

May Court M D C LX X i i

In the Name of God AMEN I Joseph Denton of the parish of Albermarle in the County of  
 Sufsea Planter being Weak in Body but of <sup>perfect</sup> Sound mind and memory do make and ordain this my  
 last will and Testament First of all I Begreat <sup>myself</sup> 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 House  
 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 Cottages 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 Hobbs</sup> ~~and John Hobbs~~ <sup>as my Executrix</sup> 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  
 + signed sealed declare and published  
 as and for the last will and Testament of Joseph  
 Denton above written in the presence of us  
 who Subscribed our names as Witnesses in  
 the Testator's presence and at his request

Joseph Denton *(Signature)*

Sarah Hobbs <sup>At a Court held for Sufsea County the 21 Day of May 1772</sup>

Mary Somlinson <sup>mark</sup> The last will and Testament of Joseph Denton deceased was presented into Court  
 by Rebecca Denton the Executrix therin named who made Oath thereto as the law  
 directs and the same was proved by the Oaths of Mary Somlinson and Timothy Rivers  
 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

*Seal of Claiborne Co*

In the Name of God AMEN I Henry Sturdivant of the County of ~~Sufsea~~ 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

IMPERMITS I give and bequeath to my Loving Son Matthew Sturdivant 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 Sturdivant 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 Bessie and her Children Shobe and Cloe and one Negro Girl named  
 Sally which slaves he has now in Possession Also give to him his Heirs and Assigns one  
 Negro Named Old Jemmy and a Negro Boy Named Stephen

Item I give and devise to my Loving Son Charles Sturdivant and to his Heirs and Assigns for ever all my land  
 lying between the High Hills Road and Holloway 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 Shobe 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 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 Jade and her Child named Jeff 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

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Sarah Hobbs At a Court held for Surfae County the 21 Day of May 1792

Mary Somlinson The last will and Testament of Joseph Denton deceased was presented into Court  
 by Rebecca Denton the Executrix thereto named who made oath thereto as the Law  
 requires and the same was proved by the Oaths of Mary Somlinson and Timothy Rivers  
 witness 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

Sarah Claiborne

In the Name of God AMEN I Henry Shurdiant of the County of Surfae 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 today

INSTRUMTS I give and bequeath to my loving Son Matthew Shurdiant and to his Heirs and Assigns the  
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In the Court No 6, C, L, X, XI, & XII - p 353 blank

An Inventory and Appraisement of the Estate of Joseph Denton deceased taken this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 1772 by William Dunn Christopher and Timothy Rivers that has been shown to us by the Executors  
 9 head of Cattle £ 11 15/-  
 10 head of Hogs & Swine £ 5 13/-  
 5 head of Sheep 28/- 10 Geese 12/-  
 1 Horses 28/- Leather Bed and Furniture £ 3/-  
 Leather Bed and Furniture £ 3/- a parcel of Leather  
 3 sides of Leather 27/- a parcel of Bacon 10/-  
 2 Hams 3/- 2 Chests 12/- 1 Round Table 15/-  
 1 Side Saddle 3/- 6/- of spun Cotton 18/- a parcel of seed Cotton 7/- a parcel of Wool 5/-  
 3 Cots and Hooks 10/- 1 Cot Rack 4/- 2 Tying Pans 5/-  
 1 Box Iron & Heater 3/- 1 Pair of Tea Tongues 2/-  
 1 Iron Skillet 6/- a parcel of Hoes and Axes 20/-  
 2 Iron Wedges 8/- 2 Plow hoes and a Plowshare 8/-  
 1 old Cart Saddle Collar & Harness 2/- 2 Recknives 1/-  
 Half the Value of a Pair of Cart Wheels 10/- 1 Aug 2/-  
 10 Pottles 2/- a parcel of Rice 2/- 4 pair old Boards 6/-  
 Old Washets 7/- 6/- a small parcel of Corn 4 Pounds 10/-  
 2 old Spinning Whals & 1 old Flax Whal & 3 Spindles -  
 1 old Loom 1/- 1 Pack Saddle and 2 old Bridle Bits 6/-  
 A parcel of scraps of Leather 1/- a parcel of Tabbis 8/-  
 2 Small parcels of salt 2/- sia Pewter Dishes & 18 Plates 25/-  
 A parcel of old Spoons 3/- 1 Guard & Set 4/- a parcel of Tools 6/-  
 2 Washing Tubs & 2 Water Pales 8/- 1 Sword and Bagond 2/-  
 A parcel of Shoemakers Tools and old Larks 8/- a parcel of Books 5/-  
 A parcel of Lumber 4/- 1 Razor Shop and Flone 2/-  
 A pair of looking glasses 1/- Aug & Bowl 2/-  
 A parcel of old Knives & Forks 4/- Spice Master & Pepper Box 1/-  
 2 old Heel Stiffes & 2 old Scythes 2/- 5 old Chairs a parcel of Soap 1/-  
 1 Chamber Pott 4/- 2 Grimbells 6/- Ink stand and 1 Lock 1/-  
 In obedience of an order of the Worshipfull Court of Superer and to us directed being first  
 sworn have valued all the Estate of Joseph Denton deceased in Current money as above  
 Stated and no more witness our hands

Christopher Rivers  
William Dunn  
Timothy Rivers

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

This Inventory and Appraisement of the Estate of Joseph Denton deceased was returned and by  
 Command of the Court ordered to be Recorded

Scotie A. Claiborne

According to the order of the Worshipfull Court of Superer we John Judkins Charles Judkins and Gray  
 Judkins being left Executors of the Estate of Robert Webb deceased have taken an Inventory of the said Webbs Estate -  
 as follows taken the 30th December 1772

46 Negroes 74 head of Hogs 24 head of Cattle 3 Horses 5 Beds and Furniture 4 Leather Trunks 1 Chest -  
 1 Looking Glass 14 Sitting Chairs 1our Glass 9 Pewter Dishes 1/2 Dozen Table Spoons 29 Pewter Plates 4 Pewter -  
 Basins 1 Porringar 1 Earthen Dish 5 Plates 30 1 Cream Pott 1 Chamber Pott 1 Tin Canister 1 Spice Master  
 7 Knives and 2 Forks 3 Handlesticks 1 Pepper Box 1/2 Dozen Shears 1 Nutmeg Grater 1/2 Patty Pans 1 Cevant -  
 3 Salts 1/2 Tea Spoons 1 Shimmer Shagreen Case 1 Disk 1 Doz Iron 3 Iron Potts 2 Tying Pans 1 Pair of Tongos  
 2 Claw hammers 1 Set Shoemakers Tools 1 Washing Tub and 3 Pales 2 Spinning Whals 4/5 Cotton Cards 1 Hand saw  
 some Carpenters Tools a parcel old iron 2 Flax hashells 1 Churn 1 Doz Iron and Heaters 1 Coalbox Stock  
 2 Flax Whals 2 Mow 1 Saddle and Bridle Horse 1 Drift 3 Butterpotts 20 hoes 7 Axes 1 hand Iron 1  
 Can 1 pair of money scales 1/2 Scales 1 pt Myleards 1 Long Chair 1 pair Teamis 1 Meal Office 1 Pink Pott  
 a parcel of old Books 3 Plow hoes 1 Box 3 Row hoes 1 Sow 1/2 Bushells Wheat 2 Sheep 1 Sea kettle 1 Flint Pash  
 some sugar some salt and one side saddle 5 Stacks of Soda 1/2 2 Iron Wedges 1 Hoe 2 Table Cloths 2 Towels

Anno Regni duodecimo Georgii Tertii. Julij 1772.

17 bushels Cart and Whals 1 Hh Brakes 1 Gun 2 mial Bags 1 Hh Hh 70 Barrels of Corn 2 Hogsheads Tobacco and 100  
Dumber 1 Grinding Stone 1 Still some Pottates by Hearing 10 Bushels 2 1/2 Yards Plush  
The following Articles in the Possession of John Berryman which are to be delivered up at the Expiration of his Lease  
only Value of them in Cash  
2 Horses q head of Cattle 37 head of Hogs 2 Plows & 14 hoes 2 Tobs Hogsheads 1 Cart and Whals 2 Hh of Horse  
hemp 1 Rawhide 6 Axes 75 Barrels of Corn 1 Grin Stone 2 Cedar Coaks 2 1/2 Bushells

John Sudkins  
Charles Sudkins  
Gray Sudkins

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

This Inventory of the Estate of Robert Webb deceased was returned and by the Court ordered to be recorded

*Recd* Teste A Claiborne Esq C

In the Name of God Amen I Thomas Dunn of the County of Sussex and Parish of Obermarke

Wanter being of perfect mind and disposing memory and calling to mind the certainty of death do make this my last will and Testament as follows that is first and principally I command my Soul to God and my Body to the Earth to receive Christian Burial at the discretion of my Executor hereafter named and as touching such

worldly Estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with all I give and devise and dispose of the same in manner

and following Imprimis Item I give and bequeath to my son Lewis Dunn and to his Heirs for ever all  
and Singular and every part and parcel of my said Estate both real and Personal where soever it may

or can be found and at the death of my said Son Lewis Dunn I give and bequeath order and command that

Peggy a Mollatto girl shall enjoy her freedom and be free

Also constitute appoint and ordain my son Lewis Dunn sole Executor of this my last will and Testament  
and do hereby revoke disannull and make void all former Wills Testaments and requests containing this and none

other to be my last Will and Testament Sealed with my seal this 2<sup>d</sup> day of July 1771 Thomas Dunn (St)

In presence of us

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

Anslem Gilliam } The last will and Testament of Thomas Dunn deceased was presented into Court by Lewis  
Dunn the Executor therin Named who made oath thereto as the Law directs and the same was proved by the  
oaths of Hinchia and Anslem Gilliam the Witnesses thereto and by the Court ordered to be recorded and  
on the motion of thisaid Executor certificate is granted him for obtaining a probate thereof in due form giving  
Security Whereupon he with Anslem Gilliam and Charles Sudkins entered into and acknowledged this

Bond for his due performance of that trust

Teste A Claiborne Esq

AN INVENTORY and Appraisement of the Estate of Mary Wilbarn deceased taken the Twenty second day of

August 1771 R. G.

14 lbs Bacon at 4<sup>d</sup> £2. 7. 0 1 Sow & 7 Shotes 2<sup>t</sup> 1 Tying Pen 9<sup>d</sup> 3 Cows & Calves £6 7. 6 £11. 17. 0

Feather Bed Headboard & Furniture - 5. 10. 0

1. 9<sup>d</sup> 9<sup>d</sup> & 9<sup>d</sup> 2. 2. 6

2 Parch of Potas 0. 0. 0

1 Bar Iron & Heaters 6<sup>d</sup> 1 Wheat 7. 6 0. 13. 6

1 Daffett Bottles Crockery Ware Knives 6<sup>d</sup> 0. 9. 6

1 Water pail 2 Piggins and a Metal Pan 1. 5. 0

1 Marting Tubb 3 Wooden Trays and a Saddle 0. 3. 0

1 Beem 3 sets of Harness and a Slay 1. 0. 6

1 Table and 4 Chairs 0. 6. 3

1 Chest 3<sup>t</sup> 1 Jugg and some Molasses 2. 6 1 Sack & Meal five 0. 7. 0

Sundry Wearings Appareil q. 6. 7 a Parcell of Pewter Spoons and a Sugar Dish 2. 6 1 Tin Grate 7. 2 1 Basket 4. 0 9. 18. 9. 2

1 Common Prayer Book 2. 6 a Parcell of Spun Cotton 6<sup>d</sup> 1 Shawl 5<sup>t</sup> 1 Basket with Pickled Lettuce 10<sup>d</sup> 0. 0. 3

A Parcell of unpicked Cotton 10<sup>d</sup> 1/2 old Basseths 6<sup>d</sup> 16<sup>d</sup> 2 old Tubs and a Run 14<sup>d</sup> 5<sup>t</sup> 1 old Bagge & a Girl 2. 14. 9

2 1/2 a Parcell of Leather 3<sup>t</sup> 1. 0. 0

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

This Inventory and Appraisement of the Estate of Mary  
Wilbarn deceased was returned and by the Court ordered  
to be recorded Teste A Claiborne Esq

*Recd*

Appraisers  
Thomas Eggleston  
Samuel Washington  
J. Evans 10. 0. 0