

May Court M D C C L X X i i

In the Name of God Amen I Joseph Denton of the parish of Albemarle in the County of Sussex Plaster being ^{able} weak in Body but of ^{perfect} sense sound mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and Testament ^{First of all} I bequeath ^{bequeath} my ^{body and} soul to the General resurrection to have that united to their Body and with both to enter into the glory thro the merits and Intercession of my blessed Redeemer Jesus Christ my Body I desire may be decently buried according to the discretion of my Executors hereafter mentioned what small Possessions I have after my death and Funeral expences are discharged I dispose of in manner following I give to my wife Rebecca during her Natural life or Widowhood the use of all my Estate of what kind soever such as it is in order ^{to enable her} to maintain and school my Children and also the use of my Cottage Lease during the said time and for the same purposes and my will is that in the event of her marriage or death what shall be there remaining of my Estate or Lease aforesaid may be sold and the money arising from such sale be equally divided among my said wife and Children and I do hereby constitute and appoint my wife Rebecca ^{and John Moseley} Executrix of this my last Will and Testament — In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this sixth day of February In the Year of our Lord One Thousand eleven hundred and Seventy two

Joseph Denton (S)

Sarah Hobbs

At about held for Sussex County the 21st Day of May 1772

Mary Tomlinson

The last will and Testament of Joseph Denton deceased was presented into Court by Rebecca Denton the Executrix therein named who made Oath thereto as the Law directs and the same was proved by the Oaths of Mary Tomlinson and Timothy Reeves Witnesses thereto and by the Court ordered to be recorded and on the motion of the said Executrix a Certificate is granted her for obtaining a probate thereof in due form

Jesse a Claiborne CJC

In the Name of God Amen I Henry Shurdivant of the County of Sussex being sick & Weak of Body but of sound mind and memory do make this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills and Testaments by me heretofore made in manner and form and form following that is to say

Impremis I give and bequeath to my Loving Son - Matthew Shurdivant and to his Heirs and Assigns the following Negro Slaves to wit Bob Sarah Amey and Lyle which he has now in Possession as also one Negro called Amey and one Negro Boy named Samson

Item I Give and devise to my Loving Son John Shurdivant and to his Heirs and Assigns for ever the following Land and Slaves to wit the Land he now lives upon containing One Hundred and Sixty five acres more or less One Negro Woman Griefe and her Children Phebe and Cloc and one Negro Girl named Lathy which Slaves he has now in Possession I also Give to him his Heirs and Assigns one Negro named Old Tommy and a Negro Boy named Stephen

Item I give and devise to my Loving Son Charles Shurdivant and to his Heirs and Assigns for ever all my Land lying between the High Hills Road and Kottoway River being part of the Land I now live on I also give & bequeath to my said Charles and to his Heirs and Assigns one Negro named Phebe and one Negro named Ned which he has now in Possession also one Negro man named Jack and one Negro Boy named Peter and my Black Walnut Table and one Bed & furniture

Item I Give and devise to my beloved Son William Shurdivant and to his Heirs and Assigns for ever the hereafter mentioned Land and Slaves to wit the Land he now lives upon containing one hundred and Seventy Acres more or less One Negro named Dick one Negro named Beck which he now has in Possession and One Negro Woman named Jude and her Child named Jeff I also give and devise to my said Son William and his Heirs for ever Forty seven Acres of Land adjoining the Land he now lives on and my Yellow mare

Anno Regni Duodecimo Georgii Tertii Regis

Item I give and bequeath to my Grand Daughter Martha Sturdivant Daughter of William one Negro Girl named Patt and one Bed and Furniture to her Her Heirs & Assigns

Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Lucretia Parham one Negro Girl named Hannah which she has in Possession Also one Negro man named Boatman One Negro Boy named King One Negro Woman named Old Phillis and one Third of my Sheep to her Heirs and Assigns But upon this Condition that if she should die without Leaving any Children I do then give the said Slaves to be Equally divided amongst all my other Children or their Representatives

Item I give and bequeath to my Grand Daughter Margaret Freeman one Negro Woman named Holl and Sarah her Child when she the said Margaret arrives to the Age of Twenty one Years or Marriage I also give her one Bed and Furniture to her and her Heirs and Assigns but if she should die before she arrives to the age of Twenty One Years or Marriage I then give the said Slave to be Equally divided amongst all my Children or their Representatives

Item I give to Frederick Freeman the use of the Two Negroes which I have before devised to his Child Margaret till she comes to the Age of Twenty One Years or Marriage upon Condition that he does maintain the aforesaid Margaret agreeable to the Executors otherwise upon his Failure of maintaining of the Child my Executors shall have a right to take the aforesaid Negroes and hire them out for the Maintenance of the aforesaid Child till such times as she marries or comes of Age to take them her self.

Item I give and devise to my Loving Son Thomas Sturdivant and to his Heirs and Assigns for ever all my Land lying Between Gabbin Stick Swamp and the High Hill road being the Land now live on I also give and bequeath to my said Son Thomas and to his Heirs and Assigns one Negro Boy named Teach One Negro Boy named Jemmy and one Negro Girl named Phill which last he now has in Possession of I also give the said Thomas one Third part of my Sheep and one Bed and Furniture and my Corral Horse and my white mare

Item I give and bequeath to my loving Son James Sturdivant and to his Heirs and Assigns one Negro Woman named Doll one Boy named Manuel which he has now in Possession Also one Negro Boy named Jasper and one Negro Girl named Jabb and one Negro Girl named Celah and one Third part of my Sheep

Item I desire that the Remainder of my Estate after my worldly debts is paid of what nature or quality soever it be Equally divided amongst all my Children

I do hereby constitute and appoint my Loving Sons William and Charles to be my Executors of this my last will and Testament and I desire that they may not be obliged to give any Security for the performance thereof and I do direct that my Estate shall not be appraised In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this 22nd day of April 1772

Signed Sealed Published and declared by the Testator to be his last will in the presence of us who in his presence and at his request subscribed our Names as Witnesses thereto

Henry X Sturdivant
his Mark

William Bishop
Hartwell Marable
Nith Parham

At a Court held for Sussex County the 21st Day of May 1772

The last Will and Testament of Henry Sturdivant deceased was presented into Court by William Sturdivant & Charles Sturdivant two of the Executors therein named who made Oath thereto as the Law directs and the same was proved by the Oaths of William Bishop and Nith Parham two of the Witnesses thereto and ordered to be Recorded and on the motion of the said Executors Certificate is granted them for obtaining a Probate thereof

in due form

Teste A. Claiborne C. C.

