

The Appraisement of the Es^r James Hewitt decd

3 Hinds & 1 Ox

Parcels of Rotten & Knives

3 old Barrels

1 Spinning Wheel & 1 Bomb

1 Lean Horse

1 Bed & Furniture

1 Hogg

1 Negro & Lada

1 Do. (Dinah)

1 Do. (Belle)

1 Calf

1 Negro Woman

£ 5.00

6.00

2.6

2.6

4.10

5.00

3.00

10.00

500.00

350.00

3.00

£ 878.5.0

1500.00

2378.5.0

The above Es^r was appraised according to Law

Matthew Wynne

Hosea Knight

Robt. Wynne

Returned into Sussex County Court the 21st day of October 1779 and
Ordered to be recorded

Teste Wm. Stey Cadborne C. J. & C.

In the Name of the one eternal and almighty Being who created the World by the Word of his Power and supports the same by the renewing Providence of his Wisdom I John Thompson the Elder of the Parish of Aldermanbury in the County of Sussex do make & ordain this Writing to be my last Will & Testament as followeth

Impremis My earnest Desire is that all my just Debts be honestly paid and to enable my Executors hereon after named to do and perform the same my Will and Desire is that my Executors sell & dispose of all my blooded Horses all my Crops of Corn & other Grain Cask & Barrels so far as may be after my Death reserving a Sufficiency of the said Grain Cask & Barrels for the Years Support of my Family

Item I give & devise unto my Son Francis Read all & every of the Negroes that I possess by my Marriage with his Mother Mildred Read a former Wife of mine except a negro Girl called Rose daughter of Betty herein after given to my Daughter Mary Shaw I also give & devise and bequeath unto my said Son Francis Read my Negroes great Trunk & Pack & all my Lands & Plantations lying & being on the North & North West side of Warwick Swamp also all the Stocks of Cattle Hogs & Sheep that may belong to the said Plantations at the time of my Death One half of my Work House also one Bed & Furniture in Black Walnut Chairs & one Iron Stove all which Lands Stocks Negroes & Furniture I give and devise unto my said Son Francis Read and his Heirs. Item I give to my Daughter Mary Shaw & to her Heirs my negro Girl called Rose

Item I give & devise and bequeath unto my Son Arthur Readman and to his Heirs forever reserving nevertheless to my beloved Wife his Mother the free Use Occupation & Enjoyment thereof of every Part thereof so long as she shall continue my Widow but no longer all

my Lands and Plantation whereon I now live lying being in the South & South
east of the Warwick Township. I also give him my said Son Arthur's Ration
to his Slave for ever my Negro Woman called Jerry & my negro Woman called
Judy with her Increase my Negroes Bristol Dublin and Hagar but if my
said son Arthur should die before he arrives to 21 years of age the Negroes
above mentioned to be equally divided among his Sister the Survivors or
Survivors of them

Item I give to my Daughter Elizabeth's Son and Heir his Slave for ever my negro
Girl named Van Lest

Item My Will and Intention is & I direct it to be that my said Son Francis
Read die before he arrives to 21 years of age that the Land & the Plantation here before
devised to him shall go to his wife to his Brother Arthur and to his Sister
for ever and that the Negroes he now possesses he shall be equally divided
among my Childen Elizabeth's Son and Heir Van Lest's Son and Heir
respectively & their respective Heirs for ever & it is that should I die
before my Daughter Elizabeth's Son and Heir shall die before he arrives to the
Age of twenty one years then I direct that the Land & the Plantation
to be the Negroes Girl & his Increase shall be equally divided between his Wife and
as aforesaid that the Negroes is so often as given them to be divided
unto my Son Francis's said & William's said & to his Heir for ever
that should my Son Arthur die before he arrives to 21 years of age that the
Lands herein before devised to him shall be equally divided to his Wife
to his Heir for ever

Item I give & devise unto my loving Wife in her full & sole power
all the Sum of Money thing things by me given & left to be
divided & given unto her in & by her three Wives & by the said
illegally executed before our Marriage & duly recorded in the Court of
County Court and to enable her to maintain & pay the said
Arthur's said Elizabeth's said & Mary's said & to be
My negro Woman called Jerry to her & her Heir in trust & to be
the shall give the said Negro Jerry & her Increase to one or more of my
Children Also the free Use Occupation & Employment of my
my Widow but no longer of my Lands & Plantation whereon I now live as all
my household & Kitchen Furniture plantation lot & all of Timber & all
my Packs of Cattle Hogs & Pigs except the Pigs & Pork devised for & to my
if my Death one half of my worth I give one fourth part of my little one
fourth Part of my Tobacco made on my Plantation the Year I shall die and
also the free Use and Labour without accounting for the same of all my Negroes
herein before given to my Daughters Elizabeth's said & Mary's said

My son Arthur
these negroes
herein before
given to my

they respectively marry or arrives to Age
If the said before appropriated for the Payment of my Debt together with the
outstanding Debt belonging to me is & subject to this Purpose should
prove insufficient to answer that I do hereby declare & will the Negroes
Bristol Pack Great Frank Dublin & Hagar to be liable to the discharging
hereof each Son to whom they are respectively given bearing an equal share thereof

Do hereby Inwitness and affirm my Wife, M^{rs} Frances Jones, M^{rs} George Davenport
H. W. Hugh, Belcher Executors of this my last Will and Testament In
Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and affixed my Seal this
twentieth Day of April in the Year of our Lord Christ One thousand
Seven hundred & Twenty eight

Signed Sealed & Delivered

Thos Thompson

Dictated by the testator as
for his last Will and Testament
In Presence of us who proposed the
same in his Presence that his request

Aug^r (Witness) James Davenport
David Jones (Witness) Ebenezer
Jesse Collins

Whereas I John Thompson have made & published my last Will & Testam^t
as aforesaid dated the 20th April 1778. to confirm the same at the same
time declaring by this Codicil thereto my further Will & Intention concerning
my Estate which is that all my household furniture & other personal
Estate given & devised to my Wife, &c. upon her Death or Marriage
equally divided among my Children & their Predecessor Elizabeth, Harriet
& Mary I have the Permission or Jurisdiction of them. In testimony whereof
I have to this Codicil set my Hand & Seal this 3rd day of August 1779
Witness

Thos Thompson

Aug^r (Witness)
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At a Court held for Sup^r Court the 18th day of November 1779

The last Will & Testament of John Thompson dated with the Codicil
annexed was presented in Court by George Rivers an Executor therein named
who made Oath thereto as the Law directs, proved by the Oaths of David
Jones & James Davenport Witnesses thereto & Ordered to be recorded
and on the Motion of the said Executor who with Hugh Belcher &
Michael Wade his Sureties entered into Acknowledged their Bonds
in the Penalty of Two hundred Thousand Pounds conditioned as the
Law directs Certificate is granted them for obtaining a Probate thereof

Done in due Form

Teste Wm Pitty Esq^r Recorder C. J. C.

In the Name of God Amen I William Colson of the County of
Sussex and Parish of All Saints Parish being of perfect Mind and
disposing Memory and owing to the Certainty of Death do
make this my last Will and Testament as follows that is first and
principally I commend my Soul to God & my Body to the Earth to receive
Christian Burial at the Discretion of my Executors hereafter named
as touching such worldly Estate as it has pleased God to bestow upon me
I give & devise & bequeath of the same in Manner & Form following
I give I give & bequeath to my dear Wife Mary & her Heirs and
and Furniture one Cow and Calf one Last Wheel one wooden Wheel & one
of Cords

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