

Will of John Lewis Gervais

In the name of God, Amen. I, John Lewis Gervais, of the city of Charleston and State of S. C., being of a sound and disposing mind and memory, do hereby constitute and declare this to be my last will and testament. In the first place it is my will and desire that all my just Debts be satisfied and discharged as soon as possible after my decease, either by the annual produce of my Plantation, or by the sale of my Estate either Real or personal, as Shall be judged most advisable by my Executrix herein after named, and for this purpose I give her full power and authority to dispose of the same or any part thereof, either at Public or private sale, and the monies arising therefrom to apply towards the payment of my debts, in the manner directed by law. In the second and last place, I do hereby devise and bequeath the remainder of my estate both real and personal, whatsoever and wheresoever (after the payment of my just debts as aforesaid) to my beloved wife Mary Gervais, her heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns for ever, relying with confidence on her discretion and believing that she will make such a disposition of the same amongst my several children, as will be just and equitable; and I do hereby constitute and appoint my said beloved wife Executrix of this my last will and testament, and also my son Sinclair Gervais Executor of the same whenever he shall arrive at the age of twenty one years, and not before, hereby revoking and making void every testament or devise by me heretofore made

John Lewis Gervais

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Signed, Sealed, Published, and declared 5th March
1798 in the presence of the undermentioned witnesses

James Lowndes William Lowndes Rawlins Gervais

Proved before Charles Lining Esquire O.C.T.D. Oct.

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At the same time qualified Mary Gervais Executrix

Mar 6 1800 qualified Sinclair Gervais Executor

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