

Anno Regni Decimo Georgii Tertii Regis (971)

In the Name of God Amen, I John Mitchel of Sussex County and Parish of Abbeville, being indisposed in body, but of sound and disposing Mind & Memory praised be God do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament as follows: ^{1st} I bequeath my Soul to Almighty God that gave it, and as for what worldly Estate it hath pleased the Lord of his Great mercy to bestow upon me I give and dispose of as followeth: ^{2^d} I give & devise to my Son Jacob Mitchel one Negro Girl Lucy to him and his Heirs and Assigns forever.

I then I give & devise to my Daughter Tubitha Wife of James Trotter one Negro Girl named Minnie to her and her Heirs and Assigns forever.

I then I give and Devise to my Daughter Hannah Wife of William Tarborough one Negro Girl named Aggy to her and her Heirs & Assigns forever Also I give my said Daughter Hannah one bed and furniture.

I then I give and Devise unto my Son Mitchel one Negro Girl named Pith one Negro Man named Doctor my Horse called Diamond Also one feather bed and furniture to them and his Heirs and Assigns forever.

I then I give and Devise to my Daughter Mary Mitchel one Negro Woman named Pegg. Also one bed and furniture to her and her Heirs and Assigns forever.

I then I give and devise to my Son Robert Mitchel the Sum and Prolation wheress I now live provided he pays his Brother John forty Pounds current Money of Virginia when he arrives to the Age twenty one Years, I also give my said Son Robert my two Negroes named Nell and Kate also one feather Bed and furniture to him and his Heirs and Assigns forever.

I then I lend to my loving Wife Joanna my Negroes Salt and Pleasant during her Widowhood also give my Wife one feather Bed and furniture.

I then I give and Devise to my Son James Mitchel my Negro Woman Salt after the Death or Marriage of my Wife, I also give my said Son James one feather bed and furniture to him and his Heirs and Assigns forever.

I then I give and devise unto John Curtis my Negro Girl Pleasant after the Death of my Wife to him and his Heirs and Assigns forever.

I then My Will and devise is that my Stock Crops and household Goods be kept together for the use of my Wife my son John and Robert and James, and my Daughter Mary till my son Robert ^{Mitchel} comes of Age & then to be equally divided among them live.

I then My will and devise is if my Son Rob^{ch} Mitchel dies before he comes of Age or Marries then I give the Land mentioned to him to my Son also the Negro Girl Kate & my Negro Girl to my Son James to them and their Heirs Respectively.

I then I do hereby appoint my son John Mitchel and William Tarborough whole and sole Executors of this my last Will & Testament, and that this my Estate may not be appraised In ^{dispute} Writings where I have therewith set my Hand and Seal this ninth day of August one thousand seven hundred and seventy Signed Sealed published and Declared to be the last Will and Testament of the above named John Mitchel in Presence of

Robert Pettway x
Edward Mitchel
Samuel Mitchel x

John^{his} Mitchel

At a Court held for Sussex County the 15 day of Novem^r 1770, The last will and Testament of Jⁿ Mitchel deceased was presented unto Court by John Mitchel & William Tarborough the Executors therein named who made Oath thereto as the law directs & the same was read by the Oathes of Rob^t Pettway & Samuel Mitchel

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In the Name of God Amen, I John Mitchell of Sussex County and Parish of Abbeville, being indisposed in body, but of sound and disposing Mind & Memory praised be God Almighty, God that gave it, and as for what worldly Estate it hath pleased the Lord of his Great mercy to bestow upon me I give and dispose of as followeth: Viz. I give & devise to my Son Isaac Mitchell one Negro Girl Luy to him and his Heirs and Assigns forever.

I give & devise to my Daughter Tabitha Wife of James Trotter one Negro Girl named Wmme to her and her Heirs and Assigns forever.

I give and Devise to my Daughter Hannah Wife of William Tarborough one Negro Girl named Aggy to her and her Heirs & Assigns forever Also I give my said Daughter Hannah one bed and furniture.

I give and Devise unto my Son Elchiel one Negro Girl named Patt one Negro Man named Doctor my Slave called a Diamond Also one feather bed and furniture to them and his Heirs and Assigns forever.

I give and Devise to my Daughter Mary Mitchell one Negro Woman named Tigg. Also one bed and furniture to her and her Heirs and Assigns forever.

I give and devise to my Son Robert Mitchell the Land and Plantation whereon I now live provided he pay the Brother John forty Pounds current Money of Virginia when he arrives to the Age Twenty one Years, I also give my said Son Robert my two Negroes named Nell and Cate also one feather Bed and furniture to him and his Heirs and Assigns forever.

I lend to my loving Wife Joanna my Negroes Salt and Pleasant during her Widowhood also give my Wife one feather Bed and furniture.

I give and Devise to my Son James Mitchell my Negro Woman Salt after the Death or Marriage of my Wife, I also give my said Son James one feather bed and furniture to him and his Heirs and Assigns forever.

I give and devise unto John Curtis my Negro Girl Pleasant after the Death of my Wife to him and his Heirs and Assigns forever.

My Will and devise is that my Stock Crops and household Goods be kept together for the use of my Wife my son John and Robert and James, and my Daughter Mary till my Son Robert Mitchell comes of Age & then to be equally divided among them five.

My will and desire is if my Son Robt Mitchell dies before he comes of Age or Marries then I give the Land mentioned to him to my Son also the Negro Girl Cate & my Negro Girl to my Son James to them and their Heirs Respectively.

I do hereby appoint my Son John Mitchell and William Tarborough whole and sole Executors of this my last Will & Testament, and that this my Estate may not be appraised In Things where I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this ninth day of August one thousand seven hundred and seventy.

Signed Sealed published and Declared to be the last Will and Testament of the above named John Mitchell in Presence of

Robert Pettway x
Edward Mitchell
Samuel Mitchell x

John Mitchell

At a Court held for Sussex County the 15 day of November 1770, The last will and Testament of John Mitchell deceased was presented into Court by John Mitchell & William Tarborough the Executors therein named who made Oath thereunto as the law directs & the same was proved by the Oaths of Robt Pettway & Samuel Mitchell two of the Witnesses thereunto & by the Court ordered to be Recorded, & on the motion of the said Executors Certificate thereon for standing as a Probate thereof in said Court.