

# Anno third George the third

In the name of God Amen I William Knight of the Parish of Albemarle in County of Sussex being in perfect mind & memory thanks be to Almighty God for the same & calling to mind the certainty of Death & the uncertainty of this transitory Life. Do make & declare this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following, that w<sup>th</sup> say first I bequeath my Soul into the Hands of Almighty God hoping & believing a remission my Sins by the Merits & mediation of Jesus Christ my Saviour and Redeemer & my body I commit to the Earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executor hereafter named & my Mortal Estate I give & bequeath as follows.

*Imprimis* I lend unto my loving wife Mary two negroes viz<sup>t</sup>. Pompey & Judith, ten cattle, twenty hogs, three feathered & furniture, two Iron pots, six pewter dishes & one dozen pewter plates viz<sup>t</sup>. Enow to be by her children & of my sheep my grey Horse & my Wifes riding saddle & bridle and a weaving Loom & Gear & spinning wheel & cards & forty barrels of Indian corn all which I lend unto my loving wife during her natural life or widowhood.

*Item* My will & desire is that my loving wife have the free use & liberty of my plantation & land thereunto belonging during her natural life.

*Item* My will & desire is that all my estate not heretofore mentioned & lent unto my Wife (my Will shall be included) be by my Executor sold to the best advantage, the money arising by such sale to be equally divided between my children.

*Item* My will & desire is that after the death or other determination of the right of the estate lent unto my loving Wife except as to the land be by my Executor sold & the money arising <sup>by such sale</sup> to be equally divided between my children or the legal representatives of them.

*Item* My will & desire is that after the death of my loving wife, my executor hereafter named if he should survive her, that he sell all my land & the money arising from such sale to be equally divided between all my children or the legal representatives of them and in case the said Executor should be dead or refuse to act then my will & desire is that the worshipful - the Court of Sussex County do nominate & appoint such & so many persons as to them shall seem meet for to act & do as directed to be by my Executor done.

*Item* My will & desire is that my Estate may not be appraised.

And lastly I do nominate & appoint my loving wife & my Friend David Mason Executor & Executor of this my last Will & Testament Revoking all former Wills & Bequests by me before made. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my Seal this 14<sup>th</sup> Day of July Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred & sixty one

Signed Sealed & published by the above Named

William Knight as & for his last Will & Testament

In Presence of the under written persons who at his request & in his Presence have subscribed thereto as Witnesses

W. Knight (L)

Sarah<sup>Wife</sup> Waterfield }  
David Mason } At a Court held for Sussex County the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of March 1763  
Mary Mason } The last Will & Testament of W. Knight deceased was presented into Court by Mary Knight the Executor therein named who made oath thereunto the law directed & the same being proved at the last Court by the oath of Mary Mason & sworn by the oath of David Mason two of the witnesses thereto now by the Court ordered to be recorded & on the motion

*Cost.* Of the said Executor Certificate is granted her for obtaining a probate thereof in due form  
And at a Court held for Sussex County the 18<sup>th</sup> day of April 1762  
David Mason Gent. one of the Executors named in the last Will & Testament of William Knight Deceased  
do appeared, under oath thereto according to Law Verily John Thompson being sworn & under oath & acknowledged their Oath in the County of Kent thousands & upwards as the Law directs. Whereupon  
it is granted him for being sworn in the Oath thereof in due form. Teste the Clerk &c. &c.