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Born: 1712 Hallows Parish, MD

Married: Exspearance

Died: 1770 Matthews Bluff, SC

Parents: Richard Kirkland & Mary Snowden (?)

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In the name of God, Amen, I Edward Kirklin of the County of Granville in the province of South Carolina, Planter, being very sick and weak 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 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 hands of Almighty God, that gave it, and my Body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in decent Christial Burial at the discretion of my Executors 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 has pleased God to bless me in this Life, I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form, First I give and bequeath to Exspearance Kirklin my Dearly beloved wife her choice of the Jers\_\_ Cows and their Increase and one two year old Heifer and one three year old Stear and one two year old Stear and one one year old Stear likewise her choice of one of my Horses likewise one Horse Named Bump and likewise one Sow that goes by the name of Ginney Sow and all her shotes and Pigs and one bay mare known by the name of the Swaback mare, her and her Increase, and one Feather Bed and Furniture which she likes best and the third part of the pewter, likewise the third part of all my Household goods and two old side saddles and the wheels and carts and the third part of my working Tools likewise I lend her the use of one Negroe winch Named Jeirbine during her natural life, also I give to my well beloved daughter Elisabeth Butler one sow, also I give to my well beloved **grandson John Kirklin son of Joshua Kirklin my son** one shilling sterling to be paid after my decease, also I give to my well beloved daughter Mary Houston Forty Shillings current money of this province to paid of in truck by my Executors, also I give to my well beloved granddaughter Jimimey Kirklin one yearlin Heifer, also I lend to my daughter in Law Exspearance Joyce seven head of cattle and Increase to her and her Heirs, also I give to my well beloved Son William Kirklin one Bay Horse Named Streak and one sorrel Mare and her yearling colt and her Increase, also I give to my well beloved son Richard Kirklin one Roan gray Horse and one white Horse and all my slaves that I have in the swamp likewise for the same he must discharge a Debt that I owe to two Merchants in Ebeneasor which is Fifteen pounds sterling money, also I lend to my well

beloved wife Exspearance Kirklin the third part of the land where I now live during her natural life and after her decease for it to be equally divided between by son Richard Kirklin and my son William Kirklin the whole Hundred and fifty acres also the swamp Land being one Hundred acres I leave to be sold at a convenient time to the highest bidder and the money to be divided equally between my son Richard Kirklin and my son William Kirklin, also after all my Just Debts and Legacies are paid I leave all my Estate of what is left both Real and Personal to be equally divided between my son Richard Kirklin and my son William Kirklin and by them freely to be possessed and enjoyed by them and their heirs for Ever, I Likewise constitute make and ordain my Dearly beloved Wife Exspearance Kirklin and my well beloved son Richard Kirklin sole Executor and Executrix of this my last will and Testament and I do hereby utterly disallow revoke and disannul all and every other former Testaments Wills Legacies bequests and Executors by me in any wise before Named Willed and bequeathed ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my last will and Testament, In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this seventh day of January in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy as interlined before signed.

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Edward EK Kirklin LS

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Signed Sealed published pronounced and declared by the said Edward Kirklin as his last will and Testament in the presence of us, who in his presence and in the presence of each other, have hereunto subscribed our Names.

Joshua Ferguson

Issac Bowdown

Benjamin Lovelace

Proved by virtue of a Dedamus directed by the Hon'ble William Bull, Esq<sup>r</sup> Lieut. Gov. Parker Carradine Esq<sup>r</sup> 26 Feby 1770 at the same time Qualified Exspearance Kirklin Executrix and Richard Kirklin Executor to the said will.