

WILL OF

JOSEPH KERSHAW

A Memorandum which I make and ordain as my last Will and Testament, at my Hermitage, Sunday the eighteenth Day of May 1788. being by the Almanac Trinity Sunday viz.

To my eldest Son James Kershaw I give, bequeath and devise my large Mansion or dwelling House in Camden with the 14 Lots now inclosed in the yard and Garden, with the Lands on Pinetree Creek, as described by a Pencil Line in the Survey made by Col. Sinf containing the Saw-Mill the Indigo Works, Foundation of the large Mill (destroyed by Lord Rawdon) and the Magazine, Bounded Southerly by Payne's Land, to the Road, Westwardly by Pinetree Creek to the Bridge, and by the Great Road to M.

Reed's Land, Northwardly by M. Reid's Land, and the Town Lots of Camden, Northeastwardly by the Canal from the Fair Ground to the Hermitage Landing, Southeastwardly by the Creek and Saw Mill-Race to the Great Road and described as Lot N. 1.--

To my Son John Kershaw the Lands lying to the eastward of his House; Bounded west by Front Street, North by King Street leading by M. Chesnut's Houses down to Great or Little Pinetree Creek, down the Creek to the Canal, - and by the Canal from the Hermitage Landing to the Fair Ground where Front Street begins and continues Northwardly and described by a pencil Line N. 2, as also 2000. Say two thousand Acres at Green's Bridge, to be run to the best advantage for a Saw-Mill.--

To my Son Joseph Kershaw my Ferry called/- ^{Camden or} Gannt's Ferry on the West side of the Wateree River, with my House & Lot in Westerham, wherein Charles Picket now lives, the Tobacco Warehouse and all the Lands thereunto belonging excepting that allotted or laid out for the Village of Westerham which is to be equally divided amongst my Children as hereafter described.-- To my Son George Kershaw, my Hermitage, with all my Land from the Great Road to the Easternmost Boundary of the 100 Acres on which the Hermitage Stands and by that Line

down to the Creek, and by the Creek down to the Saw-Mill- Race and bounding Southerly on Payne's Land as described by the Pencil- Line N. 3.-- To Jeffry or Samuel Kershaw all that piece or parcel of Land laying to the Westward of the Great Road from Pinetree Creek Bridge to the Town Lots of the Town of Camden; Bounding southerly by Pinetree Creek down to Lang's Line or Ditch, Westerly by Lang's Ditch or Line to the Road leading from Camden or Gannt's Ferry, Northerly by the Town Lots of Camden to the Broad Road; containing about One hundred and fifteen Acres more or less with with the Four Lots ^{on} laying . the lower side ~~of~~ ^{of} Wateres Street, between Carey's Lots & those formerly sold to DeCosta, and known by the Lots 151, 152, 153, & 154; Also 2000 Acres Land on Great Pinetree Creek, the upper Line to adjoin Lands of --- Lowndes the same to be laid out in the most advantageous manner for a Saw-Mill ^{by} and (. which time that he is capable of taking care and Management of such Machinery, not under the Age of twenty one years, and that he shall not have the power of disposing of if before he arrives at the Age of twenty five) I hope and trust the Navigation of Pinetree Creek will be extended to Cantey's Bridge aforesaid.--- In looking over the foregoing Lines I think George rather the worst provided for; Therefore in addition to my Hermitage and the Land adjoining give him my Tract of 1000 Acres, One thousand Acres, near the Forks of Lynches Creek originally granted to Edmund Bellinger.--- ^{dearly} To my. beloved Daughters, Mary Kershaw, Sarah Kershaw and Rebecca Kershaw I freely give, bequeath and devise, as follows, that is to say, The House on the Corner of the Square with the ~~Seamant~~ ^{Seamant} now in possession of David Bush AC. with all the out Buildings and Lot containing in front on Broad Street 132 Feet, and in depth 264 feet to Mary Kershaw. --- To Sarah Kershaw the Lot back of the aforesaid, containing a Front on ~~Maria~~ ^{Maria} Street 132 feet, and in depth 264 feet and fronting South on the ~~Market~~ ^{Market} Square, on which Buildings are

to be placed at the expense of my Estate of equal value to those on the Corner and Bushes Stores given to my Daughter Mary as above, the House in which M. Kinzie the Sadler now lives to be moved upon this Lot as soon as convenient, and placed, to the best advantage, the Rents and Profits to go to my said Daughter Sarah. To my Daughter Rebecca, the Lot called the School House Lot containing a froom of feet on Market Street, bounded West by the red Store Lot, now owned by Aaron Loocock, Esq. North by the old Red House Lot and owned by the said Aaron Loocock, South by a Lot said to belong to Sam. Mathis on this Lot also is to be built a House and Out Houses equal in value to those given to Mary. Sarah as above and the Rents and Profits to go to the said Mary, Sarah and Rebecca as aforesaid.--- The Grist and Saw-Mills upon little Pinetree Creek to be kept up in thorough Repair, and proper persons appointed to attend and manage the same, with six Negroes including a Cook Wench, a Team of Six able Horses, a Waggon, Timber-Wheels and other necessaries for carrying on the same, and the Profits arising therefrom be appropriated to the maintenance of my House in Camden, and the finishing the same, and for building the Houses for Sarah and Rebecca.--- These Mills if properly attended will bring in a clear Income of eight hundred to one thousand pounds Sterling & Annum; These I intend to reserve to myself during my Life, and should my wife Sarah Kershaw or M. Kershaw so called survive me, I leave to her during Life, together with 3000 Acres, say three thousand Acres adjoining the same, to be laid out to the best advantage for the use of the Saw-Mill; But not to fall lower down the said little Pinetree Creek than the Ford of the said Creek on the Great Road to Cheraw nor to extend further to the Southward than the middle

Grounds between little & Great Pinetree Creeks and these I
 leave to my wife Sarah or H^{rs} Kershaw during her life time,
 in lieu of all Right of Dower, or Claim she may have upon me
 and at her Death to be sold on a credit of four years, with
 the Negroes, Horses, Waggon, Timber--Wheels and every thing
 thereunto - belonging on Bonds with sufficient Security to
 be equally divided between my eight Children or the Survivors
 of them, the Interest payable annually to the end of the
 four years when the principal is to become due.--- The Negroes
 I may die possessed of to be divided into nine Lots amongst
 my Wife & eight Children, or the Survivors of them; To be di-
 vided from N. 1 to 9. if all Survive or to as many of them as
 may then remain, and drawn for by Ballot, as also all the Lots
 unappropriated or sold in Camden or at Westerham to be divi-
 ded in the same manner, being classed in the numbers to be
 draw as aforesaid; Except the great Square which I request may
 be divided into four equal Divisions; Say two on the East and
 two on the West side of the Great Road or long Causeway-- and
 numbered 1, 2, 3, & 4 & these to be given to my three Daughters
 Mary, Sarah, Rebecca, and my Son Jeffry or Sam.---
 My Pinetree Creek Plantations laying at the mouth of said
 Creek and upon the Wateree River (reserving always a Right to
 the Navigation of the said Creek with one Acre of Land at the
 Mouth thereof, and also a Right to forty feet on each side
 thereof, to cut any Locks for the Navigation of the same, or
 to land if need should be) I leave to be disposed of for the
 payment of my Debts; As also all my out laying Lands, not
 already or hereafter given by this my last Will, and not lay-
 ing within the distance of fifteen miles of Camden. The Sur-
 plus if any should (remain) be after paying all my just Debts.
 to be equally divided between my eight Children or the Sur-
 vivors of them, Share and Share alike.--- To the Presbyterian
 Congregation I devise the Lots N. 227 & 228, with all my right,

Title & property to that part of Church Street laying South of the Lot given to that Congregation prior to the Town of Camden being laid out into Lots, as far down as Wateres Street; Not doubting but that Ground will hereafter be vested in that Society by Law and that Church Street will not extend further South than the Meeting House-Ground.

To God's anuunt People the Jews I give and devise that Lot N. 315, for a burying Ground and place of Worship, whenever they may incline to build upon the same.---- All the rest of my Lands near Camden, after sellin off as much as will pay off my just Debts and discharge every Incumbrance on my Estate, I desire may be as, equally divided as possible amongst the Survivors of my eight Children, when the youngest attain the age of twenty one years.---- As this is only meant to be a temporary Will to serve in case of my sudden death, I hope & trust my Executors and Children will construe it in its true light and meaning, As I find I cannot describe them by pencile Lines upon the Draught made by Col. Bent nor any I have by me, but my intent and meaning is ^{to} leave all my Children as equal as possible.---- My outlaying Lands and my two Pinetree Creek Plantations I hope trust will be more than sufficient with the Debts due to me to discharge all just Demands I may have against me.---- I think a future Day, perhaps no very distant period will bring the Navigation of Lynches Creek to the Fork, when my one thousand Acres will become valuable.---- The Navigation of Pinetree Creek to the Village of Camden has always been a principal object with me. Locks for Navigation will be necessary whenever my Mills are built or Dams are made across the Stream. It will be necessary also that Tolls at each be fixed and Locks made, so as not to obstruct the Navigation of the same; And a Lock at the Mouth of the Creek is immediately necessary for bringing up

Craft of any kind as far as Pinetree Creek Bridge on the Great Road. the Toll of which to go to the expence of building the same, clearing the Creek up to the Bridge and keeping the Navigation in constant repair When this Navigation is compleat: to my eldest Grandson that may be living descended from me and arrive at the Age of twenty one years, and bear my name, (I do not mean the Christian, but the Surname; Kershaw as I have no particular fondness for the name of Joseph, more than any other) and this I leave in trust to my Executors to be given to the first Male Grandson that may descend from me that may arrive at the Age of twenty one years not knowing whether he may be,----- but I hope he may be an honest Man.----- of. To my friend John Craven I leave an Annuity .. Twenty pounds Sterling to be paid out of my Estate in hopes that he will at all times assist my Children in the Settlement of any intricate Account in my Books or any other matter they may call upon him for in the adjustment of my affairs; He being the only person I know capable of acting in this line.----- His honesty, Integrity and Abilities I have sufficiently experienced.----- And I do now ... ordain, constitute and appoint my four ~~next~~ eldest Sons namely, James Kershaw, John Kershaw, Joseph Kershaw, and George Kershaw to be Executors of this my last Will and Testament in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this 1. of June 1788.

In presence of

Joseph Kershaw (SEAL)

S. Doty

Ben Carter

I. Alexander

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Francis Boykin C. C.

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