

Pages 339-41. Will of Joseph Reeves junr. of the County of Essex and Parish of Southfarnham, being very sick and weak, dated 12 May 1745.

As my father designed to give his land between my brother James Reeves and myself (if he had made a will which he failed to do), I now give to my brother James Reeves half of the land to be laid off at that end where he lives.

My land, after my brother James's land and my wife's third part of the land is sett apart, to her. Also Mulatto Tom, Jeney and her two children Will and Lucy.

My wife Frances Reeves Negroe George, Hannah and Bess during her natural life.

All my household furniture and stocks of cattle, horses, hogs and sheep and all my personall estate to be equally divided between my wife and daughter. My daughter's part to be preserved in specie by my executrix for the better support of my wife and daughter until my daughter arrive to the age of twenty one years or marries if she lives with her mother.

If any of the stock should dye which I've given to my daughter or any of the furniture or any other personal estate be destroyed by fire or any other accident, my executrix or my friend that shall have the care of my daughter shall not be answerable for the damage.

My daughter should live with her mother until she arrives to the age of twenty one or marries, provided she or her husband (in case she should marry again) do not make any waste of her estate, and in case she should waste any part Mr. William Daingerfield shall have the guardianship of my daughter.

To my Godson Thomas Henly 40 shillings worth of goods.

If my daughter should dye, I give to my wife all the estate (except the land) and all the Negroes.

My wife Frances Reeves executrix.

Joseph Reeves junr.

Wit: Isaac Scandrett, Robt. Sp. Coleman, Mary Anderson.

18 July 1741. Presented in Court by Frances Reeves, executrix. Proved by all the witnesses.

Pages 341-43. Bond of Francis Reeves as executrix of Joseph Reeves. For £500 current money. 18 June 1745. Securities, Isaac Scandrett and Thomas Edmondson junr.

Frances (F) Reeves

Isaac Scandrett

Thos. Edmondson jr.

18 June 1745. Acknowledged.