

December Court M D C C L X X V I I.

In the name of god Amen I John Anderson Sturdivant of Sussex County being very sick and weak tho of perfect memory thanks be to god for it, But not knowing how soon my change may come, do therefore ordain this to be my last Will & Testament in manner and form following, I give my body to the earth from whence it was taken to be buried in a Christian like manner at the discretion of my Executors hereafter mentioned, and my soul to god who gave it me humbly imploring his divine Majesty through the merits and intercession of my blessed redeemer to receive it into the number of the blessed, And as for my temporal estate which it hath been pleased god to bless me with I give and dispose of in form and manner following, Ver-

Impremis.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Abner two sons all that tract or parcel of land which I had promised to my said son Abner containing one hundred and twenty five acres to them and their heirs forever; But if they both die before they come of age, my desire is it shall be equally divided between my two sons John & Jesse Sturdivant to them their heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son John Sturdivant one hundred and twenty five acres of land lying on the south side of the hunting Quarter swamp, laid off by a line of marked trees to him and his heirs forever, also one bed and furniture to him his heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Jesse Sturdivant one hundred and twenty acres of land lying between the plantation whereon Snow live and my sons Abner line. also one bed and furniture to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Anderson Sturdivant all the residue of my land and plantation whereon Snow live, also one bed and furniture to him and his heirs forever, also my saddle and bridle, also all my wearing apparel.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Sturdivant my negro called Bot to her and her heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my three sons namely John, Jesse and Anderson, and Sarah, my children, all and every of my estate of whatsoever kind it be, not heretofore devised to be equally divided amongst them, to them and their heirs forever.

I constitute and appoint my son John Sturdivant and my son Anderson Sturdivant Executors of this my last Will and testament, utterly revoking and disannulling all Wills heretofore made, in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this nineteenth day of March one thousand seven hundred and seventy three.

Signed, sealed and delivered
in presence of
Joseph Dennis
Benjamin Tyeas
William E. Oliver
mark.

John Anderson ^{his} Sturdivant. 
mark

At a court held for Sussex County the 18. day of December 1777.

The aforesaid last Will & Testament of John Anderson Sturdivant deceased was presented into Court by Anderson Sturdivant one of the Executors therein named who made oath himself as the law directs and the same was proved by the oaths of Joseph Dennis & William Oliver witnesses thereto and by the Court ordered to be recorded and on the motion of the said last certificate is granted him for obtaining a probate thereof in due form reserving liberty to the other executors to join him therein when he shall see fit. Test. Will. Blairborne junr. clerk.

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that now stands in my house to her and her heirs forever. As witness my hand and seal this first day of August one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven.

Signed and sealed in presence

of James Bell

Silva ^{her} Neesum
mark

Phillip Harwood 

At a court held for Sussex County the 15th day of January 1778.

The aforesaid last Will and testament of Phillip Harwood deceased was presented into court by Rebecca and Daniel Harwood, Executors and Executor therein named who made oath thereto as the law directs and the same was proved by the oath of James Bell and Ralph Magee and the said Executors by the oath of the said James Bell 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 in due form.

Teste

Will. Claiborne jun^r Clk.

In obedience to an order of the Worshipful Court of Sussex County the Subscribers have (being first sworn) appraised the estate of John Anderson Murdissant as followeth.

January 1778	One negroe man	David	\$ 150
	One ditto married	Jeff	150
	One ditto married	Abram	100
	One negroe girl	Bett	100
	One do woman Harmer		50
	One do do	Pegg	2
	1 Bed and furniture		12
	1 do & do		12
	1 do & do		10
	1 do & do		10
	1 Chest 10f. 1 ditto 10f.		1
	1 Loom and Slay		1
	Wearing apparel		11 2 6
	1 Mans saddle		3
	2 Jugs and 1 Mugg		12 6
	1 Bowl and Rice		5
	1/2 bushels Yvett		1
	12 Axes and a pair wedges		2 10
	10 Hoes		2
	Horse harness		1 3
	Apparel of Slay		2 10

1 flay wheel	288
1 pair scales, Reels &c	1 3 6
1 pair steel yards	2 6
1 Gun, sword and Bayonet	15
1 Table	1 10
1 parcel of tallow	2 6
1 parcel of Barkoto	1 11
1 bhawn	5
1 Meal bagg	2
1 Book	7 6
1 parcel of powder	4
1 Britten pott	1 10
5 knives and forks	3
2 potts and 1 pyng pan	7 6
1 Candle stick, grater &c	3 10
1 Bay horse	5
1 Black belt	40
1 D° D°	36
1 D° Mare	10
27 fatt hogs	18
16 hogs	40
1 Cow and two Yearlings	77 8
1 Spinning wheel	6
4 Raw hides	5
1 parcel of Cotton	8
1 parcel of Wheat	4
2 Tubs of Pease	3
1 Barrel flay seed	1
2 Hogsheads and 1 b°	7 6
1 parcel of Corn	6
1 Cart and Wheels	22 10
1 grind stone	1
Shoemakers tools	1
1 Hand saw and drawing knife	10
1 Box Iron and hammers	5
1 parcel of nails	6
1 Post rack	3
1 Tub and 1 Pale	3
1 Cask and Ringar	6
1 pair Cotton cards	1
Pepper box, Raret &c	7 6
1 Sifter and Search	5
4 Tubs, 2 Gurns and beams	2 6
3 Sides leather	15
	1 5

5 Hyder bawls	1 " " "
1 funnel w/ 12 George	1 " 5 "
7 bladders	" " 6 "
1 parcel of fodder	2 " " "
2 plow and hoes	1 " " "
1 Reap hook and spindle	" " 2 " 6 "
1 gun	" " 7 " 6 "
1 Groe 1 Roll &c. &c.	" " 10 "

Anderson's Surdiment Executor.

^{his}
 Wilburn + Spain jun.
 mark
 Burwell ^{his} Wilburn
 mark
 Benjⁿ ^{his} Wilburn
 mark

} Appraisers

At a court held for Sussex County the 15th day of Jan'y 1770.

The aforesaid Inventory and appraisement of the estate of John Anderson Surdiment dec'd was returned and by the Court ordered to be
 Ex. recorded.

Teste³

Wm. Claiborne jun. Clk.

A True and perfect Inventory and appraisement of the estate of
 Benjamin Hancock deceased.

Negroe	Jack; valued at	200 " " "
negrae	Beck	180 " " "
negrae	Peter	160 " " "
negrae	Venus	80 " " "
Negroe	Rose	70 " " "
negrae	Catherine	70 " " "
negrae	Moses	70 " " "
negrae	Julia	50 " " "
1 Roan horse		35 " " "
1 ditto Mare		15 " " "
1 Bay Colt		35 " " "
1 Bay horse		20 " " "
1 Old black		2 " " "
1 Colt		20 " " "
33 Cattle		151 " 10 "
22 Sheep		30 " 10 "
67 Hogs		102 " 5 "
6 Sows with Pigg		14 " 5 "