

April Court MDCCLXXIV

In the Name of God Amen.

I Humphrey Bayles of Sussex and of the Parish of Albemarle being of sound & disposing mind & memory thanks be to God for the same doth ordain this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following.

Item I is my Will & Desire that all my Just debts be paid with the first money as shall come to hand out of my Estate.

Item I is my Will & Desire that all my Estate that I have now in possession of what nature or quality whatsoever except three Negroes namely Peter, Amy, Aggy which is now in possession of my Son in Law Thomas Howard that my loving Wife Ann Bayles should have the use of it during her natural Life.

Item I is my Will & Desire that after the Death of my Wife the Land I now live on shall go to my Grand-Son John Bayles Howard in case he should die without Heir to go, the next Heir of my Daughters Body in case no such Heir to return to my Son in Law Thomas Howard.

Item I is my Desire that all the rest of my Estate in possession of my Loving Wife Ann Bayles after her Death shall go to my Daughter Mary Howard to her & her Heirs forever.

Item I is my Will & Desire that if my Daughter should die without Heir of her Body the whole descend unto my Son in Law Thomas Howard.

Item I is my Desire that three Negroes that is excepted in the second Clause of my Will should go & descend unto my Son in Law Thomas Howard, and his Heirs forever.

Item I is my Will & Desire that my Estate shall not be appraised.

I do nominate & appoint Henry Howard Thomas Howard to be my whole & sole Executors of this my last Will & Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto affixed my Hand & Seal 1774.

John James

Richard Murren

Richard Ellis

Humphrey Bayles Seal

At a Court held for Sussex County the XXI Day of April 1774.

The within Written last Will & Testament of Humphrey Bayles Deceased was presented into Court by Henry Howard & Thomas Howard the Executors - therein named who made Oath thereto as the Law directs and the same was proved

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Anno Regni Decimo Quarto Georgii Tertii Regis

by the Oaths of Richard Warren & Richard Ellis Jun. two of the Witnesses
thereto and by the Court or does to be Recorded; and on the motion of the said
Executors Certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate thereof in due
law form.

as to

J. J. Laidson CSC

In the Name of God Amen. I Thomas Pate being Weak in Body, though
in perfect mind & memory thanks be to God for the same I do constitute & appoint
this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following. I Give my Soul to
Almighty God who gave it me and Body the Earth to be buried at the discretion
of my Executors, and as to my worldly Estate I Give devise & Bequeath in manner
following Viz:

Impress I Give & Bequeath to my Son John Pate the Land & plantation whereon he now
lives containing fifty Acres more or less to him & his heirs forever.

Item I Give & Bequeath unto my Son Edward Pate Land & plantation whereon he now
lives containing One hundred & fifty Acres more or less to him & his heirs forever.

I Likewise Give & Bequeath to my Son Edw. Pate all my working Tools, together
also my property of a croft cut I saw to him & his heirs forever. also my hand mill I
Give & Bequeath to my Son Edward to him & his heirs forever.

Item I Give & Bequeath to my Son Edmund Pate five Shillings Sterling to him &
his heirs forever.

Item I Give & Bequeath to my daughter Mary Turner five Shillings Sterling to her & her
heirs forever.

Item I Give & Bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth Freeman five Shillings Sterling
to her & her heirs forever.

Item I Give & Bequeath unto my Grand Daughter Molly Jones Daughter of John &
Sarah Jones these other Bed & furniture which my daughter Sarah Jones have
now in keeping to her and her heirs forever.

Item I Lend unto my loving Wife the residue of my Estate of all kinds whatsoever
during her natural Life or to widowhood and after decease to equally divided
between my four youngest Children, John, Thomas & Edward Pate & Sarah
Jones.

I constitute & appoint my two Sons John & Thomas Pate Executors of