

In the Name of God Amén, I Joshua Serenus of
 Craven County in the Province of South Carolina Plantation
 being weak in Body but of a sound and disposing mind
 Memory and Understanding Thanks be to God & Considering
 the Uncertainty of life, it being appointed for all men once
 to die Do for the more ease of my Wife makes & declare
 this to be my last Will and Testament and first
 I resign my soul to God who gave it and my body to the
 Earth from whence it came, There to be buried at the Discretion
 of my Heirs in hopes of a happy Resurrection to Eternal life
 And as to my worldly goods wherewith it has pleased God
 to bless me I dispose thereof as follows. In Primis
 I will that all my just debts and funeral Expences be
 first paid and satisfied Item I will and bequeath my
 Plantation (Consisting of two Tracts lying on the North
 Side of the North Branch of Black River, Containing
 Nine Hundred and Twenty five acres willed to me by
 my Father Elisha Serenus) unto my Brother Benjamin
 Serenus and him and his Heirs forever but if my said
 Brother Benjamin should die before he arrives at the
 Age of twenty one years Then I will the said Plantation
 unto Elisha Serenus age of my Brother Elisha Serenus
 deceased unto him and his Heirs forever, Provided
 Nevertheless that if my Wife Hannah Serenus should
 come to be with child by me, then I will the said
 Plantation to said child be it Male or Female and to
 its Heirs forever. Anything before mentioned notwithstanding
 but if said child should die before
 it arrives at the age of Twenty one years if a male
 or before Marriage if a female then the afore-
 mentioned Plantation or Tract of Land is to go as
 before Requested. Item, I order and appoint

that

that the above mentioned Tract of land containing nine
 hundred and twenty five acres, shall remain in the
 Possession of my Wife Hannah Serenus during her Widowhood
 and thing before mentioned notwithstanding
 Item I will and bequeath unto my Brother William Serenus
 my Silver Buckles, Item I will and bequeath unto my
 Brother Benjamin Serenus my Silver watch. Item I will and
 bequeath unto my Mother Hannah Serenus one negro girl
 named Betty together with her and her Increase to her & her
 Heirs forever. Item I will and bequeath unto my Beloved
 Wife Hannah Serenus all the remainder of my personal
 Estate together with the Increase thereof to her & her Heirs
 forever, Provided Nevertheless that if my said Wife Hannah
 Serenus should be with child by me then I will my half
 of my personal Estate to said child be it male or female, and
 to its Heirs forever, but if said child should die before it
 arrives at Twenty one years of age if a male or before Marriage
 if a female, then I will that said part of my personal
 Estate shall return to my wife Hannah Serenus. And I
 do Nominate and appoint my Wife Hannah Serenus
 Captain Anthony White, my Brother William Serenus, and
 Andrew Burnet Writing & Witnesses of this my last Will and
 Testament fully Considering in their Honours and Integrity
 to interpret the same according to my true intent & Meaning.
 In Witness whereof I have to this my last Will & Testament
 set my hand and seal this Tenth Day of January in the year
 of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty four.

Signed sealed published & declared
 by the testator Joshua Serenus as
 and for his last Will & Testament
 in presence of us -
 Lydia Potts
 John Potts
 John Bullford

Joshua Serenus (S)

Proved by oath of a Deedman
 before Joseph Britton
 21st February 1764.
 And on the 7th April 1764
 Qualified Mrs Serenus as Exr.