

at any time heretofore made or executed, and declare and solemnly publish
this and this only as and for my last Will and Testament. Item it is my
will and desire that all my just debts and funeral expences should be
fully paid and satisfied as soon as possible after my decease. Item I give
and devise unto my daughter Sarah Elliott Johnson one hundred acres
of land situated in St. Pauls Parish known by the Name of Cairns Hill,
to her her heirs and assigns for ever. Item I give and bequeath unto
my said daughter Sarah Elliott Johnson my gold watch, and one hundred
pounds sterling and my trunk of cloths. Item I give and bequeath unto
the children of my late daughter Susannah Haig deceased, one hundred
acres of land situate near Coosan hatchie called Primus's to hold to them
their heirs and assigns for ever as tenants in common and not as
joint tenants. Item I give and bequeath unto the said Children of my
late daughter Susannah Haig two hundred pounds sterling. Item
I bequeath unto my daughter Harriott Elliott Maconell fourteen of
my negro slaves to wit, cook Peggy and her two sons Edwin and
Joe, old George and his Wife Tenah, Robin and his Wife Lucy, Hann-
nah and her two sons Edin and Andrew, Sea See, old Peggy, Sukey
and London, together with their future issue and increase to her, her
heirs and assigns for ever. Item it is my will and desire that my lot
of land situated on the west side of Friend street in Charleston afore-
said should be divided on the front thereof by a right line extending eastward
to the marsh, and on such division being had and made, I give and
devise the north moiety or half part of my said lot, unto my said
daughter Harriott Elliott Maconell to her her heirs and assigns for ever.
Item I give and bequeath unto my said daughter Harriott Elliott Ma-
conell one half part of all my plate, and one half part of all my cattle
and sheep. Item I give and bequeath unto my grand daughter Sarah
Mackenn Maconell my negro girl Kate, I further charge the Estate
herein and hereby devised and bequeathed by me to my son Charles
Elliott Rowand with the sum of two hundred pounds sterling to be paid
by him to my said grand daughter on her arrival at the age of eighteen
years. Item I hereby manumit and set free my old and faithful servant
Doreas and charge the Estate herein after devised and bequeathed to my
son with the further sum of twenty pounds sterling to be paid to her
by him as soon as possible after my decease. Item I give and bequeath
unto my son Charles Elliott Rowand all the rest residue and remain-
der of my Estate real and personal of every nature and kind soever
and whosoever the same may be, to him his heirs and assigns for ever
lastly again declaring this my Will to be a full and absolute revocation
of all former Wills by me at any time heretofore made, I do nominate
and appoint my said son Charles Elliott Rowand and

(the) Executors thereof. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Mary Rowand (Sd)

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the Testatrix Mary Rowand
as and for her last Will and Testament, in the presence of us, who in
her presence and at her desire have subscribed the same as witnesses.
Nicholas Harris - Sachlan McIntosh - Simon Mackintosh.
Proved before Charles Lining Esquire A.C.T.D. April 16. 1802. At
same time qualified Charles Elliott Rowand Executor.

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14. The State of South Carolina.
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In the Name of God Amen, I William Mills of the City of
Charleston and State of South Carolina Taylor, being weak in body, but
of sound mind, memory and understanding (blessed be God for the same)
do make, publish and declare this to be and contain my last Will and
Testament, in manner and form following, first and principally when
it shall please God to call me hence I resign my soul into his Almighty
hands and protection, humbly hoping for the remission of my sins
thro' the merits and mediation of my blessed Lord and Redeemer
Jesus Christ, my body I commit to the earth, from whence it came,
to be decently interred at the discretion of my Executors herein after
named, and as to what worldly Estate it hath pleased God to bestow
upon me, I give devise and bequeath as follows, that is to say, that after
all my just debts and funeral expences are fully paid, I give devise and
bequeath unto my beloved Wife Rebecca Mills five hundred pounds, to be
paid her as soon as it can be conveniently raised after my decease, out
of the debts due me, being in full and in lieu of her dower or further claim
or demand whatever and for ever against my Estate. Item I give and
bequeath unto my dear Son Thomas Mills, my house and lot at the
corner of Beaufain and Saint Philips Streets known by the number
of (34) thirty four, also my tract of land at the Four Holes containing
(350) three hundred and fifty acres, likewise my other tract of land on
Campbell containing (75) seventy five acres, with all the buildings
ings and premises belonging to or upon the aforesaid premises, I also give
to my son Thomas my two negroes named Jacob and Binah, with
her future Issue, all which to have and to hold the said houses, lots,
and lands and two negroes as above mentioned to him and his heirs and
assigns for ever. And whereas I did some time past give by way of convey-
ance unto my said Son Thomas a brick house and

at the corner of said Church Street, and now in his possession,
now I do hereby acknowledge and confirm the same according to said deed
I do hereby give and bequeath to my dear Son Henry Mills and to his heirs
and assigns for ever, the following houses and lots of land and premises thereunto
belonging vizt that my brick house and lot in Trade Street next
door to the said corner of Church and Trade Streets known by the Number
of (109) one hundred and nine, also my wooden house and lot in Queen
Street known by the Number of (93) ninety three, also my other wooden
house and lot in Meeting Street known by the Number of (178) one hundred
and seventy eight likewise I give him my negro wench named
Maryanne with her future Issue and Increase. I do hereby give and bequeath
unto my dear Son Robert Mills and to his heirs and assigns forever
the following houses and lots of land and premises thereunto belonging
vizt that my brick house and lot in Elliott Street known by the num-
ber of (30) thirty, also my wooden house and lot in St Philips
Street known by the Number of (24) twenty four, also all that other
wooden house and lot adjoining it in Liberty Street known by the
number of (7) seven, also my tract of land in St Thomas's Parish
containing (273) two hundred and seventy three acres, also my two
negro men named Dundee and Jeffrey, also I give unto my
said Son Robert a bond and mortgage amounting to (£631)
six hundred and thirty seven pounds principal given by Johnson
Hagood to Charles Glover and legally transferred from him to me,
likewise I give my said Son Robert all my unmade up cloathing,
to him and his heirs for ever. I do hereby give and bequeath unto my
dear daughter Sarah Mills and her heirs for ever, all that my
new brick house ~~house~~ and lot of land thereunto belonging in
Elliott Street, next door below the one given to my Son Robert and
known by the number of (31) thirty one, also I give unto my said
daughter my other brick house and lot of land being on East
Bay known by the Number of (74) seventy four, also my wooden
house and lot in Queen Street adjoining the one given to my Son
Henry and known by the number of (92) ninety two, I also give
my said daughter my two negro girls named Binner and her
Sister Cate, with their future Issue and Increase, but notwithstanding
ing it is to be understood should my said daughter Sarah die with-
out Issue, then in that case it is further my will and desire that all
such of my Estate real and personal as is herein before given to her,
be equally divided by and between such of my other children Tho-
mas, Henry and Robert as shall survive her share and share
alike to them and each of them and their heirs and assigns for

ever and moreover it is my will and desire that the same
mentioned shall pay unto my said daughter at the age of twenty
or day of marriage whichever shall first happen the sum of £350
three hundred and fifty pounds as soon as it can be collected from one
of the monies due me to her to have and to hold for her own free use
and behoof for ever. I do hereby give and bequeath unto William Mills (Son
the late M^r Lewis) and to his heirs and assigns for ever, all my cloath
and wearing apparel of every kind soever, that shall be ready made
up at my decease, also my silver watch I call F. Wickerspoon also it
my desire and directions to my Executors hereinafter mentioned that
they purchase out of the monies due as soon as can be collected, a ne-
gro boy about the age of (14) fourteen years and the said negro boy so pu-
chased shall be considered as the bona fide property of the said William
and shall be delivered up to my friend Charles Glover who I have hereto
appointed his guardian during his minority and until he arrives at
the age of twenty years, in trust unto the said Charles Glover for the said
William, who shall bind out the said negro boy so delivered him for a
certain reasonable time to some trade, that the said William shall chose
himself to follow, and whereas I did some time ago make and give unto
my friend Charles Glover in trust for said William as during his sa-
minorityship by way of deed of gift of a certain house and lot of land
in St Philips Street, the said deed bearing record will more fully apper
and which ^{in this} my last Will and Testament, I do hereby acknowledge and
confirm unto the said Charles Glover in trust for the said William to
him and to his heirs and assigns for ever. I do hereby give and bequeath
unto my three Sons Thomas, Henry and Robert as aforesaid, all
the rest and residue of my Estate both real and personal of what
kind soever share and share alike, to them and each of them, to
have and to hold the same to them and their heirs and assigns
for ever. And whereas my wench Cate has been a good and faithful
servant, it is my desire she may live with any one of my Children
she may chose, and in any way she may think fit, and without
any demand made for her wages, should she think proper to live else-
where leaving her under the immediate protection and guardianship
of my Executors hereinafter mentioned. And lastly I do hereby nomi-
nate, constitute and appoint my three Sons Thomas, Henry and Rob-
Mills as Executors of this my last Will and Testament, revoking all
others by me heretofore made, and also guardians to my daughter
Sarah Mills during her minority, likewise constitute my friend
Charles Glover as sole guardian to the aforesaid William Mills, during
his minority. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
seal on the twenty second day of February in the

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.

Examined 17th 2nd 3rd 6th 9th 12th 15th 18th 21st 24th 27th 30th 3rd 6th 9th 12th 15th 18th 21st 24th 27th 30th

14th 17th. 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,
Sonon 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. Lefay—Thomas Hamlin—
Proved before Charles Lining Esquire C. C. T. D. April 27. 1802.
At same time qualified Henry Bennett Executor.

Examined 17th 2nd 3rd 6th 9th 12th 15th 18th 21st 24th 27th 30th 3rd 6th 9th 12th 15th 18th 21st 24th 27th 30th

14th 17th. 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 just 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. Spauld
Murphy of New York No. 7 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 or hereafter may make. I give to my daughter
Mary, schooling and cloathing of that boy, for shey wished to be bound
bound to the sea, about October next 1802. What makes me despondent of
insufficiency of my Estate, to pay two or three trifling sums, is 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 bedstead
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. Phealon 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 Kinkead a small mahogany writing desk
one of those used in the old congress of 1776. with the implements
about a writing desk, to Mr. Kinkead I also give a pair of long
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 told in London.