

South Carolina

In the Name of God Amen I Martha Savage of Chadestown in the province of South Carolina Widow being Sick & Weak in Body but of Sound & Disposing Mind Memory & understanding blessed be God for the Same do make publish & Declare this to be & contain my last Will & Testament in the manner & form following And first principally when it shall please God to Call upon me by Death resign my Soul into his Almighty protection Hoping for the remission of my Sins through the merits of my only Saviour Jesus Christ & my Body I Commit to the Earth to be Decently buried at the discretion of my Executor & Executors hereinafter Named and as what Worldly Estate it hath pleased God to bestow upon me I hereby give & Dispose of the Same as follows In the first place I order Direct that my Just & Lawful debts & funeral Expenses be first paid & Satisfied.

Item as Christiana Wagner has been a Dutiful & Faithful Servant to me I hereby give & bequeath unto her the sum of one hundred pounds Current money. Item I give & bequeath unto my beloved friend John Savage his Grand fathers picture & also the picture of my dear Husband Benjamin Savage deceased his uncle. Item I give & bequeath unto my beloved Friend & Niece Elija Burroughs Grandson the picture of her Brother Ben^g Savage Jun^r Deceased. Item I give & bequeath unto my three Grand daughters the Children of my Dear Son Joseph Puckering Deceased the use of all my Old Wearing apparel two Suits of Curtains & one large Feather Bed Bolster & Pillows one small Feather Bed Bolster & Pillows & one of the Mattresses & one Bed Stead Stead Five Vanquits Six pair of fine Sheets & all my pillow Cases a Mahogany Chest of Drawers two Silver pint Cups a Silver Saucepan & some other things that will be found in my possession with all their Names on the Same all which I desire may be under the Care of my beloved Daughter in Law Ann Puckering for the use of her children aforesaid until they arrive at the age of Twenty one years or day of Marriage & then at the arrival of any of them to that age or day of Marriage the same or what remains thereof to be equally Divided between & among them & the Survivor or Survivors of them but in Case it should please God that all the said three Children shall happen to Die before they or any one of them attain the said age of Twenty one years or be married Then it is my will that what shall be then remaining of the things herein before given to the said Children shall be Lawfully sent by my said Daughter Ann Puckering & unto my beloved Grand Daughter Martha Puckering the Child of my Dear Son Michael Puckering. Item I hereby give & bequeath unto my said three Grand Daughters the Children of my Dear Son Joseph Puckering Deceased my Four Negro Slaves hereafter named to wit the two Amoretta Pige & Beck which I desire may be kept for their use or sold by my Executor or Executors for their benefit as they my Exor or Exrs shall think fitt.

Item it is my Will & Desire that my Say Negroes Slaves to
 witt Jeaney, Dolly, James Phillip Henry & Quash be sold by my
 Executor & Executrix for the most money that can be got for the same
 & the Money arising from the Sale to be equally Divided. That is
 to say one Half thereof to be paid to my Belov'd Son Michael
 Pickering & the Other half to be paid to & Divided among the
 Sons of my Dear Son John Pickering deceased. Item I hereby
 give & bequeath unto my Dear Grand Daughter Martha Pickering
 my Silver pepper Box marked "M. P." which I desire may be
 sent to her by my Belov'd Daughter Ann Pickering as soon
 as conveniently may be after my Decease. Item I Give to
 my old Negro Woman named Vestal Twenty pounds Current
 money - which Old Negro Woman together with old Quash
 I hereby give & bequeath unto my Belov'd Daughter Ann Pickering
 if she pleases to accept of them being well assured that she will
 take proper Care of them they being almost if not quite past
 their Labour. Item as to that all the rest & residue of my Estate
 It is my will that the same be sold by my Exor & Executrix for
 the most money that can be got for the same & the money's
 arising from such sale together with such money's as I have at
 Interest or otherwise after payment of my just Debts & funeral
 Expenses & pecuniary Legacies herein before mentioned I
 hereby order & Direct to be Divided into three equal parts & shares
 one third part thereof I desire may be paid to my Grand
 Daughter the Children of my Dear Son Joseph Pickering
 Deceased & the other third part to the Children of my Belov'd
 Son John Pickering Deceased.
 And lastly I hereby nominate constitute & appoint my
 Nepp^r John Savage Executor & my said Daughter Ann
 Pickering Executrix of this my last Will & Testament hereby
 revoking all other Wills by me hereto fore made.
 In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal
 this Second day of March in the Year of our Lord one
 thousand seven hundred & sixty one & in the Year of his
 Majestys Reign

Martha Savage (M.S.)

Signed Sealed Published & declared by the Testatrix to be &
 Contain her last Will & Testament before us who in her presence
 & at her request have set our Names as Witnesses

Ann Peronneau
 Jacob Mott
 James Grindlay

Memorandum I Martha Savage do hereby make this as a Codicil to my last Will within Written & desire that the same may be held & taken as a part of the same & I do hereby direct that all the provisions & legacies Sugars & other Stores that shall happen to be in my house at the time of my decease shall be kept unsold for the use of & to be expended by my beloved Daughter Ann Pickering & her three children & it is my Will that in case all the three Children of my Son Joseph shall happen to die before they arrive at the age of Twenty one Years or day of marriage that in case all & whatsoever is by my within Will & regulated to them I hereby direct shall go to my beloved Grand Daughter Martha Pickering Daughter of my Son Michael Pickering. In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this second day of March in the Year of our Lord one Thousand Seven Hundred & Sixty one.

Martha Savage

The foregoing Will & Codicil found the 3^d April 1761 before the Court in the Court of Ordinary. At the same time qualified John Savage as Exor & Ann Pickering Executors

In the Name of God Amen I George Deleban of St. Hellens Parish Granville County and Province of South Carolina Planter being very sick and weak in Body Out of sound disposing mind memory & understanding Through the mercy of God & calling to mind the mortality of my Body knowing that it is appointed for men one to die Do make & ordain this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following First and Principally I resign my Soul with the utmost humility into the Hands of Almighty God my Creator humbly hoping for a blessed Immortality Through the merits & mediation of my Blessed Saviour & Redeemer Jesus Christ my body I commit to the Earth to be Decently Buried at the Discretion of my Executors hereafter Named And as for such Temporal Estate as the Lord in his Great Goodness & Mercy hath Intrusted me to be Steward of I Give devise & dispose thereof as follows Item it is my Will that all my Funeral Charges & all other my just Debts be well & Truly paid. Item I Give devise & Bequeath unto William Henry Esqr of Beaufort in the aforesaid County to him & his heirs & assigns forever all my Mesuage or Tract of two hundred & Fifty acres of land (more or less) Situate lying and being on Port Royal Island in the County aforesaid & whereon I now live he the said William Henry having Five hundred pounds Current money of the aforesaid Province to the following Persons (as per verbal agreement) which are my Creditors that is to say to John Grayson or order the sum of Near Three Hundred pounds Current money of the aforesaid Province as will appear by my Note to said John Grayson & the remainder