

In the name of God Amen I  
John Gottman of Charles Town tavern keeper being sick  
& weak in Body but of Perfect Mind & Memory thanks  
be to God for the same & knowing the uncertainty of Life  
& the Certainty of Death do make this my last will & testame-  
ment in manner & form following that is to say first & prin-  
cipally I do commit my immortal Soul into the hands of  
Almighty God who give it hoping at the Glorious resur-  
rection to receive full pardon & Remission of my manifold  
Sins & transgressions in & through the Mercy & Mediation of  
my ever blessed Saviour & Redeemer Jesus Christ who I  
know are daily making intercession for us miserable Sinners  
my body I commit to the earth of which it was made to be  
decently buried in a Christian like manner at the direction  
of my Executors herein after mentioned And as to the  
Worldly Estate with which it hath pleased God to bestow  
upon me, I give devise & bequeath as follows, Inprimis  
I desire that all my Just debts demand & funeral Charges  
be ultimately paid & Satisfied, Item I give devise & bequeath  
to my beloved wife Mary Gottman the House & Lotts & likewise the  
Household furniture belonging in the House as likewise I give devise &  
bequeath to my beloved Son John Gottman One Negroe boy named  
Joe, To his heir & assigns for ever as likewise I give devise &  
bequeath to my beloved Daughter Elizabeth Gottman a  
Negroe Wench named Lady to her heir & assigns for ever also  
It is my Will that my wife & Children should live together  
under one Roof without any Molestation or interruption of  
each other untill they come to their age all that lot of land aforesd  
situate lying & being on the west side of King Street in Charles  
Town in the said province of South Carolina containing in