

Bunkley's
Will

In the Name of God Amen I Joshua Bunkley of

Charleston County being sick and weak in body but perfect in sense and memory do hereby certify that I am certain of this life that it is appointed for all men once to die, I do make and ordain this my last will and Testament, first of all I recommend my soul to god who gave it me, and my Body to be buried in a

Christians manner; and as for what worldly Estate it has pleased god to bestow upon me; I give and bequeath as followeth (Wit.) I give and bequeath to my loving Wife Mildred Bunkley all my land

and plantation whereon I now live with all the appurtenances and plantation Uttenances and all the Stock horses, Cattle, Sheep and Hogs; I further give to my Wife the following Negroes (Wit.) Simon

Philis, Jacob, Bell, Pegg and Tom, to her during her life: after her decease the Land I give to my son Jesse, and the above mentioned Negroes with their Increase I desire that they may be Equally

divided between my two Children Jesse and Reziab. I then give and bequeath to my son Jesse Bunkley the following Negroes (Wit.) Pompey, Cull, James and Gabriel to him and his heirs Lawfully Begotten I then I give and bequeath to my Daughter Reziab

Bunkley the following Negroes (Wit.) Esther, Lewis, Charles and Dicky to her and her heirs Lawfully Begotten of her Body. If either of my Children Jesse Bunkley or Reziab

Bunkley die and have no Issue their Estate shall return Back to the other; will and desire is that all the Negroes be kept together till my Children Become of age or marry

I then I do make ordain constitute my loving Wife Mildred Bunkley

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I do make ordain constitute my loving Wife Mildred Bunkley and Luke Palmer
my Executors of this my Last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and seal this tenth day of January in the year of our Lord and Saviour Christ one thou-
sand seven hundred and Eighty. I do desire no Appraisment.

Signed Sealed and delivered In the presence of } Joshua ^{his} Bunkley, L. S.
Robert Franklin, Elizabeth ^{her} _{mark} Read, Father, Hughes.

At a Court held for Charlotte County the 7th Day of August 1700
The within Written Last Will and Testament of Joshua Bunkley dec^d was Exhibited in
Court by Mildred Bunkley and Luke Palmer the Executor and Executrix therein
Named, and the same was proved by the Oaths of Robert Franklin, Elizabeth Read,
and Father Hughes, and Ordered to be Recorded on the motion of the said Executrix who
made Oath according to Law Certificate is Granted her for Obtaining a probate of the said Will
in due form She giving security whereupon she with Francis Thornton and Temple Davis
her Security entered into and Acknowledged her bond for that purpose, and the said Luke
Palmer renounced in Open Court the Execution of the said Will.

Test Thomas Read Clerk

Truly Recorded

Thomas Read