

Will, DE, Sussex, Barnard Vankirk, 1782

In the name of God Amen.

The third day of November in the year of Our Lord God 1782 I, **BARNARD VANKIRK**, of the county of Sussex in the Delaware State being sick and weak and body but if perfect mind and memory, thanks be given to God, therefore calling to mind the immortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men wants to die to make & ordain this my last will and testament, that is to say.

Principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul to God that gave it and for my body I recommend it to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like and decent manner at the direction of my executrix.

AND as touching such worldly a state where with it has pleased God to bless me in this life I give, devise, and dispose of the same in the following Manner and form:

IMPRIMIS I give to **MARY [VANKIRK]**, my well-beloved wife, the use of my dwelling Plantation being in two tracks for the use of and support of my infirm son **JOHN VANKIRK** to be by them or either of them during their natural life or lives enjoyed.

ITEM I give to my well beloved son **BARNARD VANKIRK** this my said Plantation being in two tracks, after the decease of my said wife and my said son **JOHN**, to him my said son **BARNARD VANKIRK** and his lawful heirs begotten of his body forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my son **WILLIAM VANKIRK** one hundred acres of land which I bought of **JOSEPH LINDELL** I give it to my said son **WILLIAM** to him and his lawful heirs forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my granddaughter **MARY VANKIRK** the sum of five pounds and no more, it being to be paid to her by my executors when she arrives to the age of 18 years old.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my son **WILLIAM** one black horse colt also one bed and furniture.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my wife **MARY** one gray mare.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my son **BARNARD** one bay mare, and, if she be with foal, my will and desire to give the colt to my daughter **RACHEL HAVERLA**, and no more.

ITEM I give to my daughter **POLLY VANKIRK** the sum of twenty pounds in cash to be put to use by my executrix till the said child comes to age.

ITEM I give and leave unto my said wife **MARY** the one third part of all my goods not yet disposed of and the other two thirds to be equally divided among my children, viz: **JOHN**, **WILLIAM**, **BARNARD**, and **POLLY**.

And I do make, nominate, and appoint my dear and well-beloved wife **MARY** the whole and sole executrix of this my last will and testament

And I do out early revoke and disallow all and every other former wills and testaments and legacies, confirming this and none other, to be my last will and testament.

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In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

BARNARD VANKIRK {seal, his + mark}

Witness present

ELI PARKER

WILLIAM LOFLAND, JR.

CHARLES WILLIAMS {his x mark}

Memorandum the 14th day of November in the year of Our Lord 1782 before me **PHILLIPS KOLLOCK** register appointed for the probate of wills and granting letters of administration for the county of Sussex on Delaware, personally appeared **ELI PARKER** and **CHARLES WILLIAMS** two of the witnesses to the within will subscribing and being solemnly sworn on the holy evangelists of almighty God did severally depose and say that the testator **BARNARD VANKIRK** did and their site and presents and hearing Sign Sealed publish and declare the within written to be his last will and testament and that at the doing their of he was to the best of their knowledge of a sound and perfect mind, memory, and judgment and that they and each of them together with **WILLIAM LOFLAND JR.** subscribe the same as evidence and the presence of the testator and at his request.

PHILLIPS KOLLOCK, register

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