

**Will, DE, Kent, Ruth Reynolds, 1784**

In the name of God Amen

I **RUTH REYNOLDS** being weak of body yet of sound and disposing mind and memory have thought fit to commit to writing this my last will and testament and herein to order and dispose of my affairs and to give and bequeath what it has pleased God to bestow upon me in this world if the goods and chattels there of to the different persons here after mentioned and in the following legacies to each and after my just debts are paid and settled but of the same in the manner as followeth:

And **FIRST** I give and bequeath to my son **WILLIAM CHRISTOPHER** one feather bed and furniture likewise some pewter, the one half thereof when divided, likewise one trunk and one iron pot, likewise one young mare and one cow and calf & c.

And **SECONDLY** I give and bequeath to my son **JAMES CHRISTOPHER** one feather bed and furniture likewise the one half of my pewter, when divided, likewise one cupboard, one cow and calf and one young horse colt and one iron pot & c. Likewise one sow and pigs.

And **THIRDLY** I give and bequeath my son **JOHN CHRISTOPHER** one large chest & c.

And **FOURTHLY** I give and bequeath to my daughter **ELIZABETH CORDRAY** all my wearing apparel and likewise my desire is that my son-in-law **THOMAS CORDRAY** should administer on the whole.

And **FIFTHLY** I request that the accounts may be regular by settled with my son-in-law **BENJAMIN DAILEY** and his return & c.

This, by the grace of God, I have been enabled to commit to writing this my last will and testament and I do hereby acknowledge the same to be my last will and desire and set my hand onto the affixed seal hereof in the presence of these Witnesses on the 25th day of December in the year of Our Lord 1784.

**RUTH REYNOLDS** {seal, her + mark}

**THOMAS SHEPHERD**  
**ESTHER SHEPHERD**

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Delaware State  
Kent County

Personally appeared before me, **THOMAS RODNEY** Esquire register for the probate of wills and granting letters of administration in the county of Kent, **THOMAS SHEPHERD** one of these subscribing witnesses in the within will and **JAMES HALFIELD** who present at the execution thereof and being solemnly affirmed say that they saw the testator **RUTH REYNOLDS** sign and seal and heard her publish and declare the within instrument of writing as and for her last will and testament and that at the time of her so doing and saying she was to the best of their knowledge and belief of sound disposing mind and memory that the said **THOMAS SHEPHERD** signed as a witness at her request and in her presents and they at the same time I saw **ESTHER SHEPHERD** sign as one other witness.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name this 11th day of January 1785

**THOMAS RODNEY**, register

Be it remembered that on the 11th day of January 1785 that the last will and testament of **RUTH REYNOLDS**, deceased, was proven hand approved in due form and letters testamentary at the same time granted to **THOMAS CORDRAY** the administrator there in named who was sworn to execute the same agreeable to law.

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