

In the name of God amen I John Cahusac of Craven County in the Province of South Carolina an Sick of Body but of perfect mind & memory thanks be to God for the same & considering the uncertainty of this transitory life do make & ordain this my last Will & Testament first & principally I recommend my Soul to almighty God that save it hoping for Salvation through the merits of Jesus Christ & as Touching such Temporal Estate as it hath pleased God to Bless me with I Give & Dispose thereof in manner following vizt. Imprimis I will that all my just & funeral Expenses be duly paid Item it is my Will that all my Children be equally ~~divided~~ educated as there I have already Given Schooling to at the expense of my Estate & that they all live on my Plantation & be maintained while in my estate until their age to Inherit (vizt) the Boys until the age of Twenty one years and the Girls until the same age or marriage the which of them will happen first, Item it is my Will that if any of my Children to whom is hereafter Given & Devised should die before the age to Inherit that his or her part be Equally Divided Betwixt my Wife & all the Surviving Children Share & Share alike. Item it is my will that what part or share of my personal Estate I hereafter Give & bequeath unto my Loving Wife Ann shall be in her full & free Right of Dower upon my Lands so that she have no further Right or Claim to the same nor to any part of my said lands It is my Will Nevertheless that my said Wife may live on my plantation During her Widowhood & no longer Item it is my Will that my Wife be maintained in common with my Children on my Plantation During her Widowhood but not after my Estate Estate be Divided if she should remain a Widow after that time. Item I give & bequeath unto my Son Robert all my lands for him & his heirs for ever to Dispose of at his Will & pleasure. Item I give & bequeath all the rest of my Estate to be equally divided amongst my Loving Wife Ann & all my Children (vizt) Robert Susannah, Eli^a Sarah Daniel Ann Mary & Thomas in Equal parts Share & Share alike. Lastly I Nominate & appoint Charles Cantey Esq^r Mr. Thomas Cooper & my son Robert Cahusac to be Executors of this my last Will & Testament revoking & annulling all other former Wills or Testaments heretofore by me made and declared in witness whereof to this my last Will & Testament I have put my hand & seal before the Subscribing Witnesses the second day of January in the Year of our Lord one Thousand Seven hundred & Sixty one & in the first Year of his present Majesties Reign.

John Cahusac Esq^r

Signed Sealed published & declared in the presence of The word (Divided) being first Interlined between the twelfth & thirteenth lines from the top.

Rene Puyre
Peter Hill

Proved before the Governor in the Court of Ordinary the 7th day March 1761. At the same time Qualified Thomas Cooper & Rob^t Cahusac as Exors.