

(574) In the Name of God Amen I Joseph Bridger of the County of Me of Right in-  
being a being sick and Weak in Body but thank be to God of sound and perfect memory  
and calling to mind the uncertainty of this life and not knowing how soon the time  
of my departure may be ~~at hand~~ and least I be surpris'd in the settling of my  
Worldly affairs and for provera wherof I do hereby make this my last Will  
and Testament in Manner following

- Item I bequeath my soul into the hands of my Great God: Hoping for Mercy and  
pardon of all my sins through the Merits of my Blessed Saviour and Redeemer  
Christ Jesus and my Body to the Earth, to be decently and Law like Buried as my  
E & hereafter mentioned shall think fit
- Item I give unto my Son Joseph Bridger my Silver Bowl & a foot to it marked  
N.B. and my Coulen Banner staff and appurtenances and also my trumpet strings
- Item I give unto my Son Joseph One hoop Ring Marked in Memory of 20 B.
- Item I give unto my Sons Rob<sup>t</sup> William John and James to Each of them a Ring  
of twenty Shilling price
- Item I give unto my son W<sup>m</sup> Bridger One Horse <sup>of good service</sup> ~~now~~ Called his horse and in-  
proprietion of him together with my Saddle Bridle and appurtenances ~~there~~  
belonging and also my Silver killed Limetor and the saddle and Bridle
- Item I give unto my son John a Young Horse in his proprietion and Called his  
horse, together with his Saddle Bridle and appurtenances
- Item I give unto my son James a young horse when he shall come to the age of  
Sixteen, to be bought by my E & paid for out of my Estate a Saddle and  
Bridle in like manner
- Item I give unto my Daughter Mabel a young horse Called Poplin
- Item I give unto my Daughter Elizabeth a young horse or mare when she shall  
come to the age of sixteen or thereabouts
- Item I give unto my three Sons Robert William and John my tract of Land  
containing one of Walter Rutter formerly granted to Edm<sup>d</sup> & I give the  
same to them and their heirs for ever
- Item I give all my lot and land being in Newport town to my Wife During her  
Natural life and after her Decease to my son James and and the heirs  
of his Body Lawfully Begotten and for want of such heirs to my son William  
and his heirs for ever
- Item I give and bequeath to my loving Wife Elizabeth the Use and Benefit of  
the Labour of my Negroes some Sixty and Address for and during her  
Natural life, and from and after her decease the aforesaid Negroes to all  
their increase that shall from them Come or arise I give and  
bequeath unto my Children vizt Robert William John James Hester and  
Elizabeth to them and their heirs for ever
- Item I give and bequeath unto my loving Wife One third part of the Rent  
and Remainder of my Estate after my Debts and Legacies aforesaid are paid and  
the Burden and Discharge I give unto my Children Robert William John James  
Hester and Elizabeth to be Equally Divided amongst them alike
- Item I do hereby make and constitute my loving Wife Elizabeth my wife and  
sole E & of this my last Will and Testament hereby Declaring all other Wills  
heretofore made to be Null and void and do Desire my Lords to other Sam<sup>e</sup> Order  
and W<sup>m</sup> Order and Frustrate Contrary to after my loving Wife my  
E & hereof in due performance and Execution of this my Will

575) The Witness whereof I have made put my hand and seal this 27<sup>th</sup> Day of March 1712

Signed Sealed and Decreed  
in the presence of  
William Bridger  
Sarah Ferrell  
Eli<sup>r</sup> & W<sup>m</sup>  
far made  
William Bixen

At Bridger (Seal)

At a Court held for the County the  
25<sup>th</sup> Day of June 1713

The Last Will and testament of Joseph Bridger was presented in  
Court by Eli<sup>r</sup> Bridger his W<sup>id</sup>: and E<sup>x</sup> who made oath  
therein and being proved in Court by the Oath of W<sup>m</sup> Bridger Sen  
and Eli<sup>r</sup> W<sup>id</sup>: two of the Witnesses thereto It is admitted to  
Record

Test J<sup>es</sup> Lightfoot C<sup>ler</sup>

In the Name of God Amen I William Wells of the C<sup>ty</sup> of York of the C<sup>ty</sup> of York  
County in Virg<sup>a</sup> being in good health and perfect mind and memory bequeath  
to God for the Soul here by make and Ordaine this my last Will and testament  
this 16<sup>th</sup> Day of June One thousand Seven hundred and Eight manner and  
forme as followeth

I Comitt my self into the hands of Almighty God my Creator blessing  
through the Merits of Jesu Christ to Obtaine Everlasting life and for my  
Worldly Affairs as I have Settled and Landed I do give and bequeath as followeth  
I give and bequeath my Land at Black Water that I bought of John Dorian  
being two hundred and fifteen Acres to my Son Rich<sup>d</sup> Wells and his heirs  
for ever but in Case of Mortality of My Son Rich<sup>d</sup>: then to my youngest  
son W<sup>m</sup> Wells and his heirs for ever and after to the Survivors of them  
and their heirs for ever

And for the Remainder of my Estate I give wholly and solely to my  
Wife My Wife Mary Thomas Wells William Wells Susan at W<sup>id</sup>: of W<sup>m</sup> Wells  
for Matthew Becken and Eli<sup>r</sup>: I have there part and I do appoint My  
Wife Mary Wells and Thomas Wells my E<sup>x</sup>: of this my last Will and  
testament witness my hand this 6<sup>th</sup> Day of June 1713

J<sup>es</sup> Ougbourne  
John Mungor  
Henry H<sup>ae</sup>  
his mark

William Wells (Seal)

At a Court held for the County  
the 25<sup>th</sup> Day of June 1713

The last Will and testament of William Wells was  
presented in in Court by his E<sup>x</sup> who made Oath thereto and  
being proved in Court by the Oaths of John Ougbourne  
and John Mungor two of the Witnesses It is admitted to  
Record

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