

Marriage Agreement between
James Baker, Mary D. Shelkitt, and John D. Owens,
21 Mar 1831, King George County, Virginia

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Examined & Original delivered to J.D. Owens 20th July 1833

This indenture tripartite made the 21st day of March 1831 between James Baker of the County of Westmoreland of the first part, Mary D. Shelkitt of the County of King George of the second part, and John D. Owens of the County of King George of the third part. Whereas a marriage is shortly intended to be had and solemnized by the permission of God by and between the said James Baker and the said Mary D. Shelkitt, and whereas the said Mary D. Shelkitt is possessed of a considerable personal estate consisting of 2 beds, 2 bedsteads, 2 tables, 7 chairs, 2 looking glasses, 2 trunks, 1 chest, 1 spinning wheel and cards and sundry other articles of household and kitchen furniture, and whereas it hath been agreed that after the said intended marriage had, the personal estate shall be preserved and kept for the joint use and benefit them the said James Baker and Mary D. Shelkitt, and in no manner subjected to the debts forfeitures & engagements of the said James Baker, and also that the same and the property therein from and after

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the decease of such of them the said James Baker and Mary D. Shelkitt as should happen to die, should be at the sole and only disposal of the said Mary D. Shelkitt notwithstanding her coverture. Now this Indenture witnesseth that in pursuance of the before recited agreement and in consideration of the sum of one dollar to the said Mary D. Shelkitt in hand paid by the said John D. Owens, at and before the ensealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, she the said Mary D. Shelkitt by and with the priority consent and agreement of the said James Baker testified by his being made a party to, and his sealing and delivery of these presents, hath granted, bargained, sold, assigned, & transferred and by these presents doth grant bargain sell assign and transfer unto the said John D. Owens his esors: admors: and assigns all the said personal estate, consisting of 2 beds, 2 bedsteads, 2 tables, 7 chairs, 2 looking glasses, 2 trunks, 1 chest, one spinning wheel and cords and sundry other articles of household and kitchen furniture. To have and to hold the said property hereby conveyed, unto the said John D. Owens his esors: admors: and assigns, upon such trusts nevertheless, and to and for such intents and purposes, and under such provisions and agreements as are hereinafter mentioned, that is to say, in trust for the said Mary D. Shelkitt and her assigns until the solemnization of the said intended marriage, and from and after the solemnization of the said intended marriage, then upon trust that the said John D. Owens his esors: admors: and assigns shall and do permit the said James Baker during the joint lives of the said James Baker and Mary D. his intended wife to have hold use and enjoy all the property hereby conveyed and assigned, to and for their joint use and benefit, and from and after the decease of such of them the said James Baker and Mary D. Shelkitt as shall first happen to die, then upon trust that he the said John D. Owens his esors: admors: and assigns shall and do assign transfer and deliver over all the said property to the said Mary D. in case she survive the said James Baker, but if she die before him, then to such person and persons, and at the time and times, and in such parts and portions manners and forms as she the said Mary D. Shelkitt from time to time notwithstanding her coverture, by any

writing or writings under her hand and seal attested by two or more witnesses or by her last will and testament in writing to be signed by her, sealed, published, & declared in the presence of the like number of witnesses direct limit or appoint, to the intent that the same may not be at the disposal of or subject to the control, debts, forfeitures, or engagements of the said James Baker her intended husband. In witness whereof the said James Baker, Mary D. Shelkett and John D. Owens have hereunto sit their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered	\		
in the presence of	/	Jas. Baker	
Rich. Monroe	\		
William Sebastian	/	Mary D. Shelkitt	
Warren Owens	\		
	/	John D. Owens	

Clerks Office of King George County Court August 5, 1831

The foregoing marriage agreement between James Baker of the first part, John D. Owens of the second part and Mary D. Shelkett of the third part, was this day proved before me in my office by the oaths of William Sebastian and Warren Owens two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and filed in the office. And on the 7th day of March 1833. The said marriage agreement was fully proved before me in my office by the witness thereto and admitted to Record.

Teste G. G. Stuart

Truly Recorded

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