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Kings
Marriage
agreement
With
Shortridge

This Indenture made ^{this} 26th day of March 185¹
~~eighteen~~ in the year ^{of our lord} eighteen hundred and fifty
three between Edmond King and Leah Shortridge
both of Shelby county State of Alabama
Witnesseth that whereas a marriage is shortly ^{intended} to be
had ~~or expected to be had~~ & solemnized by
and between the said parties to this agreement
it is hereby stipulated and agreed that said Leah-
Shortridge shall have the privilege at any time to
dispose either gift or sale all and singular
such effects and property as she may and possess
at the time of said marriage together with such
increased as may take place in the personal pro-
perty as she may have at the time of said marriage or
that she may inherit after said marriage and should
the said Edmond King survive the said Leah
Shortridge she shall have the right to dispose of
all her estate in such a manner to and to such
person or persons as she shall see fit either by will
or other wise not withstanding her said coverture
and in the event of such dispositions then to the
legal heirs of the said Leah Shortridge and it is
hereby stipulated and agreed by and between the
said parties to this agreement that in case the said
Leah Shortridge should after the said intended
marriage have hapened to survive the said Edm-
and King that she shall not have or claim any
part of the personal estate whereof the said Edmond
King shall be seized or possessed or entitled unto
at any time during the coverture between them
by virtue of dower or letters of dower at common law
or by virtue of her being administratrix or entitled to
administration of the good & chattels right & credits
of the said Edmond King but in case thereof and it is
hereby agreed that in case she should survive the
said Edmond King she shall receive out of his Estate property
and reasonable support to be paid as the probate judge shall
appoint not exceeding the sum of one thousand dollars
annually in consideration of which sum the
said Leah Shortridge stipulates and agrees to relinquish
and abandon all and every claim against the Estate
of said Edmond King as dower or otherwise by
reason of said coverture between them and
it is further stipulated and agreed that such

sum so to be paid out of the estate of the said Edmond King should the sum be more than the said money had she shall be annally paid by the administrator or executor or the sum may be of gross sum in law thereof as may be agreed between the Executor or administrator of the said Edmond King and said Leah Shortridge the sum to be annand adequate to the comfortable support of her the said for and during her natural life life from the word nevertheless to the fifth line next above above this all stricken out before the signing witness our hands this 26 day of March 1853

Best Bel Lewis
E. Porter Gould

Edmond King
Leah Shortridge

State of Alabama } I H. Summer a Justice of
Shelby County } the Peace in and for the
County aforesaid hereby certify
That E. Porter Gould a Subscribing witness to the foregoing agreement known to me - appeared before me this day and being sworn stated that Edmond King and Leah Shortridge the parties to the agreement voluntarily executed the same in his presence and in presence of the other Subscribing witness on the day the same bears date and that he attested the same in the presence of the parties to the agreement and of the other witness and that such other witness subscribed his name as a witness in his presence Given under my hand ~~and~~ this the 9th day of April A. D. 1853

Signed E. Porter Gould } H. Summer
J. P.

Filed and recorded in the Probate Judges office of said county this 11 April A. D. 1853.

J. B. McClanahan
Judge of Probate