

In the name of God Amen the Twenty Sixth day of December 1748 I Abraham Staples of Braven 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 recommend to the earth to be buried in a Decent Christian burial at the Discretion of my Execs. nothing doubtfull 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 and Dispose of the same in the following manner after my funeral Charges & Lawfull Debts are paid Item I Give to my well beloved son Isaac Staples whom I likewise constitute & Ordain heir & Exec: of this my last will & Testament of all and Singular my Lands Meffages & Tenaments that I have by him freely to be possessed & enjoyed and one negro boy named Hander one negro Girl named Bloe by him freely to be Possesed and Enjoyed forever Item I Give and Bequeath to my Daughter Gaius Staples one negro Girl named Sellah by her freely to be Possesed forever Item I Give and bequeath to my Daughter Joannah Staples one negro Girl named Leah by her to be freely Possesed & Enjoyed forever Item I Give and Bequeath to my Daughter Hannah Staples one negro Girl named Selsa by her freely to be Possesed & Enjoyed forever Item I Give and Bequeath to my Daughter Sarah Staples one negro Girl named Charity by her freely to be Possesed 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 Gaius 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 & Execs: 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 & Benj: Coachman be Execs: of this my Last will and Testament signed Sealed Published Pronounced & Declared by the s^d Abraham Staples as his last will & Testament in the presence of us the Subscribers

Test: John M^r Dowall
Abraham Giles
Tho^r T^r Nelson
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Abraham Staples (L)

This will was Proved by Virtue of a Decimus / the 4th day of April 1750 at the same time Qualifed
Benj: Coachman Exec: therein named

South Carolina In the name of God Amen & W^m Burnley of St. George County and Berkeley County and Province of South Carolina being 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 Imprimis Committing my Soul into the hand of God my Faithful Creator and Incomparable 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 Lawfull Debts and Funeral charges be paid and my Executors and Exequaturs to my well beloved Brother Samuel Burnley a young Negro man named Jack and a Mare, called Fly and her foal to him and his Heirs forever I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Ann Burnley the Daugher of my Neare & Belovd Blk Burnley the share that belongeth to one of the Bonds payble Richard B. Burnley to his Exequaturs Father William Burnley deceased and a Brading Mare to her and her Heirs forever I give and bequeath to Elizabeth Sumner the Daugher of Edward and Elizabeth Sumner and wife of my deceased wife Ruth Burnley our now onself and a young gray oldster dog and bequeath the rest of my estate both real and Personal to my Beloved beloved Daughter Rebecca Burnley to her and her Heirs forever my said daughter Rebecca to be put in possession of said estate at the age of seventeen or at her Marriage if under that age.

I 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 the morrow his family return to said Plantation, my Will is that said Samuel Baker be at his own chuse to continue or said Plantation according to our agreement made during and term of two years or to leave it at the expiracion of our year if he shoulde think best to do so and that as soon as the above agreed term is expiried or if said Samuel Baker shoulde 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 as they I constitute ordaine and appoint my well beloved Brother Samuel Burnley and my trusty Friends Mr^r Baker and Benjamin Baker Executors of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking disannulling and making void all other Wills & Testaments and Regalias and whatsoever by me heretofore 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 18th Day of March anno Domini One thousand seven hundred and Sixty nine.

W^m Burnley (L)

Signed, sealed, Published and declared in presence of

John Dugood

Ralph Dowsie

Jona^r Durham

South Carolina In the Name of God Amen & W^m Burnley of Berkeley County and Province of South Carolina in perfect mind and memory and calling to mind an omission in my last Will and Testament herte ammended by two and do on

and thence the following clause to come in after the conclusion of the said Estate, namely I do wish my said daughter Rebecca should live under age or before she be in possession of the request to her made than my will is that said Request of my Estate to her shall go and belong to my Brother Sam Burnley and to my wife Ann Burnley to them and their heirs forever and to be equally divided between them and this Schedule annexed to my last Will and Testament I equally ratify and confirm therewith. In Witness whereof I have also hereunto set my hand and seal this 14th day of March one thousand seven hundred and forty nine.

W^m Burnley. (S)

Signed, sealed, published & declared
in presence of us.

John Cogard
Hugh Rawse
Mary Rawse

This will was proved before his Ex^c
the 10th April 1750 at the same time
qualified Sam^o Burnley and Benj^o Baker
Esq^r Merlin.

South Carolina. In the name of God Amen. I George Butler of Berkeley County in the Province aforesaid Minister being sick and weak of Body but of perfect mind and memory thank^(e) to God, for the grace do make Ordain and declare do my last Will and Testament in manner and form following and First I commit my soul unto the Hands of Almighty God, my Saviour Hoping and assuredly believ^eing the salvation of the same through the alone merits of Jesus Christ my blessed Saviour and Redeemer but my Body to be buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named and as for what temporal estate it hath pleased God to bestow upon me in this world, I do give devise and bequeath and dispose of the same as is herein and hereby set down mentioned and expressed I will that all my just debts legally paifit, contented and paid. Item I give devise and bequeath unto my loving wife Savannah Butler all my real and personal estate, goods & chattels whatsoever to her and her heirs forever. Lastly I nominate and appoint my well beloved friends James Singleton and Charles Ballleton and my loving wife Savannah Butler to be Executrix and Executrix to this my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 19th day May anno Domini 1745 and in the 21st year of His Majesty's Reign.

Geo. Butler. (S)

Signed, sealed, published pronounced and declared
by the said Geo. Butler as his last Will and
Testament in the presence of two the subscribers

Benj^o Singleton.
Rob^t Adams.
Rebecca Singleton.

This Will was proved before his
Excellency the Gov^r 20 April 1750
At the same time qualified Savannah
Butler Executrix within named

Estate of South Carolina. In the name of God Amen. I George
Hunley being weak in body but of sound mind and memory do make
the my last Will and Testament First I bequeath my sonata Daughter, Geo^r and
my Body to the Earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors
hereafter named. To order my funeral charge and all other debts to be paid paid
Secondly I give to my well beloved brother in law James Dally my riding
Horse named Fiddle for and in consideration of his service and attendance
during my sickness I also give to my Father in Law Joseph Dally my
one riding saddle. Item I give and bequeath to my well beloved wife Mary and to her
children hereafter mentioned all my personal estate whatsoever when they
arrive to their respective age to be equally divided between them, viz: my
son Richard, James, and Daniel at the age of Twenty and one years
and to my daughter Mary at the age of Eighteen years, and in case
the child with which is pregnant should arrive to the approaching time
to have and enjoy a equal part with the rest of my children and in
case my wife should marry then my other Executors whom I have
hereafter nominate to have the whole rule and management of my chil-
dren estate so that he shall have full power and authority to take the same in
his own hands or continue them with my said wife and if any of the
above mentioned children should die before they come to maturity then
such parts of such a child to be equally divided among the rest of the chil-
dren. So it further Provided that it is the true intent and meaning of this
my last Will if my wife should marry again then in that case there shall
be no charge brought against the said children for their Diet and Clothing for
that the use of the Land and cattle shall be taken and deemed for full
satisfaction for the maintenance of the said children notwithstanding
it shall be all ways lawful for my wife with the consent of my other
Executors to dispose and sell such a part of any of the children
estates as shall be sufficient to defour their education and I do hereby
constitute and appoint Jas^t King of said Province to be my Executor
and my wife Executrix and Party and Confirm this to be my last
Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal
this 7th day of August and in the year of Our Lord seventeen hundred forty nine.
Signed and sealed by me as aforesaid by my said Executrix Bryan Kennedy (S)
Same as his last Will and Testament in writing and seal
Bryan Kennedy James Thompson. This will was proved before the Esq^r James Thompson
James Thompson - James Thompson