

At a court held for Sussex county the 17th day of April 1777.

The afore written last will and testament of Thomas Peters deceased was presented into court by Matthew Peters the executor therein named who made oath thereto as the law directs and the same was proved by the oaths of Richard Parker and Sally Harris witnesses thereto and by the court ordered to be recorded and on the motion of the said executor certificate is granted him for obtaining a probate thereof in due form.

Teste

William Claiborne junior C. S. C.

Inventory of the estate of Joseph Jones deceased. 1741. 3, father beds and furniture

1 walnut desk, 1 ditto table, half down ditto chairs, 3 flag ditto, 1 gun, 1 Canastota, 3 china coffee cups, 1 ditto bowl, 1 dram glass, 1 vinegar cruet, 1 tin funnel, 1 shuttles, 1 cutting grater, several plates and glass bottles, 1 Queens china sugar dish, 16 ditto plates, 1 white stone ditto, half down ditto dishes, 2 white stone ditto, 2 earthen bowls, 2 looking glasses, 1 punch bucket, 3 pewter dishes, 2 d. basins, 11 ditto plates, 1 candle stick, 10 knives and 9 forks, 1 chest, 1 trunk, 1 pair hand saws, 1 pair saddle bags, parcel scene leads, ditto glazing apparel, 2 Negroes, ^{Wm} C. C. and Sampson parcel books, 2 pen knives, 2 pocket books, a small parcel powder and shot, 9 quiver tea spoons, parcel flints, 1 pair horn S. Knives, 1 pair tongs and shovels, parcel white and brown sugar, 2 stone jugs, 1 shaving box and brush, 1 hair rasor, 1 gimlet, parcel pickers, a ball twine, 1 brush, 10 table spoons, 4 tea ditto, 1 Washing tub and 1 Water pail, 2 Piggins, 2 handle moulds, 1 iron pan, 2 pair iron wedges, 3 trays, 2 Sells shoe brushes, 1 Coffee pott, 1 meal sifter, 1 meal bag, 1 box, iron and heaters, 3 Iron pots & 2 pair hocks, 1 quid Iron, 2 grubbing ^{hoes}, 4 weeding ditto, 4 plow ditto, 3 old ditto, 3 narrow axes, 1 broad ditto, 2 saddles and one harness, 1 horse bell, 2 bridles and two bridle bits, 2 horse collars and 2 pair harness, 1 pair traces, 1 spade, 1 hand saw, 1 drawing knife, 1 dubbing red, parcel bacon, ditto hog lard, 3 butter potts, parcel corn, 1 grind stone, parcel fount trap, 1 Stone mug, 1 cart and 1 pair wheels, 2 horses and 1 grey mare, 7 sows and 2 piggs, 31 sheats, 7 hoes and 3 hoes, 2 yearlings, parcel butter, 1 Whop saw, 2 plow runners, 1 pair stillards, 2 table cloths, 1 towel, 3 Chamber potts, 1 horn comb, 1 blowing horn, 1 Claw hammer, 1 Cow bell, 1 cane, 1 half bushel, £10⁰ 18⁰ 11¹/₂ Sterling of European goods cash found on hand £11⁰ 13⁰ 6⁰. Outstanding debts £66⁷/₁₀ 13⁰ 2⁰.

Samuel Jones, Administrator.

At a court held for Sussex county the 18th day of April 1777.

The afore written Inventory of the estate of Joseph Jones deceased, was returned and by the court ordered to be recorded.

Teste

William Claiborne jun^r C. S. C.

In the name of the ever blessed, mysterious and adorable trinity Amen, William Willie, of the parish of alburne, in the county of Sussex, Clerk, being in a salutary state, but of sound judgment and memory and considering that it is appointed for all men to die and that the thing be certain, the time is uncertain, do make and ordain this my last Will and testament. I do declare that I firmly and steadfastly believe all

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the articles of the Christian faith as contained in holy scripture and collected in that Symbol of faith, called the apostles creed, according to their true and genuine meaning, My soul firmly believe and hope, at its departure from the body will be received under the guardianship of holy Angels and preserved from evil spirits till its reunion with the body; which at the second coming of our blessed redeemer, Jesus Christ, the righteous, will be raised up with power to behold forever the face of god in the glories of Jesus Christ, my body I desire may be buried according to the decent rites of our holy Church and as to other matters at the discretion of my Executrix hereafter mentioned. As to what Estate or worldly goods it hath pleased Almighty god to bestow upon me (after my debts and funeral charges are paid) them I dispose of in manner following VIZ.

- First. I give and bequeath to my Godson, Willie Jones my pebble stone sleeve buttons set in gold and mourning ring with this motto inscribed, - in Christo solo salus, - and circumscribed with my name, age, day and year of my decease.
- Also I give unto Allen Jones, Brother of Willie, mourning ring with the motto aforesaid.
- Also I give to my friend, James Beches, mourning ring with the above motto.
- Also I give to my Nephew William, Watchmaker, my plain gold sleeve buttons, my gold watch, mourning ring with the above motto and my negroe boy Regular.
- Also I give to my Niece Jacobina, mourning with the above motto, a shennet, my negroe girl Leonora and such mourning apparel as my Executrix shall think proper.
- Also My Will is that my Executrix hereafter mentioned do give to each of ten poor children in the parish of Albemarle as it now stands two years Schooling, and to enable her so to do I give her twenty five pounds to be immediately raised out of my estate.
- Also I give and bequeath to my loving and dearly beloved Wife, Elizabeth, the Gold watch she now wears such of my books as she shall chuse and also three following Pieces of plate VIZ. a tea pot, milk pot, sugar dish, twelve table spoons, one Soup spoon, twelve tea spoons and tongs a scalloped waiter a sauce boat and pint Cup without a handle and also one hundred pounds to enable her to fit up houses for her reception if she shall be obliged to remove from the place where I now live I also give to my Wife, during her natural life the use of all the rest of my estate, that I now am, or shall be possessed of, or have right to at my death of what sort or quality soever, real or personal And that the word use above mentioned may not be misunderstood, my meaning is, that if any money be due to me by bond, note, account &c. or if any salary be due, above what is sufficient to pay my debts funeral charges and legacies aforesaid - then the money arising from such be put to interest and that interest be to the use of my wife, as aforesaid. What of my estate shall remain after the demise of my wife, I desire may be sold for money, and the money arising from such sale, together with the money at interest (if any such be) be equally divided among my sister Isabel, Wife of James

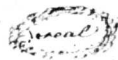
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Forbes of Aberdeen, my Nephew William and my Niece Jacobina, share and share alike, but if my Sister Isabel shall die before my wife, then her share to be equally divided among her children. But again if my Nephew and Niece above named should not be willing that my negroes and other estate be exposed to sale, then my Will is, that after the decease of my wife aforesaid, the estate remaining be duly and exactly inventoried and justly valued by three of the most sensible and knowing gentlemen of the county, of Sussex or elsewhere to be nominated and appointed by the said court, that the whole be equally divided between my said Nephew & Niece in such manner as they shall agree but if they cannot agree then the division to be made by the gentlemen aforesaid and that my said Nephew and Niece do, within eighteen months after the decease of my wife pay unto my sister aforesaid or her children one third part of the value of my estate aforesaid. This I think is clear and explicit and cannot be misunderstood. I thus give to my wife mourning ring and those I swear.

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my loving, dutiful and dearly beloved wife Elizabeth Executrix of this my last will and testament and my Will is that she give no security for discharging the said office except in the case of marriage after the decease of my wife I do appoint my Nephew & Niece aforesaid to succeed my Wife in the further execution of my Will according to the true intent and meaning thereof and that they give no other security. At my death I desire there may be an Inventory but no appraisement of my estate. Written with my own hand dated, signed and sealed this eighteenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy three and in the sixth second year of my age.

Wm Willie



At a Court held for Sussex county the 13th day of May 1777

The last Will and Testament of William Willie, Clerk, deceased, was presented into court by Elizabeth Willie, Widow and relict of the said deceased and executrix there in named who made oath thereof as the law directs and there being no subscribing witnesses to the said Will and testament the court proceeded to take depositions in full proof of the validity thereof. And first, Augustine Claiborne being first sworn on the Holy Evangelists of almighty God deposes and saith that he the deponent was intimately acquainted with the said William Willie in his life time and had been upwards of thirty years and well knows his writing, and doth verily believe that the writings produced as the last Will and testament of the said Willie (which he the deponent hath carefully looked over, is wholly writ by his own hand. Also Thomas Peale, being first sworn in like manner, deposes and saith that he the deponent was well acquainted with the said William Willie in his life time and also with his writing and that he hath looked over the said last Will and Testament now produced and does verily believe the whole thereof was writ by the said Willie's own hand. Also William Hapin being first sworn in like manner deposes and saith that he was well acquainted with the said William Willie in his life time and also with his hand writing and that he does verily believe that the said last Will and Testament so as aforesaid produced, which he hath looked over, was wholly writ by the said William Willie's own hand. Also James Bolokus being first sworn in like manner, deposes and saith that he the deponent

was intimately acquainted, both with the said Willie, in his life time, and his hand writing and that he hath carefully looked over the said last Will and Testament and doth verily believe that the same is wholly writ by the said Willie's own hand. And also Hugh Belcher being in like manner first sworn saith that he the deponent was intimately acquainted with the said Testator Willie in his life time and also with his writing and having looked over the Will and Testament now produced, doth verily believe that the same was wholly writ by the said Willie's own hand. Whereupon it is ordered that the said last Will and Testament and the depositions aforesaid be recorded, And on the motion of the said ^{who reads out as the law directs} Elizabeth Willie, certificate is granted her for obtaining a Probate thereof in due form.

Test.

William Osborne junr. C. S. C.

In the name of god amen I Nathaniel Wyche of the County of Sussex being of sound mind and memory do make and ordain my last Will and Testament in manner and form following. Witne.
I give and bequeath to my loving Wife Mary Wyche, Jacob, Cather, little Lucy and her children to her and her heirs forever, these being negroes now in the possession of William Chapmans, heirs and for which there is now a suit depending in Sussex court. I likewise give and devise to my said Wife for and during her life or widowhood, the use interest and occupation of the land and plantation whereon I now live and after her decease or widowhood, I give & devise my said Land and plantation to my son Nathaniel Wyche to him and his heirs forever. I also give and devise unto my said wife the use of two negroes, Isaac & Easter for and during the term of her life and after her decease I desire that the said negroes Isaac and Easter and their increase from this time, should be equally divided among all my Children. I also give and devise to my said Wife two more negroes Vert, Frank and Aggy, untill she obtains possession of the above mentioned negroes for which a suit is now depending in Sussex court as aforesaid and when that she shall have got possession or dies then my desire is, the said Negroes Frank and Aggy and their increase from this time should be equally divided among all my Children.
I give and bequeath unto my son Anthony Wyche two negroes boys, to wit. Patrick & Frank to him and his heirs forever.
I give and bequeath unto my daughter Nancy Wyche one negro girl, named Sall to her and her heirs forever.

My Will and desire is that all the residue of my estate of what nature or kind soever should be equally divided among all my Children, as well those that have had beques given them as those that have not, share and share alike, each child's part to be allotted of and set apart, when he or she comes of age or marries, by my Executors and in case of their death or refusal, then by three persons to be appointed by the Court. My Will I desire likewise is that my stocks of all kinds, plantation utensils household