

In the name of God Amen the twenty sixth day of December 1748 I
 Abraham Staples of Beaven County in South Carolina Planter being in Perfect
 health in body but of Perfect mind and memory Thanks be Given unto God therefore
 Calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is Appointed
 for all men once to die I make & Ordain this my Last will & Testament that is to
 say Principally & first of all I Give and Recommend my soul into the hands of
 God that gave it and my body I commend to the earth to be buried in a Decent
 Christian burial at the Discretion of my Exors. nothing doubting but at the
 General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty Power
 of God and as touching such Worldly Estate wherewith it hath Pleased God
 to bless me with in this life I Give Demise and Dispose of the same in the
 following manner after my funeral Charges & Lawfull Debt are paid
 Item I Give to my well beloved son Isaac Staples whom I likewise constitute &
 Ordain heir & Exor. of this my Last will & Testament of all and singular my
 Lands Mezuages & Tenements that I have by him freely to be possessed &
 Enjoyed and one negro boy named Hander and one negro Girl named Bloo
 by him freely to be Possessed and Enjoyed forever Item I Give and Bequeath
 to my Daughter Gain Staples one negro Girl named Sellah by her freely to be
 Possessed forever Item I Give and bequeath to my Daughter Joannah Staples one
 negro Girl named Israf by her to be freely Possessed & Enjoyed forever Item
 I Give and Bequeath to my Daughter Hannah Staples one negro Girl named
 Sele by her freely to be Possessed & Enjoyed forever Item I Give and bequeath to my
 Daughter Sarah Staples one negro Girl named Charity by her freely to be
 Possessed and Enjoyed forever Item it is my will that the rest of my moveables
 Effects be divided among my five children that is to say Gain Staples
 Joannah Staples Hannah Staples Sarah Staples Isaac Staples Share & Share
 Alike and I do hereby utterly Disallow revoke disannul all former Testaments
 wills Legacies bequests & Exors. by me in any wise before named willed or
 bequeathed ratifying & confirming this and no other to be my Last will &
 Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal the
 day & year above written and it is my Will that Mr. John Coachman &
 Gain Staples be Exors. of this my Last will and Testament Signed Sealed
 Published Pronounced & Declared by the a^d Abraham Staples as his Last
 will & Testament in the Presence of us the Subscribers

Test John M^r Dowall
 Abraham Giles
 Tho^s H^{is} Melbon
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Abraham Staples (Ld)

This will was Proved by Virtue of a Dedimus / the
 4th day of April 1750 at the same time Qualified
 Benj^y Coachman Exor. therein named

South Carolina In the name of God Amen I William Burnley of St
 George's Parish and Berkeley County and Province aforesaid being well in perfect
 mind and memory & calling to mind my mortality do make and appoint this my last will and testament
 in manner and form following that is to say I Imprioise Committing my soul into the hands of
 God my faithful Creator and Gracious Redeemer and my Body to the earth to be buried at the
 discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but I shall receive the same again by the mighty power
 of God in the Resurrection my Will is that my Lawful Debt and funeral Charges be paid
 Item I Give and bequeath to my well beloved Brother Samuel Burnley a young negro man named
 Jack and a Mare, called Fly and her colt to him and her heirs forever
 Item I Give and bequeath to my beloved niece Ann Burnley the daughter of my deceased Brother Peter
 Burnley the share that belongs to one of two Bonds payable to Richard B. Burnley to the Executors
 of his Father William Burnley deceased and a Breeding Mare to her and her heirs forever
 Item I Give and bequeath to Elizabeth Swinner the daughter of Edward and Elizabeth Swinner and
 niece of my deceased wife both Burnley one cow and calf and a young grey old steer
 Item I Give and bequeath the rest of my estate both real and Personal to my dearly beloved
 Daughter Rebecca Burnley to her and her heirs forever any and all daughter Rebecca
 to be put in possession of said estate of the age of fourteen or at her marriage if
 under that age
 Item Having agreed with Mr. Samuel Baker to take care of my Plantation and Slaves upon
 a certain share for the space of two years commencing from his moving his family
 upon said Plantation, my Will is that said Samuel Baker be at his own choice to
 continue on said Plantation according to our agreement and during said term
 of two years or to leave it at the expiration of our year if he chooses think best to
 do so and that as soon as the above agreed term is expired or if said Samuel
 Baker should choose to quit the charge of the Plantation at one year and then all my
 personal estate to be sold by my Executors for the benefit of my child
 Lastly I constitute ordain and appoint my well beloved Brother Samuel Burnley and
 my trusty Friends W^m Baker and Benjamin Baker Executors of this my last will
 and Testament hereby revoking annulling and making void all other Wills &
 Testaments and Legacies in whatever way or manner made and done Ratifying and
 Confirming this and none other to be my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof
 I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 13th Day of March Anno Domini One
 thousand seven hundred and forty nine.

W^m Burnley (Ld)

Signed, sealed, Published and Shaled in
 presence of

John Osgood
 Hugh Douse
 Jonaⁿ Dunham

South Carolina In the Name of God Amen I W^m Burnley of
 Berkeley County and Province aforesaid being well in perfect mind and memory and calling to
 mind an commission in my last Will and Testament hereto annexed by two and the same