

One thousand Seven hundred & Seventy One
Signed Sealed & Published & delivered
by the Testator Edward Dampsey
as & for his last will & testament in
the presence of us who have signed our
Names as Evidences in the Testators
presence at his request & this to be
his last will & testament & no other
Susanna Brown
Joseph Harley
Charles Roberts

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Edw. Dampsey

Proved by Virtue of a deedimus
from his Excellency the Governor
directed to Tho: Whittore by the
3 day of July 1772 at same time
Qualified D^r Sam^l Graville as
Executor to above Will

S^t Carolina

In the Name of God Amen I Benjamin
Roberts of Charles Town in the province aforesaid being in good
health of body & of sound & disposing Mind & Memory (praised
be God for the same) & being desirous to settle my worldly affairs
whilst I have strength & Capacity so to do, Do make & publish
this my last will & testament hereby revoking & making void
all former Wills by me at any time heretofore made. And
first & principally I commit my Soul into the hands of my
Creator who gave it & my body to the earth to be decently interred
at the discretion of my Executrix & Executors herein after named
& as to such Worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to
intrust me, I dispose of the same as followeth, First I will order
& direct that all my just debts & funeral Expences be duly paid &
discharged, I will Order & direct that as soon after my decease
as can be conveniently, my Schooner with the following Negroes
belonging to her (viz) Joe, Cork, Toney, Tommy & Tom, be sold &
disposed of by my Executrix & Executors herein after named & the
Money arising from such sale to be put out at Interest, I will
also that all such Sums as are now or shall at the time of my
death be due unto me by Bond or otherwise bearing interest be
continued & put out from time to time at Interest at the discretion
of my Executrix & Executors, I give devise & bequeath unto my

Dearly beloved Wife Mary Roberts (in Line & full power
 Jackson of all Dowry & thirds which she may or can claim
 out of all or any part of my Estate Real or Personal) One
 Third part of the income, produce & profits of my Real &
 Personal Estate to have & to hold the same to her during the
 term of her Natural Life & after her death my will is that
 the said third part of my Estate shall go to & I hereby
 Give & devise the same to my Son William Roberts,
 All the rest residue & remainder of my Estate both real
 & personal, I do hereby Give devise & bequeath unto my
 said Son William Roberts & to his heirs & Assigns for ever
 to be paid & deliver'd to him upon his arrival to the Age of
 Twenty one Years, provided he shall behave dutifully &
 Obediently unto his mother, But in Case my said Son
 should after my decease behave in a disobedient & undutiful
 Manner towards his mother & unbecoming the part of a
 Child to a parent, my will is that the estate herein before
 given & devised to him shall not be paid & delivered over to
 him upon his attaining the Age of Twenty One Years, but
 I hereby empower my Executors & Executors to keep possession
 of the same & to pay out of the profits thereof unto my said son
 either Yearly, half yearly or otherwise such Sum & Sums of
 Money for his maintenance & Support as they in their discretion
 shall think necessary & suitable for him, Also in case my said
 Son William Roberts should depart this life before his arrival
 to the Age of Twenty One Years without Issue of his body
 lawfully begotten, & my wife Mary Roberts shall be then living
 I do hereby give devise & bequeath the whole of my Estate both
 Real & Personal unto her my said Wife Mary Roberts her
 heirs & Assigns for ever, And my will further is that in case
 my said Son William Roberts should survive his mother
 but depart this life before his arrival to the age of twenty one
 years as aforesaid & without leaving Issue of his body lawfully

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begetton that then the whole of my Estate both real & personal
shall go to & be equally divided amongst the Children of my Bre
ther Jonathan Roberts of Virginia & my Sister Christian Thomas
(now the wife of John Thomas of North Carolina) that shall be
then living, To have & to hold the same to them & their heirs respec
tively for ever, as tenants in Common & not as joint Tenants
Lastly I do hereby nominate constitute & appoint my dearly
beloved wife Mary Roberts & my friends Gabriel Manigault &
Peter Manigault Esq^r Executors & Executors of this my last will
& testament & Guardians of the person of my Son William Roberts
untill his arrivat to the Age of Twenty One Years as aforesaid
In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this
fifteenth Day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand
Seven hundred & Sixty three

Signed Sealed published &
Declared by the above named
Benjamin Roberts as & for his
last will & testament in the
presence of us who have here
unto subscribed our names as
Witnesses thereto in the presence
of the said Testator in the pre
sence of each other

Wm Webb

Mary Proudland

Thos Bee

Benth Roberts Esq

Proved by virtue of a dedimus from
his Excellency the Governor directed to
Thos Maitland Esq dated 3 July 1772

South Carolina

In the Name of God Amen I Peter Ma
zych of Charles Town in the province of South Carolina Merchant
being at present sick & weak in body but of Sound & disposing mind
memory & Understanding blessed be God for the same, do make pub
lish & declare this to be & contain my last will & testament in manner
following. First & principally when it shall please God to call me
hence I resign my Soul into his almighty protection humbly ho
ping for the remission of my Sins thro the merits of my Saviour
Jesus Christ & my body I commit to the earth to be decently buried at