

WILL OF

DAVID CUNNINGHAM

In the name of God Amen I David Cunningham of Abbeville County in Ninety six District & State of south Carolina, being very sick & weak in body but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given unto God calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to Die Die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hand of Almighty God that gave it; and my body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in decent Christian burial at the discretion of my Executors Nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the Almighty power of God; and as touching such Worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this Life I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner & form.

First. I give & bequeath to Jane Cunningham my dearly beloved Wife. Two Negroes (viz) One Negro Woman named Abbigail & one Negro boy named Drew; during her Widowhood or Lifetime & her Maridge or Death; she is to give or have the said Negroes & their ofspring unto such of my Children as she may think proper; I also give & bequeath to my dearly beloved Wife one large beay Horse her bridle & Sadel, one feather bed & furniture & all the rest of my household furniture forever at her owne disposeall, the remainder of the Beeds & their furniture excepted. I also give & bequeath unto my dearly beloved Wife my Horses & Lands that I now live in & upon dureing her Widowhood or Lifetime & at her Death or Maridge the said Houses & Lands to be equally divided according to quantity & quallity betwixt my two youngest Sons (viz) David & Robert Cunningham & if that either one of my said Two Sons should die without issue that then their part of said Houses & Lands or their Value are to be equally divided

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my Horses Cattle Sheep & Hogs: That I do not give away at this time & if that my said Daughter should die without lawful Issue: that then the said ~~Two Negroes~~ or their Value are to be equally divided amongsts the whole of my other children--I also give to my well beloved son John Cuninghams Two Tracts of Land one Tract of one Hundred & fifty acres on the Waters of Coffey Town, one Tract of Land of one Hundred acres on the Waters of Little River, one Negro Boy named Jack & one Negro girl named Silvey, one young bay Mare & one Yeallow Boned Colt, one Saddle & bridle one feather bed & furniture & his equal part of all such of my stock of every kinde that I Do not give away at this time; & if that my said son John should die without Issue the said Two Negroes or their Value to be equally divided amongsts my other surviving Children--I also give & bequeath my well beloved Daughter Betcey Cuninghams one Negro Woman named Peg, & her first born Child one Horse Saddle & Bridle, one feather Bed & furniture & an equal part of my stock that is not given away to any other at this time. & if that my said Daughter Betcey should die without lawful Issue then the said Negro Woman & Child or their value to be equally divided amongsts all the rest of my Children, & if that the said Negro Woman named Peg should live to have any more children then one then in that case whatever number of Children that she may have more than the one they are to be equally divided betwixt my three Daughters Betcey Pamale & Margaret Cuninghams--I also give unto my well beloved son David Cuninghams Negro man named Boob. one Horse at the Value of Twenty pounds sterling, One saddle & bridle when he arrives at the age of Twenty one years & his Equeal part of all my stock of Horses Cattle sheep & Hoogs that are not made mention of at this time & if my said son David should Die without lawful Issue of his body then in that case the said Negro Boob or his Value to

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ing any lawful Heirs of his owne body; then in that case the said Negro man Named Lunen or his Value is to be equally divided amongst all my other Children--I also give unto my well beloved Daughter Pamale one Negro Woman named Sall & the child that she is now with one Horse Saddle & Bridle at the Value of Twenty Pounds Sterling one feather Bed & furniture to be given unto her when she arrives at the age of Eighteen years & if that the said Negro Woman should live to have any more children then the one that she is now with, then in that case the remainder of her Children is to be equally divided betwixt my three Daughters Betcey Pamale & Margaret Cuningham--& if that my said Daughter Pamale should die without Issue the said Negro Woman & her first Child & whatever afterwards that may belong unto my said Daughger Pamale shall be equally divided ~~amongst the~~ ^{amongst the} surviving part of my Children--I also give unto my well beloved Daughter Margaret one Negro Boy named Bristo one Horse Saddle & Bridle at the Value of Twenty Pounds Sterling one feather Beed & furniture to be given unto her when she arrives at the age of Eighteen Years: which is the age that all my other Daughters is to receive there parts, & likewise her & my Daughteer Pamale is to have each of them there equal part of all my stock of every kind that is not given to them & the others at this time: and if that my said Daughteer Margaret should die without Issue; the said Negro Boy named Bristo or his Value is to be equeally divided amongsts the surviving part of my Children & my Two Sons David & Robert Cuningham each one of them is to have one feather Beed & furniture--& as for what tobacco I have on hand I desire it to be sold & my Debts collected that are in due me with what money I have in hand & then my Debts paid and afterwards if any money remain on hand I desire it to be kept for the school of my Children; & for the support of

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such property & the remainder to be Equally divided amongst
my Children & each ones part given unto them when they come to
the Years of Maturity--I Likewise constitute make ordain & ap-
point my wife Jane Cunningham my Brother Patrick Cuninghams & his
son John Cuniggham my sole Executors of this my Last Will & Test-
ament, & I do hereby utterly disallow revoke & disannul all &
every other former Testaments Wills legacies bequeaths & Exe-
cutors by me in any ways before named Willed & bequeathed rat-
ifying & confirming this & no other to be my last Will & Testa-
ment In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this
thirtieth day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand
seven hundred & ninety three.

D^d CUNNINGHAM (SEAL)

Signed sealed published pro-
nounced & declared by the said
David Cunningham as his last
Will & Testament in the pre-
sents of us who in his pre-
sence & in the presence of each
other have hereunto subscribed
our names

John Chiles L. S.

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Walter Chiles L. S.

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