

In the name of God Amen I Jackson Chow of Pennsylvania County being of sound mind and memory for which I return thanks to almighty God, and taking to mind the uncertainty of this transitory life and that I and all men must die therefore make my last will and Testament in manner and form following first and principally I recommend my soul to God who gave it me, humbly hoping for salvation by the meritorious death of my blessed Saviour and redeemer Jesus Christ, and my body to be entered as my Executors hereafter mentioned shall think proper which I desire maybe by my Dear Father on the Land I gave Dorothy Standish and also which worldly goods it hath pleased God of his great mercy to bestow on me I give bequeath in manner and form following

I give and bequeath to my loving wife Mary Chow the following Slaves and other things (that is to say) the Slaves Windsor & his wife Henry, Ned, & his wife, & also to my Temp. Executors called Temperance Jack and Esther also my horse York a grey mare called the long mare and her last calf also all my household and kitchen furniture also my Bedding Chair and Stairs and my two grey horses called Robin & Gilbert, also one Cart and six of my Oxen, also one equal half or moiety of all my Cattle, sheep and hogs also my silver vessels and after her death the 2^d March to go to my Grandson William Standish all the said Slaves and other things bequeath to my said Wife. And the use thereof for her support and maintenance during her life and no longer which said Slaves and other Estate I desire may remain untouched for the payments of my debts unless it shall appear that the provisions I shall hereafter make for their payment and also my other Slaves and personal Estate should prove insufficient to discharge my debts

2nd Item Give and Devise to my Grandson Jackson Smith that part of my Tract of Land purchased of Dutchess Shantyney and others as follows (that is to say) Beginning at the Captains on the north side of the river in a little below the mouth of the run from thence a straight line to the lower corner of the land where Dorothy Foster widow now lives including the small Tracts that I purchased of John Waller junior Joseph Brock and Rice Curtis and adjoining to the Tract of Land whereon I now live which parcels of Land bought of the said Waller, Brock and Curtis I devise to the said Jackson Smith and the heirs of his body and to have possession of the said Tracts of Land after my last Debt is paid but for the want of sufficient of such heirs then I desire that the said parcels of Land may be Equally divided amongst all the Children that my Daughter Mary Fowler may leave alive at her death to them and their heirs forever and it is my desire that such division shall not take place or be made until the death of the said Mary and in the mean time (that is to say) in between the death of the said Jackson and Mary his mother (should she be longed lived) I desire that the said Tracts of Land may be held undivided by all the other Children of the

said Mary as Tenants in common and the said several Children receive the profits equally untill the division as by this my will is Directed. May or shall take place it is to be understood and my will is that Sackin Smith my Grandson is to have possession of the Lands devised to him after my just debts paid to go and pass as devised.

3^d Item the remainder of my tract bought of Sawttery being about four or five hundred acres I devise to my two Executors hereafter named to be sold for as much money as can be got for the same and the money arising to be put at Interest and that both principal and Interest money may at the Death of my wife two Daughters Elizabeth and Mary be equally divided amongst all the Children of my said two Daughters that may be alive at their Deaths except my two Grandsons William Snawd & Sackin Smith neither of which I hereby intend shall share or partake of any part of the said money But it is nevertheless my will that if the fund hereafter appointed by me for the payment of my Debts should prove insufficient to effect that purpose then I devise that the money arising by the sale aforesaid directed of being applied and divided in manner already mentioned may be applied towards the making up such deficiency and in that case only the surplus (if any) be divided and applied as before mentioned and I hereby require my said Executors or the Survivors of them or the Executors or Administrators of such Survivors full power and ample Authority to sell the said Land to convey the same to the purchaser or purchasers in full simple.

4th Item I devise the use of all the rest of my Slaves and personal Estate (meaning those that I have not heretofore mentioned in this my will) be equally divided between my two Daughters Elizabeth and Mary to be enjoyed by them for and during the term of their natural lives And I also lend to my said Daughters Elizabeth and Mary the use of all the Slaves and their Increase and the personal Estate herein before bequeathed for the maintenance of my wife Mary to be after the death of my said wife equally divided between my two Daughters Elizabeth and Mary and to be enjoyed between them and by them during their natural lives and it is my will and desire that the Slaves allotted to my said Daughters with the Increase of the said Slaves after my said Daughters shall respectively depart this life go over and remain to my Grandchildren in manner following (that is to say) all my Daughter Elizabeths part with their Increase after the said Elizabeths Death to be Equally divided amongst all the Children that the said Elizabeth shall have alive at her Death to them and their respective heirs forever and all the Slaves with their Increase allotted to my Daughter Mary after the said Marys Death to be equally divided amongst all the Children ^{that} my Daughter Mary shall have alive at her Death to them & their heirs forever. and I hereby declare it to be further my will and desire that in case of the death of any of the Children of my said two Daughters in their

will may look on as men of good Character

thth Item it is my desire that my son's Shop may be kept up for the use of my wife and the Estate and after her decease to go to my grandson Larkin Smith and his heirs which is as before directed

thth Item it is my will that after my accounts are all justly settled what I am justly Indebted to be paid out of my Estate by my Executors also it is my desire that the goods that is expected in this spring may be kept to clothe the People as usual (that is to say) the goods that is for that use and the other goods to be at my wife's disposal

thth Item It is my desire that my Estate be kept together to make this Crop till Christmas which I hope may be done by that time if the weather is favorable, I appoint my two sons in Law Nardine Beecher and Oliver Beecher to be my Executors of this my last will and Testament Revoking all other wills heretofore made by me and do desire that they will take care that my wife is not interrupted in that part of my Estate left to her for a maintenance in widowhood which I hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty seventh day of March one thousand seven hundred and seventy

Signed Sealed and Delivered

Intended before signed

in presence of

Robert Stullfield

John Dawson

W. Dawson

Witness
Nardine Beecher

Larkin Chew print

Larkin Chew

Seal

Whereas in the sixth clause of this my will I directed that my Executors should deliver to each of my grand children a negro either male or female to be delivered to my said grand children after my just debts paid or soon to be delivered of my Executors in their discretion should think they had occasion for such slave as by the said clause may appear but was not so explicit as to mention out of what part the same was to be allotted then for in order to prevent disputes and fully to explain my intention as to that matter I desire that the slave to be received by my Daughter Elizabeth the Children belimed out of the part of the slave allotted to my Daughter Elizabeth then the Division of the slave between her and my Daughter Mary and the slave to be received by my Daughter Mary's Children to be delivered out of the said Mary's part allotted on the division between her and her sister Elizabeth and I desire that this writing may be annexed to my Will and be taken as part thereof. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this tenth day of April one thousand seven hundred and seventy

Signed Sealed Published and

Delivered in presence of

Robert Stullfield

W. Dawson

Larkin Chew print

Larkin Chew

Seal

And whereas William Dawson who has lived with me as an Overseer and has
 been Intrusted with the management of my business for some years which Trust
 he has discharged with great fidelity therefore and for his kindness to me in my
 Illness I desire that my Executors out of my Estate will purchase for him a Suit
 of mourning which I request he will accept of and wear in remembrance of me
 the price of which Suit not exceed six or seven pounds, And it is my desire that my
 Grandson Larkin Smith may only have the use of my Smiths Tools three
 years after my wife's Death and unless he would choose to purchase them at
 a reasonable price then I desire they may be equally divided amongst my
 Children

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Robert Hultfield

W Dawson

Larkin Chapman

Lark Chew

