

In the Name of God Amen William Eldridge of the Parish of Albermarle in the County of Sussex being sick and weak in Body but of sound mind and disposing memory thanks be to God — for the same do make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament: first and principally — I recommend my Soul to God who gave it and my body to the Earth to be buried at the discretion of my Executors herein after named

Imprimis I devise unto my Loving wife Ann the whole Tract of Land and Plantation whereon I now live with the Houses and Appurtenances to the same belonging or in anywise appertaining during her Widow hood without Impeachment of Waste and from and after her decease I devise the said Land and Plantation to my Loving Son Robert Eldridge to him and his Heirs for ever

Item I Give unto my Loving wife Anne the Labour of all my Negroes during her Widow hood or till my Children arrive to the Age of Twenty one Years or marriage and likewise all the remainder of my Estate what kind soever during her Widow hood or till my Children arrives to proper Age

Item I Give unto my Daughter Elizabeth Eldridge Three Negro Slaves of the Names following (Richmond) Grace Kate as her — proper slaves to her and her Heirs for ever

Item I Give unto my son Robert Eldridge Three Negro slaves of the names following (Surrey) Morris Aggrey as his — proper Slaves to him and his Heirs for ever

Item I Give to my Loving Son Thomas Eldridge Three Negro Slaves of the Names following (Mingo) John Frank as his proper Slaves to him and his Heirs for ever

Item I Give unto my Loving Daughter Mary Eldridge Three Negro slaves of the Names following (Mary) Sarah Matt as her proper slaves to her and her Heirs for ever

Item I Give unto my <sup>Loving</sup> Daughter Ann Eldridge Three Negro slaves of the Names following (Nanah) King & Ned as her proper slaves to her and her Heirs for ever

Item I Give unto my Loving Son Thomas Eldridge one Hundred & fifty Pounds Cash when he arrives to the Age of Twenty one Years

Item my will and devise is that all the residue of my Estate of what kind soever it be be sold at my Loving wife's Death and be Equally divided amongst my five Children Lastly I do nominate constitute and appoint my said wife and my brother in Law Robert Jones my whole and sole Executors of this my Last Will and Testament my devise is that my Executors may not be obliged to give security for the performance of my will In Witness whereof I have hereunto affixed my hand and seal the Twenty fourth day of January — the year of our Lord 1772

Signed Sealed and declared to be the last will and Testament of the said William Eldridge

Thomas Curleton  
Susanna Curleton

W<sup>m</sup> Eldridge

At a Court held for Sussex County the 21<sup>st</sup> Day of May 1772

The last will and Testament of William Eldridge deceased was presented into Court by Ann Eldridge and Robert Jones the Executors therein named who made Oath thereto as the Law directs — and the same was proved by the Oaths of Thomas Curleton and Susanna Curleton the Witnesses thereto — and by the Court ordered to be recorded and on the motion of the said Executors certificate is granted them for obtaining a Probate thereof in due form

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Teste A. Claiborne C. C.

In the Name of God Amen I Robert Owen of the Parish of — Albermarle and County of Sussex being sick and weak of Body but of sound mind and memory do constitute this to be my last will and Testament revoking all other Wills by me heretofore made in manner and form following Viz Imprimis I Give and bequeath unto my Loving wife Elizabeth all the

# Anno Regni duodecimo Georgii Tertii Regis

Maver that I had by her Named Charles Lincey Patt Anthony Tom and Lydia also Three Beds and Furniture two Pots four Dishes one Dozen of Plates one Dozen of Knives and Forks one Fryng Pan Two Tables two Horse-Two Spring Wheelchairs Chest One Trunk and one single Chair and Harney and my will and desire is that my said wife shall have her first Choice of all the above mentioned Articles that I shall die Possessed of and all my Stock of Cattle to her and her Heirs for ever Also I Give my said wife the following negroes Viz Tillah Nan & Sam during her widow hood but if my said wife should continue a Widow untill my son Herbert comes of Age or then my will and desire is that my two last mentioned Negroes Nan and Sam should be delivered unto the said Herbert

Item I Give and bequeath unto my Loving Son Herbert all the rest residue and remainder of my Estate of every sort or kind whatsoever to him and his Heirs for ever and my will and desire is that if my son Herbert dies before he arrives of Age or Marries that the whole of the Estate that would have fallen to him shall be divided between the Children of my Three brothers John David and Benjamin Owen and I desire that my brother John should take under his care and management my said son Herbert for which trouble I GIVE the said John the Negro fellow Named Bob untill my said son John comes of Age or Marries

Item I do constitute ordain and Appoint my Loving wife Executrix and my Friends Robert Jones Junior & John Gargill my whole and sole Executors of this my last will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this Fifth day of February, The Thousand seven hundred and seventy Two

Signed Sealed published and a - x - x - x  
declared by the Testator to be his last will and Testament  
in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence do  
Subscribe our Names as Witnesses thereto

Robert Owen

William Morning

Jones Stokes

Nicholas Massenburg

William T. Lill

At a Court held for Sussex County the 21<sup>st</sup> Day of May 1772

The last Will and Testament of Robert Owen deceased was presented  
in to Court by Elizabeth Owen Robert Jones Junior and John Gargill the  
Executors therein named who made Oath thereto as the Law directs and the

same was proved by the Oaths of William Morning and Jones Stokes 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 L S C

Account Current of the Estate of William Ward deceased

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|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| To Cash paid Capt Howell Briggs by Account               | 2: 16: 8  |
| To Cash paid for 1 3/4 Gallons of Brandy for the Funeral | 0: 7: 6   |
| To Cash paid John Albrook                                | 0: 9: 0   |
| To Cash paid James Overby's Account & Charges            | 2: 5: 6   |
| To Cash paid Samuel Blizard                              | 0: 10: 0  |
| To Cash paid By Bond                                     | 1: 14: 5  |
| To Cash to myself                                        | 5: 5: 0   |
| To Cash paid Two Appraisers                              | 0: 8: 4   |
| To Cash paid for Tickets                                 | 0: 17: 4  |
| To Commissioners for my trouble                          | 0: 18: 0  |
| In obedience to the Worshipfull Court of Sussex          | 15: 11: 7 |

Per Contra C<sup>m</sup>  
To the whole Account of the estate 17: 10: 10  
By Cash found due to the Estate 1: 8: 4  
22 Per Stephen Andrews Adm<sup>r</sup>  
17: 19: 2  
15: 11: 7  
2: 8: 5

At a Court held for Sussex County the 21<sup>st</sup> Day of May 1772

An account current of the Estate of William Ward deceased was returned & by the  
Court Ordered to be Recorded

Teste

A. Claiborne M<sup>c</sup>

Cyrill Avery  
John Hunt