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No 7

Bill:

Agnes Wrenwick  
Jabez Gault &  
Solomon Roysten

Vs

John Wrenwick &  
William Wrenwick  
Alias Miller

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The State of South Carolina

Washington District

In Equity

To the Honorable the Judges of the court of equity in the said state. Humbly complaining [ ] your honors your oratrix Agnes Wrenwick & your orators Jabez Gault & Solomon Roysten that Solomon Nichols, late of Newberry District dcd. being possessed in his lifetime of a considerable personal estate on or about the 17th day of May in the year of our Lord 1784 by his deed or writing obligatory duly executed did give to Elizabeth Nichols during her natural life to hold use & occupy from the time of his death all his said said personal estate & thereby among other things after her decease he gave to her son William Miller a negro woman named Bett & the remainder of the said personal estate he directed to be divided among the children of the said Elizabeth equally as to value as will more fully appear by a copy thereof herewith filed (marked A) And your oratrix & orator further show that the said Solomon Nichols having afterwards acquired other considerable personal property & being of sense & disposition [ ] & understanding on or about the ---- day of ---- in the year of our Lord ----- did duly make & publish his last will & testament in writing & thereby referring to the aforesaid deed among others did establish & confirm the same & dispose of the whole of his property so afterwards acquired to the said Elizabeth (by the name of Elizabeth Wrenwick) absolutely forever and did thereby nominate & appoint to the said Elizabeth Nichols (his wife) sole executrix of his said last will & testament and afterward on or about the 29th day of September in the year of our Lord 1793, departed this life without altering or revoking his said will as will more fully appear by a copy thereof herewith filed (marked B). And your oratrix & orators further show that after executing the deed aforesaid the said Solomon Nichols purchased a negro slave named Prince of which he was possessed in his own right at the time of death and that the negro Bett aforesaid after executing the said deed had issue one of which the said Solomon was also possessed at the time of death to wit Dick & Sarah & that Dick was born in the lifetime of the said Solomon & Sarah after his death, that Bett died before the decease of Elizabeth Nichols in whose use & possession the aforesaid personal

property continued from the death of Solomon Nichols to that of the said Elizabeth as contemplated & intended by the said deed and will of the said Solomon & and that the said Elizabeth afterwards acquired a negro slave named Flora & other personal property of which she was also possessed at the time of her death. And your oratrix & orators further show that the said Elizabeth Nichols being of sound & disposing mind, memory & understanding on or about the 15th day of September in the year of our Lord 1796 did duly **(page 3 copy of page 2) (page 4)** make and publish her last will in writing & thereby among divers other things gave unto your oratrix who was her eldest daughter the aforesaid negro Sarah, twenty guineas, one feather bed well furnished & one half of the clothes & one fourth part of the residue of her estate and to your orators who were grand children of said testator she gave fourteen pounds apiece & one fourth part likewise of the residue of her estate to be put into their possession with the profit thence resulting when they should attain the age of twenty one years. And the said testatrix did nominate & appoint her sons John Wrenwick & William Wrenwick (alias Miller aforesaid) sole executors her said will as will more fully appear by a copy thereof herewith filed (marked C). And that on or about the 23rd day of August in the year of our Lord 1806, the said testatrix departed this life without altering or revoking her said will whereupon the said John & William duly proved the same before the Ordinary of Newberry District & obtained probate & took upon themselves the execution thereof & by virtue thereof possessed themselves of all the personal estate of the said testatrix to a large amount & much more than sufficient & sufficient to satisfy all her just debts funeral expenses & legacies & possessed themselves also of the whole of the personal property disposed of by the deed & will of Solomon Nichols aforesaid which was also more than sufficient to answer & satisfy all his just debts funeral expenses & legacies as will more fully appear by a copy of the appraise & sale bill returned the Ordinary office by the said executors & herewith filed (marked D).

And your oratrix & orator further show that at the time of executing the above mentioned deed of the said Solomon Nichols & ever after the only lawful children of the said Elizabeth were your oratrix & John Wrenwick & Ann Wrenwick since intermarried with one John Cary Royston & who died on about the 16th day of January in the year of our Lord 1802 & that said John C. Royston hath gone to foreign countries or parts unknown & entirely absented himself from this state for more than seven years last past. And your oratrix & orators further show that they have frequently & in a friendly manner to wit your oratrix both before & since & your orators since their attaining to the age of twenty one years applied unto the said executors & requested them to pay & satisfy unto your oratrix & orators their respective legacies parts & shares to which they were entitled under the deed & wills aforesaid together with lawful interest for the same & also to come to a fair & just account for & in assets of the personal estate aforesaid which has been received by them or by any other person or persons by their order or for their use & to pay & apply an personal estate & to dispose of the clear residue or surplus thereof agreeable **(page 5)** & to whom & for & upon what account cause or consideration & whether any & what part thereof is now remaining to be got in & administered & wherein whose hands possession or power & why the same has not been got in & received & what is the amount thereof. And that the said defendants may be decreed to come to a fair & just account for & in respect to all & singular the personal estate & effects aforesaid which have been received by these or either of them or by

any other person or persons by their order or for their use or which without their willful default might have been received & that the same may be applied in a course of administration & to the purpose contemplated in the deed & will of Solomon Nichols & the will of Elizabeth Nichols & thereunto your oratrix & orators may be fully heirs & satisfied their legacies shares & parts aforesaid together with lawful interest for the same & that the clear residue of the said personal property may be ascertained & your oratrix & orator receive thereof such parts shares & possessions as they appear to be entitled to and for such other & further relief as the nature of their case may require & to your honors shall seem meet. May it please your honors to grant unto your oratrix & orators the writ of subpoena to be directed to the said executors thereby commanding them at a certain day and under a certain penalty personally to be & appear in this Court then & there to answer the premises & to stand to & abide the order & decree as to your honors shall seem agreeable to equity & good conscience & that your honors may grant unto your oratrix and orators the writ of one execution against the said William Wrenwick (alias Miller) in order that he give sufficient bail or security that he will not or attempt to go out of the state into foreign parts without leave of this honorable court. And your oratrix & orators will ever pray.

Crenshaw Compts Solc.

You & each of you swear that the contexts & substance of their bill are true according to the best of your knowledge & belief. So help you god. Subscribed & sworn to this 13 day of Novem 1812

Agnes Renwick  
Solomon Royston

I hereby certify the above to be the form of the oath sworn to this bill by Agnes Wrenwick & Solomon Royston.

John Glenn J.P.

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Agnes Wrenwick & other

Vs

John Wrenwick and Wm Wrenwick alias Miller

William Wrenwick one of the Defendants answering admits that Solomon Nichols in his lifetime and at the time of his death was possessed of a considerable personal estate. That on or about the time in the said bill mentioned by his deed in writing, he did dispose of certain property thereby in [ ]and form of exhibit marked A filed with said bill specify. This Defendant further admits that the said Solomon Nichols after executing the aforesaid deed and before his death did acquire other personal property towit a negro man named Prince and nothing more as he believes but the natural increase of his stock. That on or about the time mentioned in said bill the said Solomon Nichols did make and execute his last will and testament thereby confirming the aforesaid deed, and disposing of other property in manner and form specified in exhibit

marked B filed with said bill - which Defendant believing to be a true copy of the said Solomon Nichols will and afterwards to wit on or about the time stated died. That Negro Betts had [ ] of one towit negro Dick in the life time of Solomon Nichols and of another towit Sarah after the death of the said Solomon Nichols will and before the death of the testatrix.

This Defendant admits that the said Elizabeth Nichols, after the death of the said Solomon Nichols did acquire other personal property towit Negro Flora and no other as he recollects but the natural increase of the stock. This Defendant further admits that the said Elizabeth Nichols on or about the time mentioned did by will dispose of certain property as [ ] in said bill and also appointed John Wrenwick and this defendant sole executor, who afterwards towit on or about the time stated caused the said will to be proven and took upon themselves the further and execution thereof and thereby possessed themselves of all the personal property mentioned in exhibit D filed with said bill, which exhibit this defendant has [ ] to be a true copy of the sale bill and certain [ ] the personal property of the said Solomon and Elizabeth Nichols at the time of the death of the said Elizabeth Nichols, except such property as was specifically disposed of by virtue of the said deed previous to the death of the said Solomon Nichols, and also except six half [ ] and [ ] guineas which was left in cash by the said Elizabeth Nichols at the time of her death and which afterwards came into the possession of John Wrenwick his coexecutor and also except one bay horse which the said John Wrenwick took into his possession **(page 8)** as his own property after the will of the testatrix was executed but before her death. This defendant admits that after paying all the just debts, funeral expenses and specific legacies of the said testatrix there out to be one hundred fifty one dollars. Eighty five for debts [ ] agreeable to the will of the said Elizabeth Nichols which is due and owing by John Wrenwick his executor and Agnes Wrenwick one of the complainants as scheduled herewith filed marked E shews. And in addition to this six half [Jaes ] and nine guineas cash of which John Wrenwick possessed himself of some time after the death of the testatrix as before stated; which this defendant always expected and to have been paid by the said John Wrenwick [ ] the complainants Agnes Wrenwick for and in lieu of the specific legacy left her in said will. But the defendant is now informed & believing the said John Wrenwick has not paid and satisfied the same to the said Agnes, as he ought to have done. This defendant further states that in addition to the sum exhibited in this sale bill there were outstanding debts due and owing the testatrix of which as near as he can recollect he received about forty dollars of all which he gave an account to his coexecutor and requested him to charge him with the amount thereof which he supposed he did; but now utterly refused to let him have or see the book in which the entries are made by which mean he is unable to render a precise and correct account of the sale. This defendant denies having wasted or converted to his own [un ] ~~any property either of the testatrix~~ any property either of the testatrix or of the said Solomon Nichols, or any number of hogs as stated in said bill. But sets forth & shews that himself and the said testatrix previous to her death were joint proprietors and copartners of all the hogs on the plantation of the testatrix at the time of her death. That after the death of the testatrix they were divided into two lots, one of which was his own, and the other sold as the testatrix property at the sale aforesaid & was purchased by himself. This defendant further admits that he has not annually accounted with the ordinary; believing it was not necessary so to do, until a full, fair, and complete settlement of the estate

took place. This defendant utterly denies that part of the bill in which he is charged of refusing to come to a fair and final settlement with the complainant but on the contrary sets forth that he was at all time, **(page 9)** and anxious to come to a settlement, as he considers the complainant largely in his debt upon such settlement at that time after time and at divers of sundry times he has urged the necessity of a fair & final settlement but all his exertions to accomplish that desirable object has failed. This defendant denies all manner of fraud and confederacy and prays that he may be hence dismissed with his reasonable costs and charges. [ ]

Caldwell [ ]

You solemnly swear that what is contained in this your answer as it respects your own acts, and deeds is true of your own knowledge; and that which respects the acts and deeds of others you believe to be true. 10th July 1813.

Wm Wrenwick

I hereby certify the above to be the person of the oath sworn to this answer by William Wrenwick  
10th July 1813

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South Carolina  
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The separate answer of John Wrenwick, one of the defendants to the bills of complaint of Agnes Wrenwick and other complainants. This defendant reasoning [sic] to himself now and at times hereafter all benefit of [exception] to the many uncertainties and imperfections in the complainants said bill of complaint contained for answer thereunto or unto so much thereof as materially concur this defendant to make answer and saith he admits that Solomon Nichols in his lifetime and on or about this time stated in the said bill of complaint did make a deed of gift as stated in the complainants bill and that the exhibit A may be a copy of the said deed. He further admits that the Said Solomon Nichols afterwards made a bill as stated in the said bill that the exhibit B filed with the said bill may be a copy thereof. He further admits that the said Solomon Nichols after executing the deed of which exhibit A is a copy purchased a negro slave name Prince of which he was possessed in his own right at the time of his death. And that the negro Bett had [inserted above] one child named Dick born in the lifetime of the said Solomon and one child named Sarah born after the death of the said Solomon and in the lifetime of Elizabeth Nichols, and that the negro Bett died in the lifetime of the said Elizabeth Nichols. He further admits that Elizabeth Nichols afterward acquired a negro slave named Flora and other personal property of which she was possessed at the time of her death, he further admits that the said Elizabeth Nichols on or about the time stated did duly make her last will and testament as stated in the said bill and that the exhibit C filed with said bill may be a copy thereof. And that the said Elizabeth on or about the time stated departed this life without altering or revoking the

said will. That after his death this defendant and William Wrenwick alias Miller duly proved the said will before the ordinary of Newberry District and took upon themselves the burden of the execution thereof and thereby possessed themselves of all the personal state of the said testator, that they caused the said personal estate to be appraised and such parts thereof as were not physically given away, to be sold and he believes the exhibit D filed with said bill to be a new copy of the said appraisement and sale - except five bushels of corn sold to Thomas Lofton for seven dollars and fifty cents, sold to Thomas Lofton seven dollars and fifty cents, five bushels to Andrew Simms for seven dollars and fifty cents, five bushels to Abigail Webb for seven dollars eighty and two cents, five to George Webb for ten dollars, five to Thomas Lofton for eight dollars seventy-five cents, five to George Webb for eight dollars seventy-five cents which this defendant finds has been omitted in the copy of the sale bill - he further admits that at the time of the execution of the said deed of the said Solomon Nichols and ever after the only lawful children of the said Elizabeth Nichols were the complainant Agnes Renwick, this defendant and An Renwick who intermarried with one John C Royston and who on or about the time stated departed this life - that the said John C Royston many years being removed from this state as the defendant understood [ ] settled in Georgia, he further admits that the complainants have ceased [ ] **(page 11)** of the said estate and to pay over to them their distribution share of the said estate which this defendant was always desirous should be done, but the greatest part being in the hands of his co executor who refused to come to a settlement the same could not be done. This defendant states that he received over [ ] the articles enumerated in the sale Bill which was witnessed a negro man Prince was willed to him by the said Elizabeth Nichols, and noted of hand due the said Elizabeth at the time of his death. Cotton hand at the time of his death and sent to town and sold after his death, cash on hand at the time of his death and (a few other small Articles) - to the amount of two hundred and twenty dollars, twelve and a quarter cents as will now fully appear by Exhibit A herewith filed - That he has paid an amount of the said estate twelve dollars thirty one some fourth cents as will appear by said Exhibit A. That William Renwick received for collection notes due to said Elizabeth Nichols at the time of his death which were not mentioned in appraisement to the amount of eighteen pounds fifteen shillings and nine pence equal to eighty dollars fifty two cents which this said William Renwick has since acknowledged to have received from the persons by whom they were due. Except a small trifle due by Bennett that this said notes were due and owing on account of a sale made by this said Elizabeth in her lifetime at which [ ] some sugar and crockery was belonging to this said William Renwick were sold as this defendant understood and included in the said estates at the amount of which this defendant cannot at this time state. That the said William Renwick acknowledge to have received of the sale of cotton on hand at the time of the death of the said Elizabeth the sum of fifty seven dollars, ninety six cents. [ ] forth that the said William kept back at the time of the sale one half of this [ ] of hots, two negroes Dick and Sarah one sorrel horse & one bed and furniture which he claimed as his own property under the deed wills aforesaid as will more fully by appear by EXhibit B herewith filed that the said William Renwick further received cloth for a lustrous coat being paid of cloth remaining unsold the day of sale, and that the remaining part was received by Jabez Gault. This Defendant further states that Agnes Renwick one of the complainants he believes but is not positive received a bed and furniture to which she became entitled under the will of the said

Elizabeth Nichols. This Defendant further states that on the day of the sale of the said estate he received from Reason Davis for an old sifter and coffee pot sixty nine cents from Thomas Campbell for a large oven one dollar thirty one and fourth cents which was all he ever received of the money rising from the said sale except as to the articles which were purchased by himself at said sale that at the time of the sale the complainants ( except Jabez Gault) and the Defendants all lived together as one family and all the articles purchased for the family as to either party was calculated and they came to a settlement thereof and each parties share came to sixteen dollars twenty four cents that William Renwick took into his possession for collections all the notes due on account of said sale which he has since informed this Defendant the he has received from the different persons by whom **(page 12)** they were due The Defendant further states that the said Elizabeth Renwick, after the death of her husband John Renwick, administered on his estate and thereby became indebted as well as this defendant can compute from the sale made of this said Estate to his sister Agnes REnwick, one of the complainants in the sum of twenty one dollars six and one fourth cents - to this Defendant in the sum of seventeen dollars eighty cents which this defendant humbly conceives ought to be deducted out of her Estate before distribution made thereof - This Defendant further states that during the life of said Elizabeth he paid for her and deposited in her hands several sums of money and sold to her two hogs amounting to the sum of one hundred & forty two dollars twenty five cents that he sold bacon by her permission and received the money twenty six dollars leaving her indebted to him in the sum of one hundred and sixteen dollars twenty five cents for money deposited in her hands paid on her account and for the hogs sold - That this Defendant lived with the said Elizabeth before her death for the years eighteen hundred two, three, four, and five making four years he laboured faithfully in the plantation and with the assistance of two negroes Prince and Flora he supported the family and realized something handsome for the said Elizabeth for which he has received no recompense and for which services he thinks himself reasonable entitled to one hundred dollars per annum making the sum of four hundred dollars as will appear by exhibit C. All which this Defendant humbly conceives ought in justice to be deducted out of her estate before distribution is made thereof. This defendant further states that he has always been willing and ready to come to a fair and just settlement of this said estate and pay over to those interested their distributive share of the same, had any thing remained in, his hands on such settlement for distribution which he thinks will not be the case upon a fair settlement of the said Estate, and prays to be hence dismissed with his reasonable costs.

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In Equity Washington District

June term 1813. Between Agnes Wrenwick & others complainants  
& John Wrenwick & William Wrenwick (alias Miller) Defendants.

This case standing ready to be heard at last February Term the substance of the complainants bill appeared to be that Elizabeth Nichols in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & ninety six published her last will & testament & thereby gave to the oratrix who was her eldest daughter certain aforesaid legacies and one fourth of the residue of her Estate and to the orators who were her grandchildren she gave certain pecuniary legacies and one fourth of her Estate. That Defendants are Executors of said will and that the Testatrix died in August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and six. That Solomon Nichols the husband of said Elizabeth who died in September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety three in the month of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty four by deed gave to the said Elizabeth during her natural life to hold up and occupy from the time of his death all his personal estate and after her decease he gave to William Miller one of the defendants the negro woman Bett & the remainder of said property to be divided among the children of the said Elizabeth. That Solomon Nichols afterwards acquired other property and then made his **(page 14)**

Will thereby confirming said deed: bequeathing his subsequently acquired property to the said Elizabeth and appointing her his Executrix. That Bett after the deed was executed and before the publishing of the will of the said Elizabeth had [ ] Dick and Sarah the latter of whom was given to your oratrix and the former undisposed of by the said will. That Dick was born in the [ ] and Sarah after the death of husband Solomon. That after executing this deed negro Prince was acquired and that Bett died before the said Elizabeth. That the oratrix Agnes the Defendant John and Ann Royston who died in January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and [ ] were the only lawful children of the said Elizabeth. That the Defendants got possession of all the personal property and therefore that the said complainants may be relieved is the scope of this Bill. Thereto the Defendants by their answer alleged to wit William Wrenwick (alias Miller) admits the will florabetand deed of Solomon Nichols; that after executing said deed the said Solomon [ ] negro Prince, that negro Bett had issue as stated; that after the death of said Solomon Nichols the said Elizabeth did acquire negro Flora that the said Elizabeth published her will and died as stated and that the Defendant undertook the execution thereof and possessed themselves of the property of the said Solomon [ ] Elizabeth all which matters and things are [ ] admitted by the said John Renwick. **(page 15)** the aforesaid term by [ ] of all parties concerned it was ordered that the said cause be referred to the award arbitrament and final dispersion of John M Morries George M Creliss, William Turpin junior and George W. Glenn by virtue whereof the said arbiters by their word and seal bearing date the nineteenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirteen having examined the witness considered the evidence and naturally weighed all the matters and things to their [ ] did award [ ] and decree that one of the Defendants John Renwick by virtue of the will of the said Elizabeth is entitled to the negro man Prince who already is in his possession. That Agnes Renwick by virtue of the said will is entitled to the negro girl Sarah in whose possession the said negro girl now is. That the Defendant William Renwick is entitled to negro Dick at the value of four hundred dollars which said sum is taken into consideration in the settling the Estate of the said Elizabeth and Solomon. That the complainants are justly entitled to receive from the Defendants the sum of six hundred & thirty seven dollars forty six cents in manner following [ ] of John RENwick , the sum of two hundred & eighteen dollars seventeen cents, and of William



Renwick alias Miller, the sum of four hundred & eighteen dollars seventy three cents, out of which the said Agnes Renwick is to receive the sum of two hundred and fourteen dollars three cents, Jabez Gault is to receive two hundred and sixteen dollars, twenty four cents, and Solomon Royston is to receive two hundred and seven dollars nine cents. And that the said Defendant should pay the costs of this suit, that is to , say each one half respectively. **(page 16)** And now at this present [ ] Term, all parties being present by their Solicitors; and no objection being made against confirming the said award, and making it a final Decree of this court and therefore it is declared adjudged and decreed that the said award be confirmed and that it become a final and conclusive decree between all parties concerned.

It agrees with the records, orders and award as examined by [comment in left margin unfinished]

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In the name of God amen. I Elizabeth Nichols of Newberry in the district of ninety six & state of S Carolina widow being of perfect mind & memory make this my last will & testament in which I bequeath & dispose of my temporal estate in the following manner. After the payment of my funeral charges & all my debts to my eldest daughter Agnes Wrenwick I bequeath one negroe child named Sarah twenty guineas one good feather bed well furnished & one half of my body cloaths. And likewise to my eldest son John Wrenwick I bequeath one negroe fellow named Prince one log house & one good feather bed well furnished & likewise to my sons Wm Miller I confirm the conveyance of Solomon Nichols my dec husband (made to me & said Wm Milly my son & to be [ ] or to [ ] Wm Miller at my death viz. [ ] conveyances of this trade of [ ] on which I give a negress which name is Bett one black mare, & sorrel horse & two cows & calves & I further bequeath to said Wm Miller one good feather bed well furnished & choice to my son in law John Cary Royston I bequeath five shillings sterling likewise to my daughter Anne Royston I bequeath five shillings & one half of my body cloths. To Jabez Gault some of said Anne Royston & my grandson I bequeath fourteen fourteen [ ] - the residue of my estate goods chattel arrears or debts with all of the property I allow to be divided into four equal parts one of which parts I bequeath to Agnes Wrenwick my eldest daughter, another of said parts I bequeath to my eldest son John Renwick. The third of said parts I bequeath to Wm Miller & the fourth of the above parts I bequeath to jabez Gault & Solomon Royston my grandchildren to be equally divided between them to be left in the hands of my execs. Till they said Solomon comes of age to be by then over part into their possession with all the profits there [ ] I do hereby appoint John Wrenwick my eldest son & my son Wm Miller as excs. Of this my last will & testament & do hereby utterly revoke disallow & disapprove all forms bequeaths wills & legacies [ ] heretofore in any [ ] left or made. Declaring ratifying & [ ] this & no other to be my last will & testament. In witness whereof I have herewith set my hand & seal this 15th day of september in the year of our lord 1796.

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[ ] published & declared by the [ ] Eliz. Nichols [ ] her last will & testament in the presence of [ ] her request & her [ ] & other have [ ]

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This is the last will & testament of Solomon Nichols of Newberry County in the district of ninety six & state of South Carolina - planter whereas heretofore I made & executed several conveyances of my real and personal estate to Elizabeth Wrenwick my present wife and her children by way of a marriage settlement and comfortable provision. In support for the said Elizabeth Wrenwick and her children as by references being thereunto respectively had [,] will more fully & at large appear & which said several conveyances I do hereby as far as may be necessary to make the same absolutely legal & valid hereby establish and confirm. And whereas since the executing of the said conveyances I have acquired other property both real and personal and do hereby devise and bequeath to my said wife Elizabeth Renwick all such my estate both real and personal. All the rest and residue of my estate both real and personal of which I may be possessed or entitled to at the time of my death & which has not already been previously been given away by me in the aforesaid conveyances all which said estate both real and personal I give devise & bequeath to the said Elizabeth and to her heirs & assigns forever without any limitation trust or encumbrance whatsoever and I do hereby declare to be null & void all former & other wills by me at any time heretofore made & declare this only to be my last will & testament. & I do hereby appoint the said Elizabeth "Nichols my wife" sole executrix of this my will. In testimony whereof I have hereunto put my hand & seal this day of in the year of our Lord seven thousand one hundred and ninety. Signed sealed published & declared by the said Solomon Nichols as & for his last will & testament in the presence of us who at his request & in his presence & in the presence of each other have signed the same as witnesses these words " Nichols my wife" being first inter[ ]

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State of South Carolina  
Washington District

In Equity

To John Wrenwick & William Wrenwick (alias Miller)

For certain causes offered before the Judges of the Courts of Equity at Laurens Court House in & for the Equity districts of Washington in a certain bill of complaint exhibited against you by Agnes Wrenwick, Jabez Gault & Solomon Royston complainants you & each of you are required & commanded that you appear in the said courts of Equity at Lauren Court House aforesaid on the twenty eighth day of December Instant to answer to the aforesaid bill of complaint & further to do & receive what the said courts shall consider in the premises, and that you severally file with the commissioner of the said Court at Laurens Court House aforesaid your plea answer or demurrer to the said bill of complaints thirty days next after the day

appointed for your appearance as aforesaid. And in default thereof an order will be granted that the said bill be taken as confessed & an attachment be issued against you. And have you then & there this writ.

Witness John Garlington Esquire Commissioner of the said Court at Laurens Court House the Eleventh day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twelve & in the thirty seventh year of American Independence.

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This indenture made the 17th day of May in the year of our Lord 1784 between Solomon Nichols of 96 district & state of So Carolina gent. & Elizabeth Nichols of the District & state aforesaid & Wm Miller her son of the other part [ ] that the said Solomon Nichols for & in consideration of his love & affection which he had & doth bear unto the said Elizabeth Nichols & Wm Miller & for divers other causes & [ministrations] from thereunto moving hath given & granted & by therefor [ ]with give & grant unto the said Elizabeth Nichols her heirs assigns all my goods & chattels & all my personal estate of every consideration & quality whatsoever which the said Elizabeth Nichols her heirs & assigns shall immediately after my decease that [ ] household use & occupy all my said personal estate as such be full clear a [ ] as I might or could do before the signing & delivery of these presents. And the said Solomon Nichols for himself & his heirs [ ] & [ ] doth hereto covenant & promise that the said Elizabeth Nichols shall [ ] [ ] & possess all the above said personal estate during the natural life of the said Elizabeth Nichols hereafter her decease the [ ] Solomon Nichols for himself his heirs executors & administrators doth give unto the said Wm Miller his [ ] 9 pigs forever 2 cows & also an [ ] crops & hole in each ear & under keel in the left ear & a bay horse & colt as also one negroe wench named Bet to have & to hold to him the said promises to the said Wm Miller & to his heirs & assigns forever. And the remainder of my said personal estate the above said Solomon Nichols doth hereby for himself his heirs, Execs. & admins. Doth hereby [ ] in [ ] to & wit Elizabeth Nichols her heirs & assigns. That be equally divided as to [ ] [ ] all the children which the said Elizabeth Nichols [ ] [ ] In writing whereof the said Solomon Nichols hath hereunto at his hand & seal this day & year first above written.

his  
Solomon x Nichols  
Mark

Signed, sealed & delivered in the

Presence of Charles Wilson  
Saml Kelly