

In the name of God Amen. I Robert Hester of
the County of Sussex being in perfect senses, do make and Ordain this my last Will
and Testament in manner and form following Viz. I give to my Son Abraham
Hester the Tract of Land whereon he now lives situate lying and being in West-
chester County on Dutchess Creek containing three Hundred Acres, To him and
his Heirs forever, he allowing my Wife Barbara Hester to work four Hands on
the Land during her Widowhood. Item I give and Bequeath unto my Son
James Hester Two Hundred and Fifty Eight Acres of Land in the Fork of a Branch
that makes into Dutchess Creek, being part of a Tract that I purchased of Tho:
Whaker to begin at the mouth of the Spring Branch then to run according to
the meanders thereof untill a line answers to make an Equal division of the Tract
thought of Thos. Whaker, between my s^r John Hester and my Son Nathan
Hester, that Two Hundred and Fifty Eight Acres to my Son John Hester his Heirs
&c. forever. Item I give my Son Nathan Hester the remaining Two Hundred
and Fifty Eight Acres of Whakers Tract before mentioned according to a line of
division as before between him and James Hester to him that Nathan Hester
his Heirs and Assigns, They that John and Nathan Hester allowing my Wife
Barbara Hester the Liberty of working four Hands on the Tract of 516 Acres
during her Widowhood and where it shall best suit. Item I give to my
Son Thos. Hester the Tract of Land whereon I now live containing Four Hun-
dred and thirty one Acres to him and his Heirs and Assigns forever, my
Wife Barbara Hester having free and Indisputable Authority upon the
same during her Widowhood. Item I give unto my son Thos. Hester 20
newly Pounds Curr. money, to be delivered to him at the Age of Twenty one
Years. Item I give to my son Samuel Hester Seventy Pounds Curr. Money
to be delivered to him at the Age of Twenty one Years. Item I give unto my Daughter

to be delivered to him at the Age of Twenty one Years, Item I lend to Sarah
Smith one Negro Girl named Tamar (which she hath now in her Possession)
during her life, and at her Death this Negro with her Increase to be Equally
divided between her Children Viz, John Smith, Barbara Smith and Sarah
Smith to them and their Heirs forever, Item I give to my Daughter Agnes
Wallon one Musket quite named Mary which she has in Possession, during
her life, and at her death, she and her Increase to be Equally divided be-
tween her Daughters Viz, Barbara Wallon and Anne Hester Wallon to
them and their Heirs forever, Item I give to my Daughter Barbara Wallon one
^{Boy named Peter} to her and her Heirs forever, Item I give to my Daughter Anne Hester one
Negro Girl named Betty to her and her Heirs forever otherwise the Value of
such Goods in Goods and Chattels out of my Estate in what can best be
shared to be delivered to her at the Age of Eighteen Years, Item I give to my
Daughter Anne Hester the Value of Seventy Pounds Current Money in Goods
and Chattels out of my Estate to be delivered to her at the Age of Eighteen to
her her Heirs and Assigns forever, Item, I give to my Daughter Anne
Hester the Value of Seventy Pounds in Goods and Chattels of my Estate to be deliv-
ered her at the Age of Eighteen Years to her and her Heirs for ever, Item I give to my
Daughter Mary Hester the Value of Seventy Pounds in ~~the~~ Goods and Chattels of
my Estate to be delivered at the Age of Eighteen years to her and Heirs & I
+ Anne I give to my Daughter Pigeon Hester the Value of Seventy Pounds in Goods
and Chattels to be delivered her at the Age of Eighteen Years to her & her Heirs &c.
And be it remembered that my Wife and Barbara after mentioned is empowered
to let the two last legacies have such things as can best be spared out of the
Estate at the time of paying of this Legacies, Item I lend to my Daughter
Anne Hester Wallon the best and truest of my Estate of what nature

should I carry that when the Estate be sold and the money Equally divided
between my then Surviving Children lending myself like a Childs part
during her life and at her death the part so left to be Equally divided among
my then Surviving Children. Item my Will and desire is that if any of
my Children should die without an Heir that their parts be Equally
divided between my then Surviving Children. Except my Sons Abraham
James and Nathan and Daughters Sarah Agnes and Barbara. My
Will and desire is that my Estate left my Wife may be Equally divided
amongst my Children after her Death. Here I nominate and Appoint
my Loving Wife Barbara Hester Executor of this my last Will and Tes-
tament during her Widowhood and if she should Marry, that then my
son Abraham Hester to be Executor hereby revoking and Disannulling
all former Wills and Testaments by me heretofore made. In Witness where-
of I hereunto set my Hand and Seal this Sixth November 1769

Sealed and Delivered }

In presence of

Robert Garland

Geo. Sumner

Sam Temple

Robert Hester



A Court held for Louisa County March 19th 1770
This Will was this Day presented in Court by Barbara ^{Hester} the Executor
therein named who made oath there According to Law, and was pro-
ved by Geo. Sumner and Sam. Temple two of the Witnesses thereto and
the Court Ordered to be Recorded

John Nelson Clerk

KNOW all men by these presents that we Barbara Hester Sam^l Temple
and Abraham Hester are held and firmly bound unto Tho^s Johnson Tho^s
Johnson Jun^r Jas Overton Messrs Thompson and W^m Phillips Just^s
ices of the Court of Sussex County, notwithstanding the sum of Two Thousand
Pounds, To the payment whereof well and truly to be made to the^s Justices at
their Reception, we bind ourselves, and each of us, our, and each of our heirs,
E^xors, adm^{rs} & assigns, jointly and severally firmly by these presents, sealed with
our seals, this twelfth day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand
seven hundred and ^{and seventy} in the tenth year of the reign of our Sovereign King George the Third
The Condition of this Obligation is such, that if the above bound Barbara Hester
Executrix of the last Will and Testament of Rob^t Hester dec^d do make or cause
to be made a true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the Goods, Chattels
and Credits of the^s dec^d which have or shall come to the Hands, Posses-
sion or Knowledge of the^s Barbara Hester or unto the Hands and Posses-
sion of any Person or Persons for her, and the same so made, do exhibit unto
the County Court of Sussex at such time as she shall be thereto re-
quired by the^s Court, and the same Goods, Chattels and Credits, and all
other the Goods, Chattels and Credits of the^s dec^d which at any time after shall
come to the Hands, Possession or Knowledge of the^s Barbara or unto the Hands
and Possession of any other Person or Persons for her as well and truly administer
according to Law and further do make a Just and true Account of her Receipts
and Disbursements when there is required, by the^s Court, and also shall
pay and truly pay and deliver all the Legacies contained and specified in
the^s Testament or Wills of the^s Goods, Chattels and Credits and Monies at
last and at last what Charge, than the Obligation doth and doth not

Sealed and Delivered
in the presence of
John Nelson

Barbara Hester
Sam Temple
Abraham Hester

A Court held for Louisa County March the 14th 1770
Barbara Hester Sam Temple and Abraham Hester Acknowledged this
Bond to be their Act and Deed which is Ordered to be Recorded

Teste John Nelson C. L. C.
The Last Will of Benjamin Henson of Louisa County I give my sole
to God that gave it me, and my Body to the use of the from whence it came
and when all my Lawfull Depts are paid I give and bequeath to my be-
loved Daughter Sarah Henson all my Estate that I have let it by in
what manner soever it will in Land, Good or Money or Household Stafe
I give it all to her, and do make her my sole Heire to all my assets I have
set my Hand and Seal this Ninth Day of March One Thousand seven
Hundred and Sixty five

Signed Sealed in
presence of me &

Ben^a Henson

Samuel Henson

Sarah Henson

John Henson

John Henson

John Henson

John Henson

A Court held for Louisa County the 14th of March 1770

This Will was this Day proved by Sam^l Henson and

John Henson Witnesses thereto and Prorogued to be Recorded

Teste John Nelson C. L. C.

Know all men by these presents that me Sam^l Henson Nathan Henson

and John Hester are held and firmly bound to the County of Louisa