

April Court MDLXXIV

In the Name of God Amen. I Abner James of Sussex County being sick & weak but of perfect mind & memory do make & ordain this for my last Will & Testament, and dispose of my Estate as follows.

First I Give & Bequeath to my Son John James five shillings Current money

secondly I Give & Bequeath to my Son Thomas James my horse Colt named Dolphin and one feather Bed & furniture, in case he will live with his Mother in Law four years from this date and work for her & assist her peaceably in bringing up her children, if not I desire it may go into the remainder of my Estate.

I Give & Bequeath to my Son Samuel James five shillings Current money.

I Give and Bequeath to my Daughter Molly James five shillings Current money.

After all my Just debts & Charges being paid I Give all the remainder of my Estate of what nature or kind soever to my wife Mary James during her natural Life or widowedhood and afterwards to be equally divided amongst all my Children: my desire also is that there be no Appraisement of my Estate — I likewise constitute & appoint my beloved wife ^{1119 p. 111} Executor of this my last Will & Testament. In Witness whereof I have — — — set my hand & Seal this 11th day of October 1773.

Signed & sealed published & declared to be the last Will of Abner James in presence of us

Abner James ^{his} Seal
mark

Michael Boothe
Philip Boothe

At a Court held for Sussex County the xxi day of April 1774.

This last Will & Testament of Abner James deceased was presented into Court by Mary James the Executrix therein named who made oath thereto as the Law directs and the same was proved by the Oaths of Michael Boothe & Philip Boothe the Witnesses thereto and by the Court ordered to be Recorded and on the motion of the said Ex^{ts}. Certificate is granted her for obtaining a probate thereof in Due form.

Teste A. Laibome Esq

Anno Regni Decimo Quarto Georgii Tertii Regis.

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In the Name of God Amen March th 14: 1774. I Mary Irby of Suffol^r County being of sound & disposing mind & memory, thanks be to God for the same, do make ordain constitute & appoint this my last Will & Testament in manner following that is to say;

Item. I Give & Bequeath unto my Son John Irby Heirs & Assigns, my part of a still which was bought betwixt my said Son & myself.

Item. I Give & Bequeath unto my Son William Irby Heirs & Assigns by all my Hogg.

Item. I desire my riding Chair & Harness may be sold by my Executors and the money arising from the Sale thereof to be tooked on as other Cash that may be due my Estate and divided accordingly.

Item. I Give unto my Son William & my Daughters Ann & Elizabeth, to be equally divided amongst the four after my just debts are paid all the Cash part of my Estate whether due by Bond or open Account the same to them & their Heirs & Assigns forever.

Item. all the rest & residue of my Estate of what nature or quality soever I desire may be equally divided betwixt my Sons John & William their Heirs or Assigns by my Executors hereafter to be named.

And Lastly. I do appoint my Brother Richard Blunt and my Son John Irby Executors of this my last Will & Testament. Signed Sealed, Published & declared by the said Mary Irby to be her last Will & Testament in whose presence and at whose request we hereunto set our Hands as Witnesses

Samuel Locke

Micajah Edwards

William Irby

Mary ^{his} Irby Seal
mark.

At a Court held for Suffol^r County the xxi day of April 1774.
The within written last Will & Testament of Mary Irby Deceased was presented into Court by John Irby one of the Exors. therein named who made Oath thereunto as the Law directs ————— and the same was proved by the Oath of Micajah Edwards one of the Witnesses thereto and by the Court ordered to be Recorded and on the motion of the said Exor. Court is now granted him for obtaining a probate thereof in due form.

Test A. Madsen Clerk