

May Court M D C C L X i i

In the Name of God Amen I Joseph Deaton of the parish of Albemarle in the County of Sussex being <sup>Lothly</sup> Weak in Body but of <sup>Perfect</sup> Sense Sound mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and Testament First of all I bequeath <sup>bequeath</sup> my <sup>body</sup> 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 <sup>to enable her</sup> 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 <sup>and John Mays Esq</sup> 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 seven hundred and seventy two

Signed Sealed declared and published  
and for the last will and Testament of Joseph Deaton above written in the presence of us who subscribed our names as Witnesses in the Testimony presence of the request

Joseph Deaton 

Sarah <sup>her</sup> Hobbs } At about held for Sussex County the 21<sup>st</sup> Day of May 1772

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

Jesse a Claiborne CJC

In the Name of God Amen I Henry Sturdivant 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 here tofore made in manner and form and form following that is to say

Item I Give and bequeath to my Loving Son Matthew Sturdivant and to his Heir 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 Sturdivant and to his Heir 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 Crete and her Children Phebe and Cloc and one Negro Girl named Sathy which slaves he has now in Possession I also Give to him his Heir and Assigns one Negro named Old Tommy and a Negro Boy named Stephen

Item I Give and devise to my Loving Son Charles Sturdivant and to his Heir and Assigns for ever all my Land lying between the High Mills Road and Kottoway River being part of the Land I now live on I also Give & bequeath to my said Charles and to his Heir 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 Sturdivant and to his Heir 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 Heir 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 Boatswain 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 Slaves 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 Mill road being the Land now lie on I also give and bequeath to my said Son Thomas and to his Heirs and Assigns one Negro Boy named Search One Negro Boy named Ansony 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 Laurel Slave 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 Colah 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 22<sup>d</sup> day of April 1772

Henry Sturdivant  
his mark

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

William Bishop  
Hartwell Marrable  
Nith Parham

At a Court held for Sussex County the 21<sup>st</sup> 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

Jesse A. Claiborne C.S.C.

Anno Regni duodecimo Georgii Tertii Regis -

The Estate of Joshua Pennington deceased Dr

To Paid Marcus Pennington his Widow Principal £130 Interest Arising on it 19. 15. 0	139 15 0
To Paid Marcus Pennington by Account	0 11 0
To Paid the Printer for Advertising the sale of the Estate	1 2 6
To Liquor &c. at the Sale at 1/2 the value of the Estate	0 17 0
To Paid M <sup>r</sup> Moses Loflin as per Account	0 18 0
To Paid the Executors of Joseph Pennington	3 14 9
To Paid M <sup>r</sup> William Hancock as per Account	3 12 1/2
To Paid M <sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Holt as per Account	0 2 6
To Paid Frederick Green as per Account	0 14 6
To Paid Thomas Vaughan Gent as Sheriff	1 7 7
To Paid M <sup>r</sup> William Parker as per Account	0 1 8
To Paid Chr. Tills as per Account	0 1 3
To Paid M <sup>r</sup> Tho <sup>s</sup> Holt as per Account	0 1 3
To Paid M <sup>rs</sup> Sam <sup>l</sup> & George Kerr as per Dr	1 1 3
To Paid M <sup>r</sup> Thomas Pennington as per Dr	0 2 0
To Paid M <sup>r</sup> John Rachell as per Account	1 2 6
To Paid M <sup>r</sup> George Long as per Account	0 0 0
To Paid James Some Gentleman Sheriff for Lewis Dist. Rents Clarke &c	2 17 11
To Paid M <sup>r</sup> Piggie and Bros as per Account	6 11 0
To Paid Captain Richard Parker as per Account	0 12 0
To Paid M <sup>r</sup> Andrews Estate	0 1 3
To Paid Captain John Walker as per Account	1 1 3
To Paid Arthur Williamson as per Account	0 3 11
To Paid M <sup>r</sup> Dunlop as per Account	0 17 0
To Paid M <sup>r</sup> David Pennington as per Account	0 11 0
To Paid the Copy at the Sale of the Estate	0 8 0
To the Debt of the Estate as per Account order for Audits and Auditors report 32 <sup>o</sup> Tobacco at 2 <sup>d</sup>	0 5 4
To the Receipts for Duty Taxable in the Administration of the Estate	14 10 8
To Paid M <sup>r</sup> Tills as per Account	177-16 8 1/2

P<sup>r</sup> Contra

By the Sale for a Tract of Land	190 0 6
By Sale of a Negro Woman Child	32 0 3
By Sale of Debt	11 0 0
By the Sale of Hannah	34 1 00
By the Sale of the Personal Estate	2 4 0
By Balance due from the Estate of M <sup>rs</sup> Mary Pennington	1 14 4
By Balance due from Waddell Johnson	1 15 0
By Balance due from the Estate of Benjamin Nyche Gentleman	1 0 1
By Dr from John Craigie Gentleman	0 12 3
By Dr from Chr. Tison	10 1 0
By Dr from M <sup>r</sup> Nat Buchanan	387 11 1/2

Marcus Pennington Waddell Johnson bal<sup>d</sup>

We have examined the above account and find it Just and true and Vouches for all same paid  
Christopher Rice  
Archie Carlos

At a Court held for Sussex County the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June 1772

This account of the Administration of the Estate of Joshua Pennington deceased was returned audited and with the Auditors report ordered to be Recorded

Wm. H. Starbored C. C. C.

An Inventory of the late Henry Shurdwain deceased taken the 30<sup>th</sup> day of May 1772

17 Negroes Quakers in Sumner Frank Jack Jasper Shum. Tim, Samson, Peter Jeff, Jills, Amey, Moll, Sarah, Elizabeth, Sarah and King 4 Beds & Furniture 28 hogs 2 cows 18 Pigs 13 Cattle 4 Cowen Dishes 14 Plates 2 Ringers 3 Basons 8 spoons 2 Chests 2 Trunks 1 Bag shears 1 Bra Iron 2 Heaters 3 Horses 1 Iron Wedge 4 Axes 12 hoes two plow hoes one hand saw 2 Axes 1 gouge 1 hammer 1 Adze 6 byde baskets 3 Powdering Tubbs 24 Skins of leather 2 Deer skins 2 Saddles & 10 Saddles 3 Apron plates 3 Mirrors 5 a a a a a 5 Saucers 3 Cups Punch Bowl White Silver 2 spinning Wheels 1 Black Walnut Table 2 fine Tables 1 Tumbler Glass 1 Copper Cettle 3 Iron Cotts 1 Comb 1 Gun two Slays 1 Spring Pan 26 Ells of Beiggs 13 Barrels of Corn 1 grindstone 1 pair of Cart Wheels 3 Tobacco Haggshades 200<sup>o</sup> of Bacon 1 pair of Sheep Shears 147<sup>o</sup> of Ind Cotton 18 pound of Wool 2 pair of Cotton Cards 1 horse 6 Trap Hooks a parcel of Harning Cloaths 1 foot 6 pounds of Clean Cotton a pair all horse harness a parcel of Harning Cloaths a parcel of Towls 1 pair of Stillards 6 Knives and Forks 1 Tin Bucket 1 Gruben

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2 Sives 5 mat Rags 2 Pair of Poth Hooks 1 spica mortar and a parcell of Lumber

A true and Just inventory the above Estate

William Shurdiant }  
 Charles Shurdiant }  
 Esq

At a Court held for Supra County the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June 1772

This Inventory of the Estate of Henry Shurdiant deceased was returned and by the Court ordered to be recorded

Jesse A Claiborne C & C

An Inventory of the late Mathus Parkam deceased taken the 22<sup>d</sup> day of may 1772

- 10 Negroes Peter Wain Nicholas Andrew John Simon Arthur Runyake Henry and Pig
- 16 head of Cattle 53 hoggs 2 horses 18 Sheep 3 Peds and Furniture 3 Chests 2 Tables 7 Chairs 1 Tupper
- 1 Cttle 3 Iron Potts 2 pair of hooke 6 hard Mittle Plates 14 common Plates 1 Trunk 2 Looking Glasses
- 12 Forks 8 Dishes 2 Basons 2 Punch Bowls 2 Stone Muggs 2 Guns 1 Pair of Cast Iron
- 6 Gyde Cakes and a parcell of Books 1 pair of Shillards 2 saddles and Two Bridles 1 Grind stone and Cook
- Cutt Saw 2 Iron Wedges 12 hoe four Axes a parcell of Horse harness Saddle 4 Ramp hooke 2 drawing
- knives 3 Stone Suggs 1 pair of fire Tongs 2 Cow hides 2 Plows and hoe 1 Tying Pan 2 Iron Pott
- Racks 80 Barrels of Corn 4 Tobacco hogheads 1 Chamber Pott 1 Candlestick 2 Flays 1 Iron Skillet
- 1 spica mortar 3 pair of Cotton Cards 46<sup>lb</sup> of Bacon 8 Sives 1 Butter Pott 3 yards of Mann
- Lumb a parcell of Shouts 1 sugar Tub a parcell of Wearing cloathes 1 sword and Cartouch Box Round
- 23 pounds of lld Cotton 1 Curly and Brush 1 Bushell and an half of salt 1 Hammer 1 Gauge 1 salt ells
- 1 Pronger 8 spoons 13 pounds of Leathers and a parcell of Lumber 24 8 9 in Cark

A true and just inventory of the above Estate

William Wynne }  
 William Shurdiant Esq

At a Court held for Supra County the 18<sup>th</sup> day of Jun 1772

This Inventory and Appraisment of the Estate of Mathus Parkam deceased was returned and by the Court ordered to be recorded

Jesse A Claiborne C & C

An Inventory and Appraisment of the Estate of Edward Weaver Senior deceased

In obedience to an order bearing date April Court 1772 W. the subscribers being first sworn have approved the Estate of Edward Weaver Senior deceased on current money as followeth

Wearing Appant	6 0 0
3 1/2 yards Shred Holland	0 7 0
1 Horse Colt 24 Shum Head of Hoggs L 10	6 10
2 1/2 Shep L 16 4 Sows and Piggelt 10	3 6
8 Head of Cattle 2 H 2 two Hoggs 16 1/2	11 15 0
A parcell of Plank	1 0 0
1 Mare Saddle and Bridle	9 10 0
2 Leather Beds and Turniture	12 0 0
2 Guns L 1 5 Two Chests and 2 Trunks L 1 3	2 8 0
1 spica mortar 1/2 1 Looking Glass 3/4	0 10 0
Stone Suggs Potts Mug and Bottle	0 9 6
Earthen Ware Glasses &c	0 6 0
8 Chairs Two Tables	0 17 0
2 parcell of leather 5/4 a parcell of Wool and Cotton L 1	1 5 0
1/2 Dozen Stone plates 2/6 a parcell of Books 10/4	0 15 0
One Saddle and two Cow hides	0 11
Horse and Axes L 1 3 a Loom and harrow L 1 5	2 10
Wheat and Corn 12/6	0 1 0
Washing Tubbs 2 Pails & 1 Bigger	0 1 0
a parcell of Bowls	1 0 0
One Box Iron and Tongs	0 10
1 Stone mill Skillet and knives and forks	0 17
Ten Ware Candlesticks and 1 pair of Shears	0 4
Two pots one Skillet 1 Tying Pan	1 0
Gyde Cakes 1 Gun & Warrick &c	1 0
2 Hens of Peces 1/4 a parcell of Horse harness 10/11 1/2	0 17