

South Carolina

In the name of God Amen. I John Stone of Charleston in the Province of South Carolina Black male bring infirm of Body, but, blessed be God of sound and Disposing mind and memory, considering the Uncertainty of this Transitory Life, and the Certainty of Death, Do therefore make publish and Declare these presents to be and contain my last Will and Testament and do constitute and appoint my Friends Messrs. William Elliott Senior and Matthew Guerin Sen^r Executors in Trust, of this my said last Will and Testament, and I do also hereby utterly revoke and Disannul all and every other & Former Will or Wills Testament and Testaments whatsoever by me at any time or times heretofore made or Declared either by Word or writing, and Declare & confirm this and no other to be and remain as and for my only last Will and Testament. - Principally I commend my immortal Spirit to God the author and givr thereof in and through the merits and mediation of my Blessed Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ on whom I rely for the Pardon and remission of all my sins and for eternal life and Salvation, and my Body at Death I commit to the Grave to be interred in a decent and Christian like manner at the Discretion of my aforesaid Executors hoping and believing the Resurrection of the Body. And as to all my Lands and Tenements, Goods and Chattels monies and Debts due to me, with all and singular my Estate real and personal whatsoever and wheresoever, I will and ordain that the same & every part and parcel thereof shall go and be disposed of in manner and form hereinafter particularly and respectively mentioned, That is to say, First I will and ordain that all my just debts and Funeral Charges shall be duly paid and discharged with all convenient expedition after my Decease. Item I give and bequeath unto my loving Daughter Susanna Stone a Negro Slave Girl named Present, which was some time past given by the said Mr. William Elliott to my late Deceased Wife, mother of my said Daughter Susanna and with the said Negro Slave Girl Present all her future Issue and Increase. Item I give devise and bequeath all the rest and residue of my Estate Lands Tenements Goods and Chattels whatsoever and wheresoever unto my said Executors & the Survivor of them his Executors and Admors, upon the Special Trust & Confidence. Nevertheless, and to and for the several and respective Ends, uses, Intents and Purposes hereinafter mentioned limited and Declared of for and concerning the same and every part & parcel thereof respectively, and to and for no other end, Use, Intent or purpose whatsoever, That is to say, That my said Executors or the Survivor of them his Executors or Admors, shall and do, - when and as soon as he or they shall think fit, absolutely sell Dispose of and convey in due form of Law to such Person or Persons as his her or their Executors Admors and Assigns for ever as shall be the highest Bidder or Bidders respectively, and for the most moneys that can be got for the same, and as to my said Executor or Executors shall seem fit and proper, as well all and singular my said Lands Tenements and real Estate, as the rest and residue of my said Goods and Chattels, and the monies arising thereby, and all other my monies and dues whatsoever including what I have already furnished such of my

Children with as hereinafter mentioned respectively, and deducting out of the whole, what my said Executors or Executor shall judge reasonable to allow for a suitable maintenance for my two youngest Children until each of them shall come to the age of Twenty one years respectively) shall equally share divide and allot unto and between all my living Children: Subject to and under the several limitations Restrictions, provisions and Conditions herein after mentioned limited and declared respectively, that is to say, The part or share intended out of my said monies and dues for my living Daughter Sarah Norman the wife of John Norman, shall be charged wth the Value of a negro Slave named Boston heretofore put into their hands the price of him then, and the value of his use since, according to the judgement of my said Executors or Executor and accounted as part of my Estate at the time of my said Division. And the part or share intended of my said monies and Dues for my living Daughter Amy Ellicott the wife of Joseph Ellicott, shall be charged with the Value of a negro Slave named Bella heretofore put into her hands, the price of her then and the Value of her use since, and her issue according to the judgement of my said Executors or Executor, and with the Sum of Sixty pounds Current money, which I heretofore paid to Jonathan Scott for the said Ellicott, and the Interest of it since, and together shall be accounted as part of my Estate at the time of the said Division; And then in the first place, shall be deducted out of the whole (before the said Division) a sum or sums sufficient and reasonable, in the judgement of my said Executors or Executor, for a suitable maintenance, to be bestowed upon my two youngest Children until they shall respectively come to the age of Twenty one years; to be laid out on them during their minorities for the purpose aforesaid, and divide allot and pay over the surplus and Residue of my said monies & Estate equally amongst and between all my said Children under such Limitations and Restrictions as are hereinafter mentioned & making such Deductions and allowances to and concerning my Two Eldest and two youngest Children as herein before is intimated and directed. Provided always and I do hereby Declain that it is my Express Will mind and meaning, that the respective Balances of the shares or parts of my said Two Daughters Sarah and Amy shall be kept and remain in the hands of and be improved by my said Executors and Trustees at Interest or otherwise as they or he shall see fitt during the natural lives of my said Two Daughters Sarah and Amy respectively and the Clear Profits thereof yearly during the said Term or Terms shall be collected and paid over to each of them my said Daughters Sarah and Amy respectively for their Sole, separate use and maintenance without the power Control or Intermeddling of their or either of their Husbands, and without being subject to their or either of their Debts as my said Executors or Trustees or either of them shall see proper, and at the Decase of my said Daughters Sarah or Amy respectively shall equally share and divide the part or share of each of the mothers Sarah & Amy, with the surplus or profits which shall happen to remain unapplied thereof

to and between the several Children and Issue of their respective Bodies,
which shall happen to Survive the said Mothers respectively, and pay
over such parts & shares accordingly for the use and behoof of each
of the said Children & Issue. Provided also, that my said
Executors or Trustees do and shall likewise improve the respective
Shares or parts of my said two youngest Children for their several
uses and behoofs during their minorities respectively after deducting
their maintenance, pay over their respective Balances at their respective
ages of Twenty one years to them respectively or their respective Exors
Admors or Assigns. And Provided always that in case of
the Decease of any of my Children, before he or they shall have
received his her or their respective share or shares as aforesaid
and leaving lawful issue of his her or their Bodies surviving,
That then the part or share of my monies or Estate hereby meant
or intended for my Child or Children so dying as aforesaid
shall go to and be equally shared and Divided between the
Children and issue living of my respective deceased Child or
Children & for want of such Children and issue surviving of
any of my Children or Child as shall happen to die before
he she or they shall have received his her or their respective
share or shares as aforesaid, then to the survivors and
Survivor of them my said Children in manner hereinbefore mentioned
limited & directed and not otherwise.

In witness whereof I the said John Stone, to this my
said Last Will and Testament, have hereunto set my hand and
seal the Twenty fifth Day of June, in the Thirtieth year of the
Reign of our Sovereign Lord King George the second, and
in the Year of Our Lord, one thousand seven hundred & fifty six
John Stone (S)

Sealed, Published & Declared by Mr. John Stone as his
Last Will, and Testament, in the presence of us, who in the
Testators Presence & at his request have hereunto set our
Respective names as Witnesses.

Joseph Moodie
John Edwards
Edward Jones.

Proved before the Justs in the Court of Ordinary the 27th
February 1761. At the same time qualified William Elliott
Executor

Wm Bull