

September Court A.D. 1737

In the Name of God amen I Robert Parsons of the County of Sussex in the Parish of Albemarle being weak in body, but of a sound mind and memory, blessed be God, but calling to mind that it is appointed for all men once to die, do Make and ordain this my last Will and testament, bequeathing my soul to God who gave it hoping for that mercy and forgiveness promised to all who believe in Jesus Christ our saviour, And my body to the earth to be buried at the discretion of my executors hereafter mentioned and with what worldly goods it hath pleased God to bless me with, I give, devise, and dispose of the same in manner and form following, *Viz.*

- Item* I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Sanders one negroe boy named Moses and one large chest to her and her heirs forever.
- Item* I give and bequeath to my son William Parsons the three negroes which he carried with him *Viz.* Ben, Dinah and Selia with their increase and all debts due from him to me, to him and his heirs forever.
- Item* I give and bequeath unto my daughter Uriah Weathers two negroe girls *Viz.* Phoebe and Winney and their increase and one trunk called her Mothers trunk to her and her heirs forever.
- Item* I give and bequeath unto my daughter Amy Ekman one negroe Wench named Bell and her increase to her and her heirs forever.
- Item* I give and bequeath unto my son Henry Parsons two negroe boys *Viz.* Ab & Ben and one negroe fellow named Bib (clear of all hire that may owe me hitherto for him and also during my life) one feather bed and furniture and one chest called mine to him and his heirs forever.
- Item* My Will and desire is that six pounds shall be paid out of my estate towards the Education of my Grandson Osborn Smith son of my daughter Amy Ekman.
- Item* I give and bequeath unto my Grandson Robert Parsons son of Henry Parsons one filly and her increase to him and his heirs forever.
- Item* My Will and desire is that all debts due to me from Isaac Weathers, John Sanders, Adam Ekman and Henry Parsons, and my desire also is that the said John lie upon and all the remainder of my estate undisposed of be set up to the highest bidder and the money arising from the sale, as also the debts aforesaid be equally divided among Isaac Weathers, John Sanders, Adam Ekman and Henry Parsons.
- Item* My Will and desire is that Isaac Weathers do pay to Henry Parsons three pounds current money of Virginia out of the estate devised to him.
- Item* My Will and desire is that all my just debts and funeral charges be paid out of my estate.
- Item* My Will and desire is that no appraisement be made of my estate and I do hereby appoint Henry Parsons and John Sanders Executors of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all Wills by me heretofore made In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand

Second year of the Commonwealth.

and seal this eighteenth day of June One thousand seven hundred and seventy seven.

Signed, sealed, pronounced, and declared
by the testator as his last Will & Testament
in our presence and in the presence of each
other have witnessed the same.

Robert Parsons

Seal

Robert Watson

Nicholas Ogburn

Thomas Whitfield

At a Court held for Sussex county the 18th day of September 1777

The last Will and testament of Robert Parsons deceased was presented
into Court by Henry Parsons and John Sanders the Executors therein named
who made oath thereto as the law directs and the ^{same} was proved by the oaths
of Nicholas Ogburn and Thomas Whitfield 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.

Teste

Will. Claiborne J. C. S. C.

In the name of God amen I John Lills of Sussex County being sick and
weak of body but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be to almighty god for the same
calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for
all men once to die do make and ordain this my last Will and testament in manner
and form following, that is to say, first and principally I give my soul into the hands
of almighty god who gave it me and body I commend to the earth to be buried in a
Christian and decent manner at the discretion of my executors whom I shall here-
after appoint and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased
god to bless me with in this life I give, devise, bequeath, and dispose the same
in manner and form following.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Betsy Weathers five shillings current money
to her and her heirs forever.

I give unto my daughter Agnes Lills one bed and furniture one mare called Jenny
and my best pot and frying pan the meal sifter and the best pair of Cotton cards
the flax wheel and spinning wheel the best to her and her heirs forever.

I give and bequeath unto my grand daughter Rebecca Bailey one bed and furniture to
her and her heirs forever.

I give unto my grand daughter Rebecca Weathers one bed and furniture to her and
her heirs forever.

My Will and desire is that my land be divided between my daughters Agnes
Lills and Ann Selley and to be laid off by Morris Lills and John Hawthorn