

Given before the Governor in the Court of Ordinary the 13th.
February 1761, at the same time qualified Sarah Bonneau Esq.
Jph. Bull.

South Carolina

In the name of God Amen.

I Ralph Izard of Berkeley County in the Province aforesaid being of sound and disposing mind and memory thanks be given to God, Do make and Ordain this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say, I recommend my Soul unto almighty God, hoping for eternal life, through the merits of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, my Body I commit to the earth to be buried at the Discretion of my Executors hereinafter named, and as to such Worldly Estate as God hath bestowed upon me, I give and Dispose of the same as follows. I Will that all my just Debts and funeral Charges be first paid, I give and bequeath unto my son Ralph Izard my Plantation whereupon I now live called Buxton together with my land up the Cypress path left me by my Father also my part of a Tract of Land left me by my Brother Thomas Izard - called Mountboone, and my Plantation on New Savannah, which I purchased from Dr. Rhind, Mr. W^m Queen & Mrs. Solding, also my Plantation on Combakee River, which was given to me by my Father and my Brother Thomas Izards, to have and to hold the said Plantations or Tracts of Land unto my son Ralph Izard and to his heirs for ever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Walter Izard, and to his heirs for ever my Plantation on Timothy Savannah which I bought from Mr. James Durand also my share of Land on Lady's Island left me by my Father Thomas Izard, to have and to hold the said Plantations or Tracts of Land unto my son Walter Izard and to his heirs for ever.

Item, I give and bequeath unto my Daughters Sarah Izard and Rebecca Izard, my Plantation at Wasserau, left me by my Father in Law Joseph Blake Esquire, and by my Father Walter Izard Esq^r, which said Plantation or Tracts of Land, I give and bequeath unto my Daughters Sarah Izard and Rebecca Izard and to their heirs for ever. Item in case either of my said Daughters, should Die before they come of age, or without Lawful Issue, Then I give the said Plantation or Tracts of Land, unto the Survivor of them, and to their heirs for ever. Item I will and empower my Executors hereafter named to settle a Plantation upon my Combakee Tract of Land given to my son Ralph Izard on a Run commonly called the Sheep Run, and to clear and Plant as much of the Run Land as my Friends, as shall be necessary Negroes as my Exors shall think fit until my Daughters respectively come of age or Day of Marriage. Item if Mrs. Gallagher had been living in my family at the time of my Death, I will and empower my Exors to pay her fifty pounds sterling, over and above such wages that may be due unto her. Item I do hereby

Impower my Exors hereafter named to keep in Repair my house
 in Charles Town and Rent it for the use of my Children, until
 my Son Walter Gard attains his age of Eighteen years, after which
 time, I give and bequeath my said House and Two Lots of land
 in Broad street which I bought of Mr. Manigault and Mrs. Rydgate
 unto my Son Ralph Gard, and to his Heirs for ever. Item
 I will that my Son Ralph have liberty to take my negro driver
 for and all his Family at their appraised Value. Item I do
 hereby impower my Executors hereafter named, to order and Direct
 that all my Children shall have their Boarding and maintenance
 together with such liberal Education out of my Estate, till
 respectively attain their ages of Twenty one years or Day of Marriage
 as my Executors shall think fit, and the Income of my Estate
 after the said Expenses of Boarding maintaining and Educating
 my Children as my Executors in their Discretion shall think
 fit, and ~~judge~~ the profits and income of my Estate will bear
 and paying all necessary Charges and Expenses in the Care
 and Management of my said Estate, and all necessary Stock
 for the use of my said Plantations I do hereby authorize and
 Impower and Direct my Executors to put out to Interest in
 this Province or in England on such good Security as they
 shall think fit or to purchase such negroes as they judge
 will be of the most advantage for my children, until my
 Children shall attain their ages of Twenty one years or Day of
 Marriage as my Exors shall think fit. Item I give and
 bequeath unto my Children Sarah Gard, Rebecca Gard,
 Ralph Gard & Walter Gard the remaining part of my
 personal Estate to be equally divided between them by my
 Executors share & share alike to them and their Heirs for ever
 Item when a Division be made of my Estate I will that
 Man & Wife be not parted. Item I will that my Executors
 do sell, unto my son Ralph Gard my Plate marked A. S.
 And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my Brother in Law
 Daniel Blake, also my much Esteemed Friends Henry Middleton
 and Benjamin Smith Esqrs. Executors of this my last Will
 and Testament & Guardians to my children. In Witness
 Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this Thirteenth
 Day of September in the year of our Lord One thousand seven
 hundred and fifty seven.

Ralph Gard L.S.

Signed, sealed and delivered by the Testator to be his Will
 in the presence of the Subscribing Witnesses, who at his request
 and in his presence saw him fix his Seal and Subscribe his
 name & have hereunto signed our names as Witnesses

John Butler
 Newman Swallow
 Charles Atkins

Proved before the Justices in the Court of Ordinary the 10th February 1761. At the same time
 qualified Daniel Blake and Benj^a Smith Esqrs & on the 3^d of April 1761.
 Qualified Henry Middleton -

J^m Butler