**Contributed by Jeanne Small**

**THIS INDENTURE made the second day of May in the Thirty first year of the reign  
of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain,   
France and Ireland, King defender of the faith\_\_\_\_and in the year of our Lord God,  
One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty seven viz Between JOHN LUKE of the  
 Welch Tract in the County of Craven and Province of South Carolina, planter of the  
 first part and JOSEPH LUKE, planter of the same place and province, of other part,   
Witnesseth that whereas his Excellency William Bull, Esq., governor of the said   
province by deed of Grant bearing Date the fifteenth day of September One Thousand  
 and Forty three and in the seventeenth year of His Majesty's Reign King George the  
 second\_\_\_\_under the Great Seal of the province for the consideration therein mentioned  
did give and grant unto JOHN LUKE his heirs and assigns forever all that plantation   
or tract of land containing four hundred acres situate, lying and being in Craven County  
in the Welch Tract butting and bounding Southwest on Peedee River, Southeast on   
Phillip James land and all others on vacant land and hath such shape & marks as   
appears by a plat thereof to the said Grant Annexed as in and by the said Grant annexed  
relation thereunto being had doth more fully & at large appear.  Now this Indenture  
witnesseth that for and in the consideration of the sum of one hundred pounds of   
current money of South Carolina to him the said John Luke on hand paid by the   
aforesaid Joseph Luke at and before the ensealing and Delivery of these presents  
the receipt whereof he the said John Luke doth hereby acknowledge & thereof and   
every part & parcel thereof doth fully and absolutely grant, align, release and\_\_\_\_\_  
unto the said Joseph Luke, one hundred and thirty three acres of land being the   
upper part of the above mentioned tract of four hundred acres of land in his actual  
possession now and being by virtue of a bargain & sale to him thereof made by one  
Indenture of bargain & sale to him thereof made for the Term of One Year bearing  
date the day next before the Execution of these presents and by virtue of the Statute   
for transferring of uses to possession and to his heirs and assigns all that plantation  
and Tract of land containing one hundred & thirty three acres situate, lying and being  
in the Welch Tract aforesaid together with all and singular the aforesaid land, houses,  
out houses, buildings, fences, gardens, orchards, woods, under woods, timber, timber  
trees, rivers, lakes, ponds, water and water courses, marshes, pastures, hawkings,  
huntings, fishings, profits, commodities, advantages, hereditaments,  and   
appurtinances whatsoever thereunto belonging or in any wise appurtaining in as  
full, large and ample manner to all intents and purposes whatsoever as the same  
are granted to the said John Luke by Deed of Grant aforesaid under the severall  
reservations & conditions  Nevertheless in the said Grant Excepted and the Revision  
& reversions, remainder & remainders, Rents, uses and profits thereof and also all  
the estate Right, Title, Interest, properties, profits, Claim or demand whatsoever  
both in law and Equity of him the said John Luke of and in to the same & every   
part & parcell together with the said deed of Grant and plat before Recited; TO HAVE  
AND TO HOLD the said plantation or tract of one hundred and thirty three acres  
of land and all and singular other the premises herein before mentioned meant &  
intended to hereby Granted and Released & every part and parcell thereof with   
their and every of their appurtenances unto the said Joseph Luke his heirs and   
assigns forever to the Only proper use and behoof of him the said Joseph Luke,  
his heirs and assigns forever and the said John Luke for himself, his heirs,  
executors, administrators doth covenant, promise and grant to and with the said  
Joseph Luke. his heirs and assigns by these presents that for and notwithstanding  
any act, Manner or thing whatsoever has made, done or committed or to be had,  
made, done or committed or Suffered to be done by the said John Luke or his heirs  
to the contrary, it shall and may be lawfull  for him the said Joseph Luke, his  
heirs and assigns from time to time and at all times hereafter, Peasably (sic) and Quietly  
TO HAVE, HOLD, USE, occupy, possess and enjoy ye said tract of one hundred  
and thirty three acres of land and all and singular other the premises herein   
mentioned or intended to be hereby Granted & Released and every part and   
parcel there with their and every of their appurtenances without any the least  
suit let hindrance or Molestation of him the said John Luke, his heirs, executors,  
Administrators or Assigns His Majesties' Quit rents, services, country taxes  
and Duties which shall become due and payable on the above mentioned   
premises being nevertheless Excepted and fore prized.  In Witness whereof the  
said John Luke hath hereunto set his hand and affixed his Seal the day and year  
first above written.  
John Luke (his seal)  
  
Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of   
  
Charles Cosnahan  
Thos. Edwards   (his mark)  
Elias Lofty   (his mark)  
  
  
Personally Received  of Joseph Luke the full and Just sum  of one hundred pounds  
Current money of South Carolina for the consideration of the within mentioned  
\_\_\_\_ received by me this Third day of May, 1757.  
  
John Luke (his seal)  
  
  
Charles Cosnahan South Carolina    } Before me, Alexander Mackintosh  
Thos. Edwards  (his mark) Craven County    } one of his Majesties' Justices of   
Elias Lofly     (his mark)         the peace for said County Personally apeared Thomas  
Edwards who being Duly Sworn on the Holy   
Evangelist sayeth that he saw John Luke sign, seal   
and as his act and Deed Deliver unto Joseph Luke   
the within Instrument of writing for the use, intent  
and purpose Therein Mentioned and that he saw  
Charles Cosnahan and Elias Lofly sign the same as  
Evidence.  
  
  
  
  
Sworn to before on the  
16th day of March, 1765  
ALEXANDER MACKINTOSH  
  
Recorded this 10th Sept, 1791 Deed Book AA, page 123**