devise and bequeathed I give devise and bequeath to and among
my

my three sons Thomas Samuel and James Cordes and my two Daughters
Catherine Cordes and Elizabeth for them to be equally divided among
my said three sons and two daughters share and share alike and
the same I give to them and their heirs forever and as I think nothing
more amiable than a perfect harmony and agreement among
brothers and sisters, and having differed with what last will
and testament I have carried on for myself therefore to prevent these evils
and to put it out of the power of my heirs Executors or Legatees or any
of them to commence or maintain any lawsuit, either concerning
the disposal of my estate or this my last will and Testament, I order
and declare that to be my real will and full intention that whatsoever
person who may reap any profit benefit or advantage from
my Estate or the Estate I am possessed of at the time of my decease
that shall commence any such law suit against any of my Executors
or account thereof, the said person or persons commencing any
suit at law against any of my Executors, or account thereof
the said person or persons, commencing such law suits as aforesaid
shall be utterly debarred from and absolutely deprived of all and
every part of my estate, which otherwise by this my last will and
Testament they do so would have been entitled unto, and the share
of such my heirs as shall go to, law as aforesaid shall be divided equally
among all my other children, share and share alike, and the same
I give to them I give to them and their heirs forever. But since it is
possible that disputes may arise and that every person concerned
may have justice done I therefore order the majority of my Executors hereafter
ordained to chuse any three honest men among their neighbors, to
determine and adjudge any differences that may arise among my children
which I look upon and judge to be a much better way as being
more effectual to preserve unity and harmony among them
than by expensive decisions of law and the opinions and determinations
of such three neighbors, shall be equally binding, soeable
and obligatory on my children as any judgment or sentence in
law could be. I do hereby nominate and appoint my sons Thomas
Samuel and James Cordes and my son in Law Peter Popchen Executors in
and my daughter Catherine Cordes Executrix of this my last will
and Testament revoking and making void all others by me heretofore
made, and do declare this to contain the whole of my last will
and Testament

and Testament. Sw. Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and seal this fifteenth day of May in the year of our Lord one
thousand seven hundred and sixty.

H. Catherine Cordes (seal)

Signed sealed pronounced & published
and declared by the Testatrix Hecurilla
Catherine Cordes as for her last will
and Testament in the presence of us
wits in her presence and at her request
have subscribed our names as witnesses
here.

Phillip Porchen

Job Lymilliah

Reben Coulter

Instead of the legacy of one hundred and fifty pounds given
to my grand daughter Mary Cordes. It is my will and do
order that the sum of Two hundred pounds Currency be paid
to her in lieu thereof within a year after my decease with legal
interest commencing the day of my death. Witness my hand
this fifteenth day of May A.D. 1760.

H. Catherine Cordes (seal)

Proved before the Honble William Bull Esq.
Jurat 21st day of December 1764 at
the same time Qualified James Cordes Cor.

In the Name of God amen This Seventh day
of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred
and sixty four I Henry Bailey of Edisto Island in the province
of South Carolina Plaintiff being sick in Body but of sound
memory and perfect judgment thanks be given to God for
the same and knowing the uncertainty of this life on earth
and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs in order
do make this my last will and Testament in manner
and form following that is to say first and principally I
commend my soul to almighty God my Creator and my body
to the earth from whence it was taken to be buried in decent
Christian manner, according to the discretion of my Executors
herein after

Hereinafter named and just I revoke renounce and make void
all wills by me formerly made and declare and appoint this only
to be my last will and Testament. It is my will and desire that all
my just and lawful debts together with my funeral charges be paid
and discharged as soon as possible after my decease. Then it is
my desire and will that all my personal estate (except what is
expressed in deeds or other instrument of writing) be sold at publick
auction and the money arising from the same to be equally divided
share and share alike between my beloved wife Mary Bailey and
my three daughters viz. Mary Bailey, Sarah Bailey and Elizabeth
Bailey to them and each of them and their heirs forever, my
wife to receive her part immediately after my decease, and my
daughters to receive their parts at the age of sixteen years or the
day of marriage which shall first happen, but in case any of my
children should die before they attain to the age of sixteen years
or the day of marriage then their parts and portion shall go to
my surviving children or child. Then it is my will and desire
that when my youngest daughter which shall be living attains
the age of sixteen years or the day of marriage which shall first
happen that then all my real estate shall be sold at publick
auction and the money arising from the same to be equally divided
share and share alike between my three daughters, Mary
Sarah and Elizabeth Bailey to them and each of them and each of
their heirs forever but if it should so happen that all my children
should die leaving no lawful issue of their body, then the one
half of their Estates and portions to give and bequeath to my
loving wife Mary Bailey and her heirs forever and the other
half to my loving nephew Archibald Golden and to his heirs
forever. Lastly I appoint ordain and constitute my loving friend
Andrew Townsend and my loving nephew Archibald Golden and
my loving friend James Clark to be Executors to this my last will
and Testament. Sw. Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and seal the day and year first above written.

Signed sealed and acknowledged
in the presence of us

David Adams }
Nathan Adams }
Blowance Glen }

Proved before the Honble Wm
Bull Esq. Jurat 21st day of
January 1765. At the same time
Qualified Arch^d Golden Executor

There is interlined in the Seventh
and Eighth lines from the bottom to them & each of them & their heirs forever.