

In the Name of God amen  
 I Samuel Wells of the Parish of St. Thomas in Berkeley County in the Province aforesaid being weak of Body but of a sound and perfect mind and memory thanks to Almighty God therefore do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say First and Principally I command my soul into the hand of Almighty God hoping and desiring through the merits of my Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ to obtain Mercy and Forgiveness of all my sins and my body I commit to the earth to be buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter mentioned and as for the disposal of such worldly goods as it hath pleased God to bestow upon me I give and dispose of as follows viz. Imprimis my Will is that all my just debts be paid General charges be paid Item I give and bequeath to my niece Amerson Warrack for her work and care of my family during her stay upon the plantation her choice of my Riding Horse and a side saddle and one hundred pounds a year Item I give and bequeath to my son Samuel the barrel of Powder purchased from Brangier Dechamps joining the Claude that he possessed. Item I give to my son Shong two hundred pounds to be applied in payment of Brangier Dechamps for 50 acres of land joining my land also one hundred acres of my land joining his aforesaid to him and his heirs forever. Item the remaining part of my lands to be equally divided and valued Equally among my three youngest sons William John and Andrew As to my personal Estate I order that it be equally divided among my five sons unto whom I have given my son Daniel six Negroes named Carolina, Sue, Julea, Banco, Dick and Joree

I order that they be valued among the rest and Equally divided I order that each of sons shall receive their part at the age Twenty one but if any one or more of my aforesaid sons should die under the age of Twenty one years their part shall be Equally divided among the survivors and each of my sons upon the Receiving of their part of my Estate shall give their obligation for an equal part for the Education of those under age and I do multiply all former Wills and Testaments Ratifying and Confirming this my only Will and Testament And I do nominate and Appoint Constitute and Ordain my Friends Cap John Dutcher my son Samuel Wells and John Singettary to be Executors of this my last will and Testament In witness whereof I have signed sealed and Ratified in presence of } Thomas Atkinson } Abijah Rose } William Readers } This to be my last Will and Testament this Twenty ninth day of February anno Domini 1764.

Samuel Wells 

Signed sealed and  
Ratified in presence of  
Thomas Atkinson  
Abijah Rose  
William Readers

Signed before His Excellency the Governor the  
Thirteenth day of April 1764 at the same  
time qualified Samuel Wells and John  
Singettary Executors to the said will

### In the Name of God Amen

The day of in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty eight I Margaret Shepard of Charles Town in the Province of South Carolina widow being of sound and disposing mind and memory (Thanks be to God) do make and declare this my last Will and Testament and pursuant to the power reserved and granted to me in and by certain Indentures of Lease and Release and Settlement bearing date respectively the tenth and eleventh days of July one thousand seven hundred and fifty eight and made between my self of the one part and Thomas Ramboll of the said Town gentleman of the other part do will and dispose of

of all and singular my lands and heremots Goods  
Chattels and moneye in Mauines and forms following  
First I will and Ordain that all my debts General  
Charges shall be paid and discharged by my Executors  
Item after payed as soon as possible after my decease  
and I desire that my burial may be decent without  
Pompey state and in as frugall maner as possible  
Item I give downe and Bequeath unto my son William  
Reitall Shepard one tract of three hundred and fifty  
acres of land with all the Rightes thereto belonging  
lying land being on Reich Creek and Dark Creek being  
as will appear by a plat and graunt my family rights  
unto him the said William Reitall Shepard and to his  
Heirs forever. Item I give and bequeath unto my two  
Daughters Susannah and Joanna Shepard all and  
every of my wearing apparel and Jewels to be equally  
distributed and shared betwix them and each of them share and  
alike as also six silverable spoons to each of the said  
Girls and to them and each of them Rauful Heirs for  
ever And likewise I give and Bequeath to my aforesaid  
daughter Susannah as a particular gift Two pictures  
Needle work framed and glazed And likewise to my  
other Daughter Joanna my Nicles picture being The picture  
of the late Edm: Reuchamp de? And as to the residue of  
my Estate both Real and Personal as will appear as follows  
(by will and desire is that it shall be conducted manag'd  
and directed in maners and forms as follows) All my shop  
goods wares and Merchandise Effects Household goods Slaves  
and also one tract of three hundred acres of land not herein  
before mentioned lying and being near the above tract of  
three hundred and fifty acres given to my son William as  
aforesaid as will appear by a plat and graunt of the same  
and

And also a Certain Messager or Penements and Edifices Raude  
and Premes thereunto belonging situated in Brookline in  
The County of Suffolke and Province of the Massachusetts Bay  
in New Eng:land Battling and bounded as follows (viz.) A  
fronting Northwesterly upon the road or Highway Easterly  
and southerly by the land of Edward White Esq: Southwesterly  
by the land of Samuel Clark as it is now bounded  
and as will appear by any Instrument of writing made and  
concluded at Boston the 29<sup>th</sup> of July 1749 and Recorded by Edward Estimator  
Register for the County of Suffolke (recd: 77 fol 1) to be publickly  
sold by my Executors herein aforesaid and the money arising  
by such sale or sales of all the aforesaid shop, Goods Wares, Mer-  
chandise, Effects, Slaves, Raude, Messagers Penements as aforesaid  
together with all such other Money as shall be found due to me  
either by Notes or Book debts shall be putt up at interest for the  
use of my said three children William Reitall Susannah and  
Joanna Shepard as aforesaid and the Interest of such Princi-  
pal moneye as shall be raised as aforesaid shall be applyed  
for thy education and maintenance of the above three children  
but the Principal sum or sums of money which shall so be  
Raised by the above sales Notes and Book debts shall not be  
paid to any of them till of age of twenty one years for the boy  
and of age of Marriage for the girls And in case of the death  
of one or two of the aforesaid Children the other one or two sur-  
viving Remayden of them shall inherit the whole and sole property  
of all such principal money and interest as shall then  
be so due and owing And other gifts made and left unto them  
so as they the survivor or survivors not till of age of twenty one  
years of age or Marriage as aforesaid and in case of the death  
of the three aforesaid Children the whole Estate which shall  
then be left that is to say all such sums and sums of Money  
Interest

In trust and other gifts as aforesaid shall be deemed. The  
Lawful Property of my own next lawful Heir, who shall  
be obliged to prove his Birthright by authentick proof  
upon oath and Rastly. My will and desire is that  
my Executors do pay my three aforesaid children after  
the time allowed for their education as elapsed to some  
good and creditable person or persons chosen to learn some  
good trade calling or Profession as he or they shall  
see most inclining to such as a Doctor, Lawyer, Milliner  
or Merchant maker so that his and their behaviour may be  
by my Executors hereinafter named looked into until he  
the said boy William my son aforesaid do attain to the  
age of twenty one years and Susanna and Joanna the  
two girls my daughters aforesaid be of age or marriage  
which shall first happen and I do hereby nominate  
constitute and appoint Mrs<sup>es</sup> Benjamin Smith and  
Thomas Lambott Esq<sup>r</sup> of Charles Town in the Province of  
South Carolina aforesaid as my lawful Executors and  
Trustees for my said children under this my Last Will  
and Testament and to execute all such trust as is herein  
referred on them as Executors and Trustees. In witness  
whereof I the said Testatrix Margaret Shepard have set my  
hand and seal to this my last will and Testament revoking  
and making null and void all others heretofore made by me  
this day of 17<sup>th</sup> day July in the year of our Lord one thousand  
seven hundred and fifty eight. I Margaret Shepard (seal)

signed sealed published and  
declared by the above named Margaret  
Shepard for and as her Last Will and Testament  
contained in one sheet of paper in the presence  
of us who at the request of the said Testatrix have set our  
names at witness thereto. Robt Hunt, Agnes Hunt, Sarah Dowse

Borne before this  
testimony the  
13<sup>th</sup>  
day of April 1764

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KNOW all men by these presents that we Benjamin Smith  
and Thomas Lambott of Charles Town Executors named and appointed  
in the said Will and Testament of Margaret Shepard late  
Margaret Wall of St Helena Parish widow deceased have for  
divers reasons renounced and disclaimed and by these presents  
do renounce and disclaim the authority of the Executrix of the  
Will of the said Margaret Wall deceased. In witness whereof  
we have hereunto set our hands and seals at Charles Town this  
thirteenth day of April 1764.

Benjamin Smith (seal)  
Thomas Lambott (seal)

Sealed and Executed  
in presence of  
James Buchanan

In the name of God amen I John Ride  
of St Marks Parish South Carolina being of sound mind and  
Memory and calling to mind the uncertainty of Human life  
for preventing all disputes in my family after my decease do  
make and declare this to be my Last Will and Testament as follows  
Imprimis I bequeath my soul to God that gave it Trusting in  
the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ my only blessed Saviour  
and Redeemer for the pardon of my sins here and eternal salvation  
hereafter. My body I bequeath to the Earth whence it came desiring  
it may buried with as little expence as possible. Item I bequeath  
and bequeath unto my son William Ride and his heirs forever  
all my whole Estate both real and personal to take possession of the  
same as soon as he comes of age and until that time my wife  
is to have the use of the whole appropriating the income of my  
plantation after deducting all charges and expences that may ac-  
crue to the improvement of my said Estate and for the benefit of my  
son. But if in case my son should die before he shall come of age  
my Estate to be disposed of as follows all my Estate to remain my  
Wifes during her natural life and after her decease the same to  
be equally divided between my two brothers Thomas and  
Robert