

Anno Regni duodecimo Georgi Tertii Regis

In the Name of God Amen the Third day of December In the 12th of our Lord Christ one Thousand Seven hundred and Seventy One Thomas Tells of the County of Sussex being of sound and disposing mind and Memory thanks be to Almighty God for the same and calling to mind the Certainty of Death and the uncertainty of this Transitory life do make — constitute and Ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner following that is to say first and principally I recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it me hoping for Salvation through the merits and Mediation of my blessed Redeemer Jesus Christ and as for my body I ^{do} commit it to be decently Interred at the discretion of my Executors herein after named and as to what worldly goods it hath pleased God to bless me with after my just debts and funeral Expenses are paid I Give and dispose of as follows.

Imprimis I lend unto my Loving wife Agnes Tells during her Natural life or widowhood all my Lands and personal Estate (except such as I shall hereafter Bequeath

Item I give and Bequeath unto my Loving Daughter Susanmah Tells one Leather Bed and Furniture

Item I Give and Bequeath unto my Loving Daughter Sally Tells one Leather Bed and Furniture

Item It is my will and desire that out of the Estate that I lend unto my Loving wife that my Loving Son Bolling Tells and my Loving Daughter Sally Tells be schooled in as reasonable a manner as is necessary and the Circumstances of my small Estate will admit of

And I give and bequeath unto my Loving Son Burrill Tells and to his Heirs and assigns the Tract of Land in Sussex County which I purchased of my Uncle Nathaniel Tells being Two hundred and Twenty Acres I likewise give unto my said son my Entry of Land in the said County adjoining the other Tract I have bequeathed him supposed to be about One hundred and fifty Acres

And I give and bequeath unto my Loving Son Bolling Tells and to his Heirs and assigns the Tract of Land whereon I now live which was given me by my father Thomas Tells deceased being Three hundred and Seventy Acres be it more or less. And it is my will and desire that after the death of my Loving wife or other determination of the right in the Estate I have lent her that so much of the said Estate as shall be then remaining be sold for the best Price that can be got for the same and the money arising by such sale be Equally divided amongst all my Children

And Lastly I do nominate constitute and Appoint my Loving wife Executrix and my Loving Son Burrill Tells Executor of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making Null and Void all former Wills and bequests by me heretofore made & allowing ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal the day and Year first above Written

Tested and Acknowledged

in the Presence of

William Woodland

David Mason

Thomas Jenkins

Each

At a Court held for Sussex County the 16th day of July 1772

The last Will and Testament of Thomas Tells deceased was presented into Court by Agnes Tells the Executrix therein named who made Oath that she was the Law directrix and the same was also proved by the Oaths of William Woodland Junior and David Mason two of the Witnesses thereto and by the Court ordered to be recorded; and on the motion of the said Executrix Certificate was granted her for obtaining a Probate thereof in due form

Thomas Tells Esq

Wm Woodland Esq