

In the name of God Amen Now the twenty eight
one thousand four hundred & twenty three I William Harding of the County of Essex
parish of Southfarham being sick & weak in body but of sound & perfect memory
praise be to Almighty God for the same, calling to mind the uncertainty of this life
do hereby revoke & disavow all Wills by me heretofore made and do make this my
Last Will & Testament in manner & form following: I recommend my
Soul to Almighty God hoping for mercy through the merits of Christ Jesus & my
body to be committed to the Earth to be buried in a Christian manner at the
discretion of my Executor hereinafter named. Item I give & bequeath unto my
son in law Peter Harding an infant one Shilling in law in full bar of any further
demands. Item I give and bequeath unto my loving friend John Currell of the
parish & County above mentioned all my Lands situate lying & being in the
parish aforesaid near Fecataway ~~cross~~ whereon I now live bounded by & Lands
of Samuel Eaton William Smith & Thomas Exon containing twenty five acres
more or less the said Lands & premises with its appurtenances & every part & parcel
whereof I give unto the said John Currell & his heirs for ever. Item I give
& bequeath to Messrs. Wooddy of the parish aforesaid one broad white coat a green
waistcoat & breeches & one hat. Item I give & bequeath unto my loving friend
Joseph Anderson one bed & covering two guns & fifteen Shillings & to be now
due to me from Paul Gibbons of the parish aforesaid and I do hereby constitute
& appoint Joseph Anderson of the parish aforesaid my sole Executor of this my Last
Will & Testament: all the remainder of my personal Estate except as aforesaid & what
is hereby before given I give to Elizabeth Ward. In Witness whereof I have set
my hand & Seal this day & year first above written. (Signed & given to the said
intended before the Notation hereof)

This of William Harding signed sealed published & declared

before us to be his Last Will & Testament in y^e.

presence of us.

the parish of
William W. Hudson

the parish of
William W. Deane

Richard Dorrsey

At a Court held for Essex County on Tuesday the 16th day of April 1723.

This Will was proved by the Oaths of William Hudson and

William Deane two of the witnesses thereto.

Test J^{ms} Currell D^{cl}

At a Court continued & held for Essex County on Wednesday the 18th day of September 1723.
Joseph Anderson Esq^r within named made Oath to the Will & on his motion is
admitted to record.

Test W^m Beverley D^{cl}

had more fully and plainly may and will Appear Now if the above bounden Samuell Ferguson his heirs Exec^{rs}, or Adm^{rs} shall not at any time or times hereafter sue ask for claim or demand of the sd John or James Ferguson or either of their heirs Exec^{rs}, or Adm^{rs} any Estate right title or claim in goods or chattels for or by reason of his sd fathers last will and testament or their being security for y^e same Then this Obligation to be void & of none effect or effect to be & remain in full force power and virtue.

Sealed & delivered

Sam^a Ferguson *(Signed)*

In presence of

St Godfrey } At a Court held for Essex County on the
John Dickett Jun^r } xviijth day of February. MDCCLXXIX

John Gaston } This bond was presented in Court by John
Ferguson & on his motion was admitted to record

(Test) *Thomas*

It is the subscribers in presence to an order of Court held for Essex County on Tuesday the 16th day of December 1729 being first sworn have valued & appraised the Estate of Joseph Anderson dec^d as the same was presented to us by M^r Robert Gravel & Elizabeth his wife Adm^{rs} of the same viz^t —

One Negro man called Harry	£ 25
One D ^o called Toney distempered & old	15
To 9 Cows at 30 s ^t —	12
To 1 bull & two beasts of 28 years old at 22/6 —	3 7 6
To two D ^o of two years old —	1 5 0
To 1 gray horse —	3 10
To one white mare —	1 10
To 1 bed & furniture —	5
To one D ^o —	3 10 0
To one D ^o & one old bed —	1
To one old D ^o —	0 1 6
To 3 Sighles —	1 8 1/2
To 37 1/2 th of powder at —	0 1 3
To 1 half p ^t of salt a Jugg & 6 bottles —	1
To an old razor a Case & hone —	1 2 11
To 110 th of salt Iron att 2 1/2 —	12
To a frying pan & a peck of lumber —	1 6
To a peck of lumber more —	4
To an old table Chest & trunk —	1 15
To 3 old gunns —	5
To a small Spitt and pottle —	3 6
To a box Iron & heat ^{er} & 1 horse lock —	3
To 3 old books —	3
To 2 p ^t old fards & 1 old leather Chain broke —	15
To 3 old leather Chain and old Saff Chain —	

To a locking glass -	1	6
To an old bay mare & colt -	22	
To 4 Low 13 small shoats & 5 pigs -	1	13 3
To brought from tolher side -	85	9 1/2
To an old saddle -	85	5 1/2
To a peck of Carpenters Tool -		4
To a pair of hand saw & 32 th of Iron -		8 10
	<u>£86</u>	1 7 1/2
January 4 th 5 th 1729 3 Hides -		7 6
To 4 Yearling: at -	£1	10 0

Robert Grimes
 & F. Graves

D^r Godfrey
 Jam^s Clayton
 W^m Smith

At a Court held for Essex County on the xvijth day of
 February. MDCCXXIX
 Shire & Inventory & Appraisim^t of the Estate of Joseph
 Anderson dec^d was returned by these Adm^{rs} & Ordered to
 be recorded -

Test W^m Barclay Clerk

In Acc^t of Popple made at the Plantations of Mr^r Reuben
 Welch dec^d lying in Essex County
 Home Plantations

Top Stem'd 9908^l @ 25 Shares is 396^l &

The Shares of 5 Negroes
 belonging to 7 Mr & 2 - 2772
 Shares for 4 Overseer deduct

7136 Top Tob^o at 2^d & 1/4

Under Stem'd - 3728^{3/4} at 25 Shares is 149^{3/4} &
 D^o 7 Share. deduct'd 1043

2685 Under Tob^o @ 1^d & 1/4

Leaf Tob^o - 780^{3/4} @ 25 Shares is 31 & 1/2 Share
 7 Shares deduct'd 217^{1/2}
 563 Leaf at 1^d & 1/4

At a Court held for Essex County on the xvijth day of
 February MDCCXXIX
 Mr^r Mary Welch adm^r of the Estate of Reuben Welch gent dec^d
 presented & made oath to the within Account & the Court Valued the
 severall Sorts of Tob^o as it set down therein & the s^d Account is admitted
 to record -

Test W^m Barclay Clerk