

## October Court. M D C C L X X V I I

and Thomas Bailey according as I shall direct them I give it them and their heirs forever after my lawful debts are paid the remainder of my estate to be equally divided between Agnes Lills and Ann Lilly.

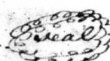
And of this my last Will and testament I make and ordain Frederick Lilly and Agnes Lills my full and whole Executors and I desire my estate should not be appraised and I do hereby utterly disavow and revoke and annul all other former Wills and testaments ratifying and confirming this & none other to be my last Will and testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty second day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven

Signed, sealed in  
presence of

John Hawthorn.

Pebles Lills

Thomas <sup>his</sup> Bailey  
mark

John <sup>his</sup> Lills...   
mark

At a Court held for Sussex County this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October 1777

The aforesaid last Will and testament of John Lills deceased was presented into Court by Frederick Lilly and Agnes Lills the Executor and executrix therein named who made oath thereto as the law directs and the same was proved by the oaths of Pebles Lills, John Hawthorn & Thomas Bailey the witnesses thereto and by the Court ordered to be recorded and on the motion of the said Frederick and Agnes certificates is granted them for obtaining a Probate thereof in due form

Teste

Will. Blairborne jun. C. S. C.

Inventory and appraisement of the estate of Thomas Eschrids deceased 11<sup>th</sup> of March 1777.

|                                 |      |                             |
|---------------------------------|------|-----------------------------|
| One bay Mare with foal by James | sold | £ 25 .. ..                  |
| One do do with foal by Rivers   | sold | 25 .. ..                    |
| One do                          | sold | 15 .. ..                    |
| 1 Bay Colt                      | sold | 30 .. ..                    |
| One Bay Tarnnaught filly        | sold | 30 .. ..                    |
| One Cow & half Yearling         |      | 4 .. 10 ..                  |
| A parcel corn by the barrel     |      | 10 <sup>s</sup> sold ..     |
| A parcel wheat                  |      | 3 <sup>s</sup> 6 .. sold .. |
| 2 Raw hides                     | sold | 9 .. ..                     |
| 1 Hoophead & 1/2 Barrels        | sold | 1 .. 12 ..                  |

Carried up

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# Second year of the Commonwealth

|                                                    |          |            |          |
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| Bro <sup>t</sup> up                                |          | \$         |          |
| a Parcel fodder                                    | sold     | at 2/6 but | " "      |
| a Parcel flax                                      | sold     | 1/4        | " "      |
| 1 Cart & 4 wheels                                  | sold     |            | 1 " "    |
| 1 Broad axe                                        | not sold |            | " 5 "    |
| a Parcel oats                                      |          |            | 4 " "    |
| 3 sides leather                                    | sold     |            | 1 " 10 " |
| a small parcel do                                  | sold     |            | " 5 "    |
| a Parcel pease                                     | sold     | at 3/8 bus | " "      |
| 2 Casks & 1 H <sup>d</sup>                         | sold     |            | " 9 "    |
| a Parcel cotton seed                               | sold     | " 1/2      | " "      |
| 1 fagg                                             |          |            | " 3 "    |
| 3 ditto                                            |          |            | " 3 "    |
| a Parcel bacon                                     |          | " 9 "      | " "      |
| 3 Blow hoes                                        | sold     | 2/6        | " 12 " 6 |
| 2 Weeding hoes                                     | sold     |            | " 4 "    |
| 3 Augers 1 pair Compasses 11 gauge & Drawing knife | sold     |            | " 10 "   |
| 1 Saddle & 1 housing                               |          |            | 1 " 5 "  |
| 1 pair traces                                      |          |            | " 5 "    |
| 2 Narrow axes                                      |          |            | " 12 " 6 |
| 1 ditto                                            |          |            | " 4 "    |
| 2 Broad & narrow hoe                               |          |            | " "      |
| 1 Broad hoe                                        |          |            | " "      |
| a Parcel brooks                                    |          |            | 4 " "    |
| 1 Quarto Bible                                     |          |            | 1 " 10 " |
| 1 Baileys Dictionary                               |          |            | " 12 " 6 |
| 1 Prayer book                                      |          |            | " 2 " 6  |
| 1 Testament                                        |          |            | " 1 " 3  |
| Wesleys notes upon N. Test                         |          |            | " 18 "   |
| Watts Hymns & Psalms                               |          |            | " 3 "    |
| Wesleys Hymns                                      |          |            | " 4 " 6  |
| Saints rest                                        |          |            | " 2 "    |
| 1 Box wafers                                       |          |            | " 1 "    |
| 3 Ink stands                                       |          |            | " 1 " 8  |
| 1 Punch Iron                                       |          |            | " 1 " 3  |
| 1 Razor                                            |          |            | " 1 " 3  |
| 1 Wool & 3 sturgeon hooks                          |          |            | " 4 "    |
| a Box lumber                                       |          |            | " 7 " 6  |
| 1 Pine chest                                       |          |            | " 2 " 6  |
| 1 Pine table                                       |          |            | " 10 "   |
| 1 Walnut table                                     |          |            | " 12 "   |
| 6 Chair frames 2/                                  |          |            | " 12 "   |

Carried over

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| 1370 <sup>1</sup> up    |     | L | 20     |
| 1 Sifter                |     |   | 1 1/3  |
| 15 Geese                |     |   | 1 1/2  |
| 3 Spinning wheels 11/2  |     |   | 1 1/2  |
| 1 Loom                  |     |   | 1 5/8  |
| 4 Knives & 6 forks      |     |   | 1 10/8 |
| 11 shoats & 10 Diggs    |     |   | 9 7/8  |
| 10 Pewter plates        |     |   | 1 5/8  |
| 4 d <sup>o</sup> dishes |     |   | 1 1/2  |
| 6 Pewter basins         |     |   | 1 1/2  |
| 10 Spoon                |     |   | 1 1/2  |
| 1 dividing spoon        |     |   | 1 1/3  |
| 2 Grabbing hoes         | old |   | 1 7/8  |
| 1 Saw & 3 piggs         |     |   | 1 5/8  |

At a Court held for Sussex County the 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 1777.

The aforementioned Inventory and appraisement of the estate of Thomas Echeage deceased was returned & by the Court ordered to be recorded

Teste

Wm. Chisborne Jun<sup>r</sup> C. S. C.

- I Benjamin Hancock of Sussex County (being as well as usual both in body & Mind but at the same time not knowing how soon I shall die) do make & appoint this to be my last Will & Testament in manner & form as followeth —
- 1<sup>st</sup> I Give & Bequeath to my son John Hancock and to his heirs forever the land & plantation which I purchased of John Jenkins in Sussex County containing by Patent two hundred and ninety eight acres be the same more or less together with one negroe girl called Venus, one feather bed and furniture & two cows & calves.
  - 2<sup>d</sup> I Give & Bequeath to my son James Hancock the land and plantation whereon I now dwell containing two hundred and five acres be the same more or less to him & his heirs forever provided he shall live to the age of twenty one years or be married & also give to my said son James and to his heirs forever one negroe girl named Rose & twenty five pounds current money.
  - 3<sup>d</sup> I Give & Bequeath to my son Samuel Hancock one negroe boy called Moses, ten pounds current money & in case my above named son James Hancock should die before he arrives to the age of twenty one years or be married the land & plantation which I have herein devised to him, to him my said son Samuel & his heirs forever.
  - 4<sup>th</sup> I Give and bequeath to my Daughter Sarah Hancock & to her heirs forever one Negroe girl called Kate & twenty pounds current money —
  - 5<sup>th</sup> I Give & Bequeath to my son Stephen Hancock twenty Shillings Cash.
  - 6<sup>th</sup> After my just debts & Legacies are paid I desire that all the remaining part