

WILL OF
CHARLOTTE KERSHAW

17 Pth The State of South Carolina. In the Name of
N^o 1 God Amen, I Charlotte Kershaw of Charleston in
the State aforesaid being at present very weak and feeble
in body, and fully aware of the uncertainty of Life but
feeling quiet in mind and capable of reason and the exer-
cise of my judgment, and being uneasy only as to the fu-
ture state and Comfort of my dear relatives hereinafter
mentioned, do make this my Last Will and testament and do
hereby publish and declare this to be my free act for that
purpose, that is to say, after payment of all my just debts
I will and bequeath unto my respected friends Thomas Size
Bonneau and Joseph Humphreys my two negro female slaves
Sibby and Jenny who were given to me in and by the last
will and testament of the late Mr. Fan, and also my much
respected Mother Isabella Wragg and my beloved Sister and
Brother named respectively Harriet and Charles Kershaw who
I have been unable to emancipate in consequence of the re-
strictions in the Law and who were also left to me as my
property in and by the last Will of the said Mr Fan of
whom they were the slaves, but over whom I have never ex-
ercised the privileges of a mistress nor ever permitted
any one so to do, and to whom after my decease I wish to
extend as many of the immunities & rights of freedom as
can possibly be permitted by the laws of the Land, togeth-
er with the future issue and increase of the females unto
my said friends Thomas Size Bonneau and Joseph Humphries
to have and to hold the said Sibbey and Jenny and my dear
relatives the said Isabella Wragg Harriet Kershaw and
Charles Kershaw together with the future issue and increase
as aforesaid In trust nevertheless to and for the uses
trusts intents & purposes hereinafter limited and expressed
of and concerning the same, that is to Say the said Isabella

Wragg and the said Harriet and the said Charles Kershaw my said relatives together with the issue and increase of the females to the said Thomas Size Bonneau and increase of the phries their Executors and administrators in trust for the use and behoof of William Kershaw his Executors & administrators free from the debts contracts or engagements of the said William Kershaw and to allow the said Isabella Wragg Harriet Kershaw & Charles Kershaw free priviledge to hire out their own time to live entirely free from the restraint or controul of the said William Kershaw the said Thomas Size Bonneau and the said Joseph Humphreys or of any other person or persons whatsoever and to allow the said Isabella Wragg Harriet Kershaw and Charles Kershaw to live wheresoever they may please and to dispose of their time in whatsoever manner they may think fit (always paying due regard to the Law) and in short to live as though they were free people for and during so long a time as they the said Isabella Wragg, Harriet Kershaw and Charles Kershaw shall pay to the said William Kershaw the sum of one Dollar to be paid by each of them severally and respectively once in every year at a Stated time to take date from the first day of the ^{second} month after my decease to the said William Kershaw and also so long as they the said Isabella Wragg Harriet and Charles Kershaw shall regularly pay & reimburse the said Thomas Size Bonneau Joseph Humphreys & William Kershaw for any sum or sums of money which they or either of them may be required to lay out for the legal expences which may be incurred by them or either of them as the trustees trustee or cestuy que trust of the said estate or property in them the said Isabella Wragg Charles Kershaw and Harriet Kershaw As I only appoint the said William Kershaw the owner of my said beloved relations because an owner is actually and indispensably necessary under the existing Laws so I wish him to receive the said annual amontent of One dollar (if he

thinks fit to exact it) from each of my said relatives in full Satisfaction and in Lieu of all claim which he may Legally raise up against them for hire wages interest or income of any Kind, and in order more effectually to give my said relatives all possible opportunity of recovering their freedom I wish it to be distinctly understood that not even the trust estate herein above conveyed is to commence at all, if any prospect should occur which may hold out a reasonable hope to my said friends Thomas Size Bonneau and Joseph Humphreys of emancipating my Said relatives and that even after the said Estate has commenced it shall only Continue to exist during the continuance of the legal preventives to their emancipation and that as soon as an opportunity for the emancipation of the said Isabella Wragg Harriet Kershaw and Charles Kershaw arrives that then all the right title and interest of the said William Kershaw of any Kind whatsoever which may be hereby Created in him shall ule as to the Said Isabella Wragg Harriet Kershaw and Charles Kershaw, shall utterly & immediately cease and determin and it shall immediately become the duty of the said Thomas Size Bonneau and Joseph Humphries my said friends to procure the emancipation of my said relatives, and I hereby enjoin this upon them my said friends as my dying wish and earnest request and I give also and bequeath the two slaves within mentioned who are named Sibby and Jenny together with their future issue and increase to the said Thomas Size Bonneau and Joseph Humphries as above Stated in trust to and for the use of the said William Kershaw free from the debts contracts or engagements of the said William Kershaw upon the conditions that he the said William Kershaw shall allow to my said relatives my mother & my sister named respectively Isabella Wragg and Harriet Kershaw to have the total management and Controul of the said Slaves and to enjoy the sole and exclusive advantage

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of the profits which may accrue from the hire of the Said Slaves or of their issue for and during the term of the natural Lives of them the said Isabella Wragg and Harriet Kershaw and for and during the natural Life of the survivor of them, and upon the further condition that from and after the death's of my Sister and my mother each and both of them then that he the said William Kershaw shall and will permit the said Slave Sibby together with her issue and increase to dispose of themselves in the same manner as if she he or they were free upon the same condition to each of them respectively as are above directed in relation to my relatives and upon the further condition that from and after the death of both my mother and sister then that the said William Kershaw will allow to the aforesaid Charles Kershaw my Brother to enjoy one half of the profits to be derived from the remaining negro slave named Jenny, if he has not at that time his freedom; one half of the profits to be derived from the said Slave Jenny^{or}/of her issue, to be the property of the said William Kershaw after the said deaths of my mother and Sister and the other half to be so as abovementioned for the exclusive benefit of the said Charles Kershaw and to be absolutely his own if he be then, or whenever afterwards he may become emancipated. Item I will that my executors do pay all my just debts out of my other property whether it be furniture, which they may sell for that purpose any debts due me or demands to which I may be entitled at my decease. Item I will and bequeath the residue of my estate which may remain after making all the foregoing dispositions to my aforementioned friends Thomas Size Bonneau and Joseph Humphries their Executors and administrators, in trust for the use benefit and behoof of my beloved Mother and Sister Isabella Wragg and Harriet Kershaw in the same manner as the said Slave's Sibby and Jenny, except that if the said rest and residue of my estate consist in money or as much thereof as shall so consist in money, then and in that case

in trust for my said Mother and Sister equally and between them to be divided absolutely and Solely for their use benefit and behoof. Lastly I do hereby nominate Constitute and appoint my said friends Thomas Sizé Bonneau & Joseph Humphries Executors of this my Last Will and testament, and do solemnly enjoin them or whichever of them may qualify to use all the efforts in their power to carry into effect my true intent & meaning on the same Witness my hand and Seal this fourth day of December 1826.

Charlotte Kershaw (LS)

Signed Sealed published and declared by the testatrix to be her Last Will and testament in the presence of us who have hereunto Subscribed our names as Witnesses in the presence of the testatrix.

S. Chisolme ----- A.M. Neill Burke ----- Geo W^m Logan ---

Proved before James D Mitchell Esquire O.C.T.D. 21st February 1827. At same time Qualified Thomas Sizé Bonneau & Joseph Humphries, Executors.

Ex^d

J.D.M.

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