



*Last Will and Testament of Elizabeth Childress  
Will Book 4, page 48, dated May 21, 1810  
Henrico County, Virginia*

*In the name of God Amen I Elizabeth Childress the wife of Joseph Childress of Henrico County being sick and weak of body but of sound and perfect mind and memory do make, ordain and constitute this my last will and testament in manner following viz. (It being under the Act of Assembly directing the course of descents that where any real estate of inheritance should be vested in the wife of a man and she dying intestate leaving no child that such estate should pass in part to the wifes children. It is my wish and desire that the land, houses and all appurtenances thereunto belonging whereon we now live shall be his the said Joseph Childress to him, his heirs and assigns forzever and it is also my wish and desire that all such undivided fourth part of the land that my mother Elizabeth Warriner held in White Oak Swamp and may be now due and coming to me shall likewise be unto him the said Joseph Childress to him his heirs and assigns forever.*

*In witness thereof I hereby appoint him my whole and sole executor to this my last will and testament and have set my hand and affixed my seal this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ten.*

*Elizabeth X Childress  
Her mark*

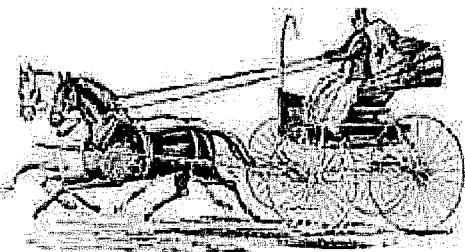
*In the Presence of Moses Lindsey*

*Lucy Williamson*

*John Goode Jr.*

*At a monthly court held for Henrico County at the courthouse the 11 June 1810 this will was proved by the oath of Moses Lindsey and Jno. Goode Jr. two of the witnesses thereto and noted to be recorded.*

*Marriage Bond of Joseph Childress  
And Jane Lindsey  
Dated January 18, 1811  
Recorded in the County of Henrico, Virginia*



Know all men by these presents that we Joseph Childress and John Lindsey are held and firmly bound unto his Excellency James Minson Governor or Chief Magistrate of the Commonwealth of Virginia in the just and full sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, to which payment well and truly to be made to the said Governor and his successors for the use of the said Commonwealth we bind ourselves our heirs executors and administrators jointly and severely firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals and dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January 1811. The condition of the above obligation is such that if there be no lawful cause to obstruct a marriage intended to be had and solemnized between the above bound Joseph Childress and Jane Lindsey then the above obligation to be void else to remain in full force and virtue

*Executed in presence of*      *Jos. Childress*  
*John Lindsey*

## *Henrico County*

*John Lindsey this day appeared before me R. W. Christian, Deputy Clerk of the court of County and made oath on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God that the within named Jane Lindsey is above the age of twenty-one years and a resident of said County, Given under my hand this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January 1811.*

R. W. Christian, Clerk



*Deed by Alexander Childress and Caleb Frayser  
to Joseph Childress in Deed Book 15, page 88 & 89  
recorded in Henrico County, Virginia  
dated June 2, 1817*

*This indenture made this fifth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventeen between Alexander Childress and Caleb Frayser of the county of Henrico of the one part and Joseph Childress of the other part. Witness that the said Alexander Childress and Caleb Frayser for and in consideration of the sum of sixty dollars in hand paid by the said Joseph Childress to them the said Alex Childress and Caleb Frayser, they do hereby acknowledge the receipt whereof and do hereby clearly acquit, exonerate and discharge the said Joseph Childress his heirs axons and admen and every one of them forever by these presents have bargained and sold, aligned confessed and confirmed and by these presents doth bargain, sell alien confess and confirm unto the said Joseph Childress his heirs and assigns forever, one certain tract or parcel of land containing nine acres and bounded as follows: beginning at a corner pine tree between Elizabeth Gathright, Elijah Lindsey on the north and northeast and Mary Goode on the west and thence to turn a straight line to Elizabeth Gathright again so as to make out the aforesaid acres of land to have and to hold the above mine acres of land and every part and parcel thereof together with all the rights encumbrances privileges and appurtenances, thereunto belonging or any will appurtenances unto the said Joseph Childress his heirs and assigns to the only proper use benefit and behalf of the said Joseph Childress his heirs and assigns forever and the said Alexander Childress and Caleb Frayser, doth covenant to and with the said Joseph Childress his heirs and assign by these presents that they the said Alexander Childress and Caleb Frayser shall and will warrant and forever*

defend the said granted land and premises with all the appurtenances unto the said Joseph Childress his heirs and assigns forever aforesaid the claim or claims of all and every person or persons whatever. In witness whereof we have hereunto set out hands and affixed our seals the day and year above written.  
Signed sealed and delivered.

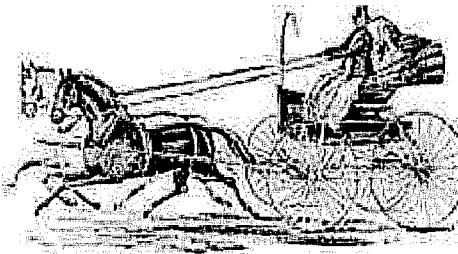
*In the presence of*  
Wm. Keesee as to Childress  
Jno H. Henley

*Alexander Childress (his mark X)*

*At a monthly court held Henrico County the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June 1817.  
This Indenture was acknowledged by Alex Childress as party  
thereto and ordered to be recorded*

*GB Whitlocke, Clerk*

*Alexander Childress  
Marriage Bond  
To Temperence Jones Bennett  
Dated November 8, 1817*



*Know all men by these presence that we Alexander Childress and John Oakley are held and firmly bound unto his Excellency in the just and full sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, to which payment will and truly to be made to the said Governor and his successors, for the use of the said Commonwealth we bind ourselves our heirs executors and administrators, jointly and severally firmly by these present: sealed with our seals and dated this eight day of November 1817. Tax condition of the above obligation is such that if there be no lawful cause to obstruct a marriage intended to be had and solemnized between the above bound Alexander Childress and Temperence Bennett (widow) then the above obligation to be void, else to remain in full force and virtue. Executed in presence of*

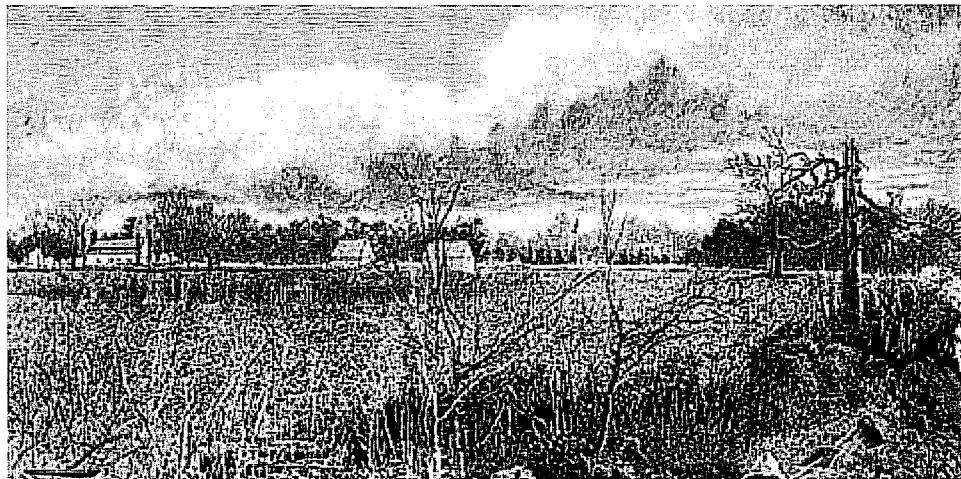
*Joseph Bailey*

*Alexander Childress (his mark X)  
John Oakley (his mark X)*

*Seal*

*Seal*

*Indenture between Joseph Childress and  
Joseph L. Childress  
Recorded in Henrico County, Virginia  
Dated August 3, 1835  
Deed Book 37, page 329*



*This Indenture made this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August in the year of  
our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty five between  
Joseph Childress of the County of Henrico of the one part and  
Joseph L. Childress of the said county of the other part Witnesseth  
that the said Joseph L. Childress as well and in consideration of the  
natural love and affection which he has and love for his son the  
said Joseph L. Childress as of five dollars lawful money of the  
United States to have in hand paid by the said Joseph L. Childress  
at or before the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt  
hereof is hereby acknowledged hath given, granted sold and  
confirmed and by these presents doth give, grant sell and confirm  
unto the said Joseph L. Childress his heirs and assigns forever, a  
certain tract or parcel of land it lying and being in the County of  
Henrico containing seventy three and one third acres, more or less  
and bounded as follows on the north by the land of Thomas  
Goodman on the east by the land of Martha Binford on the south  
by the land of Elijah Lindsey said on the west by the land of Byrd  
George as together with any appurtenances thereto belonging or  
appertaining to have and to hold as the piece or parcel of land*

situate as aforesaid with its appurtenances to the said Joseph L. Childress his heirs and assigns to the only proper and behalf of him the said Joseph L Childress and of his heirs and assigns forever and the said Joseph Childress for himself and his heirs doth covenant premises and agree to and with the said Joseph L. Childress his heirs and assigns that he the Joseph Childress and his heirs the said piece or parcel of land aforesaid with its appurtenances unto him the said Joseph L. Childress his heirs and assigns against the loss of the said Joseph L. Childress and his heirs and all other witnesseth shall with all ability by these presents warrant and defend In witness whereof said Joseph Childress has set his hand and affixed his seal this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August 1835.

*This rest of this is not readable. Signed by Jos Childress*

*His natural life the object for which this indenture was intended being only to convey the aforesaid piece or parcel of land unto the aforesaid Joseph L. Childress his son acon and after the death of the before mentioned Joseph Childress. In witness hereof the parties unto act set and affix their hands and seals this day and date for herein written.*

*Jos. Childress*

*Jos. L. Childress*

*This indenture was acknowledged in the office of the Clerk of Henrico county on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 1835 by Joseph Childress a party to the same and with the memorandum hereto annexed which was acknowledged in the Office aforesaid by Joseph Childress and Joseph L. Childress the parties to the same admitted to record*

*Test Lofin M. Ellett Clerk*

*Will of Alexander Childress  
Dated December 9, 1838  
Henrico County, Virginia  
Will Book 9, page 343*



*In the name of God Amen. I Alexander Childress of Henrico County being weak of body but sound in sense and memory do make constitute and ordain this to be my last will and testament as follows Inverses*

*Item the first It is my desire that all my just debts be paid and after my debts are paid I give unto my son Meredith Childress seven acres of land more or less running from a fork pine which is forenafe tree between me and Caleb Frayser from thence across my field to a pine tree which is forenafe tree between me and Thomas Evans Sr. and if the said Meredith Childress should die without any heirs of the body the said land is to go to my daughter Elizabeth Childress to her and her heirs forever.*

*Item The second I give unto my daughter Elizabeth Childress the balance of my land to her and her bodily heirs forever also one bed and furniture and one table and all the balance of my house and kitchen furniture except one chest and the bed which I lie on.*

*Item the third I give unto my son Allen Childress one bed one large red chest and all my farming utensils to him and his heirs forever.*

*Item the fourth I lend unto my daughter Judith Gill one bed her life which property she has received and after her death it is to go to her daughter Mary Ann Wade to her and her heirs forever.*

*Item Fifth I lend unto my daughter Frances Knew one bed her life which property she has received and after her death it is to go to her daughter Rebecca Childress to her and her heirs forever.*

*Item the Sixth I give unto my son Joshua Childress one dollar to him and his heirs forever.*

*Item The seventh I give unto my loving wife Temperance Childress my stock of hogs for the support of her and her children. I appoint William Hobson the only executor to this my last will and testament requesting the court to except no security of him. In witness whereof I do set my hand and seal this ninth day of December One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-Eight.*

*Test William B. Woodfin*

*Test Edward Minson (his mark X)*

*Alexander Childress  
(His mark X)*

