

Two thousand eight hundred and two and in the twenty sixth Year of America
can Independence and sovereignty. Since the conclusion of the above
my last Will and Testament I do hereby also give unto my daughter
Sarah all my silver plate that did belong unto her late Mother Ann Childs

William Mills *Ed*

Signed, Sealed, published and declared by the said William Mills
the Testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the pre-
sence of us, who were present at the signing and sealing thereof.

Robert Flemming—Edward Postell—John McDonnell—

Proved before Charles Lining Esquire C. C. T. D. April 23. 1802. At
same time qualified Thomas Mills and Henry Mills Executors.

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In the Name of God Amen, I William Bennett of Christ
Church Parish planter doth make and ordain this my last Will and
Testament, being weak of body but of a perfect sound mind and memo-
ry, doth first desire that all my just debts and funeral expences be
paid by my Executors hereafter named. Item I give and bequeath
unto my loving Wife all my Negroes by name, Kate, Elue, Betty,
London and Peter for her disposal in all respects. Item I give my
household furniture intirely unto my loving Wife Mary Bennett, my stock
I give to be divided between my dear Wife and two sons Henry and
William Bennett. Lastly I nominate my two sons Henry and William
Bennett my whole sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament,
revoking all other Wills. In Witness hereof I hereby set my hand
and seal this 15th of December 1798.

William Bennett Senior *Ed*

Signed, Sealed and delivered in presence of us—

L. O. Lefary—Thomas Hamlin—

Proved before Charles Lining Esquire C. C. T. D. April 27. 1802.

At same time qualified Henry Bennett Executor.

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14th 12. 19.

Charleston 13th January 1802.

This is the last Will and Testament of Mr. Burke. Let my debts and
funeral expences be paid out of the money which Mr. Nicholson is now
collecting for me from some Gentlemen of the Bar, who past doubt owe
to me more than I am indebted to all men. Mr. Pringle is engaged
as Counsel to assist my Nicholson. Let Miss Ruth Savage have out
of my little funds three hundred pounds sterling. Let Mr. Apollon
Murphy of New York No. 1 Cedar Street, in trust for the boy George
Burke, have two hundred and fifty pounds, which legacy I give to
be in full acquittance of every sort of claim and demand which Mr.

Mr. Murphy has already as hereafter may receive. I do hereby
ing, schooling and cloathing of that boy, for they wished to have him
bound to the sea, about October next 1802. That makes me dependant
insufficiency of my Estate, to pay two or three thousand sums, in this ex-
trioris circumstance, that there is a law, daily enforced in S. Carolina
which leaves a person of any property at the mercy of him, who
keeps a credit store or shop, for the latter has only to put down any
one in his book, as a debtor for merchandise pretended to be sold and
delivered, very often when no sort of dealing ever passed between the
parties, but what is still more extraordinary is, the owner of the store
himself is authorized by law to put down in his own hand writing
in his store book, any one as his debtor, for merchandise so pretended
to have been sold and delivered, but what is still more extravagant, the
owner of the store himself, the plaintiff in the action, his book and entry
are allowed to be produced in Court as evidence of the transaction, un-
supported by any or sort of testimony whatsoever, a law this destruc-
tive of every maxim of the doctrine of evidence, and never used in
any civilized Country before. My station on the Carolina bench
for twenty odd years, has given me to witness and deplore the plun-
dering and robbing spirits of rapine, practiced by the living on the
spoils of the dead, as established by law in this Country, and I men-
tion it as a reason, why I urge my Executor or representative to plead
the statute of limitation in all cases, where accounts are brought in,
for I am persuaded I owe no money so far back as four years con-
tecedent to the date of this will. To Mr. Taggart I give my bedding
and bedstead, and the new set of curtains now at Watsons with the
two large rose blankets, six new pillows and two new bolsters, also
the screen, the table linen, a dozen silver table spoons and ladle, with
dozen tea spoons, I transfer to her also a note of hand of Mr. Thomas
Hunt which he gave me for cash I lent him. A small set of china
I give to Miss Savage with my gold watch. My wearing apparel,
let Mr. Phelon of Meeting and Queen Street dispose of as he shall
see. My case of pistols I give to Aaron Burr, Vice President of the
States, those pistols are now lent out to Mr. Simon Mcintosh of
Charleston. To Mr. Thomas Hinds a small mahogany writing desk
one of those used in the old congress of 1776. with the implements
about a writing desk, to Mr. Hinds I also give a pair of bright
barreled pistols they are excellent the locks alone cost me
sterling lately in London. A few books greek and latin
works of Aristotle in the original, with a latin version
a small library, instituted I am to be in S. Carolina.