

South Carolina
 In the Name of God amen I Thomas Cordes of
 Darby County in the Province of South Carolina Gent.^l being
 of perfect mind and memory Thanks be to God but calling to
 Remembrance the Mortality of my body and that it is appointed
 unto all men once to dye do make and Ordain this my last Will
 and Testament, That is to say Principally and first of all I
 Give and Recommend my soul to the hands of Almighty God
 that gave it beseeching him to forgive me all my sins through
 the merits of Jesus Christ my ever blessed Saviour and Redeemer
 and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried at the discretion
 of my Executors nothing doubting but at the General resurrection
 I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God and as
 touching such worldly Estate whereunto it hath pleased God to
 bestow me in this life I give Devise & Bequeath the same in
 manner following In Primis I will and Ordain that all my
 just debts and funeral charges be fully paid and Discharged
 Then I give and Bequeath unto my dear & well beloved wife
 Anne Cordes the sum of Three Thousand Five hundred pounds
 current money of South Carolina and my woman Slave named
 Mather Moley and her child Fifielle with their Dress and increase
 also all and singular my household goods and furniture of
 what kind and Nature whatever Silver plate that came from
 my Father only excepted together with a chain and Gold able
 Horse with the harness and all necessary accoutrements to my said
 Wife Anne Cordes her heirs Executors and Administrators & assigns
 forever and it is my will and Ordain that that my said dear Wife
 Anne Cordes shall have the use of Five negroes and may
 Reasonably and quickly live and reside in the Dwelling House &
 upon the plantation whereon I do now live and to plant
 & Sower for and during her widowhood and no longer
 Then I give and Bequeath unto my well beloved sister M^{rs}
 Catherine Cordes and my five children Eleanor Cordes Catherine
 Cordes John Cordes Thomas Cordes Mary Cordes the sum of two
 thousand five hundred pounds current money at South
 Carolina to be kept at Interest and Taking security and
 divided between them share and share alike and to their own
 proper ~~use~~ use benefit and behoof but if any of the said
 Children Eleanor, Catherine, John, Thomas and Mary should
 die before they be married or of age then I do give & Bequeath
 her his or their respective share and portion as aforesaid unto
 the survivors or survivor of them the said Eleanor Catherine
 John Thomas and Mary to be equally shared and divided between
 them and to their heirs Executors Administrators & assigns

Then I give and Bequeath unto my well beloved sister
 M^{rs} Elizabeth Pochen the sum of five hundred pounds current
 Money of South Carolina to be by her freely used possessed and disposed
 of at her Pleasure. Then I give and Bequeath my little silver mounted Gun
 to the eldest male bearing the name of the Testator as they shall
 survive one another Then I give the sum of two thousand
 pounds to be kept at Interest for the use of the Poor in St. Johns
 Parish in Berkeley County. Then I give and Bequeath unto
 my well beloved Brother M^r James Cordes my man slave Charles
 to his own proper use benefit & behoof. Then I give and Bequeath
 all the remainder of my slaves men women and Children
 with their and every of their Issues and Increase together with
 all & singular my stocks of Horses Mares & Black Cattle
 with all the utensils Tools Carriages and tacklings belonging
 or in any wise appertaining to my plantation unto my
 well beloved Brothers Mess^{rs} Samuel Cordes & James Cordes
 to be equally shared and divided between them share and share
 alike to them in Equal portion their heirs Executors Administrators
 and assigns forever Nextly I appoint nominate &
 constitute my Honoured Uncle M^r James Cordes and my
 well beloved Brothers Mess^{rs} Sam^l Cordes & James Cordes
 to be Executors of this my last Will and Testament and I do
 hereby utterly revoke disavow and make void all other Will
 or Wills Testament or Testaments by me herebefore made
 Acknowledging Ratifying and Confirming these Presents to
 None other to be my last Will and Testament In Witness
 whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the twenty
 second Day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand
 Seven hundred and sixty two.

Thos Cordes

Signed sealed & Published and
 declared by to the said Testator
 & per contain his last Will
 & Testament and at whose request
 & in whose presence we have hereunto
 set our names as Witnesses
 Rob^t Bainsford
 J^h Smith
 Rob^t Signillat

Proved by Depute of a Deedman
 before me Philip Pochen Esq^r the
 6th Day of July 1763 at the same
 time qualified Samuel Cordes
 and James Cordes Jun^r two of
 the Executors named in the said Will