

Will, DE, Sussex, Foster Donovan 1821

In the name of God, amen.

I, **FOSTER DONOVAN**, being sick of body but of a sound and disposing memory, calling to mind the mortality of my body. And temporal things that it hath pleased almighty God to bless me with, I give and dispose of them as follows & c.

FIRST I give and bequeath unto my loving wife **PRICILLA [PRISCILLA] DONOVAN** one horse, one cow and calf, two feather beds & furniture, one corner cupboard during her natural life.

SECOND I give and bequeath unto my son **ELI DONOVAN** twenty five dollars.

THIRD I give and bequeath unto my son **REUBEN DONOVAN** the farm where he now dwells that I purchased of Avery Cornwell over the division line running as follows:

Beginning at the stake on the line of **JAMES REDDEN**; thence S 87 degrees E 60 perches; thence N 65 E 28 perches to the third boulder of "Troublesara" Ridge; thence N 25 degrees E 34 perches; thence N 65 degrees E 26 perches; thence S 77 degrees E 24 perches to a White Oak; thence N 60 degrees E 22 perches to a White Oak standing by the side of a road leading from said **DONOVAN's** to the main road to Milton; thence with said road S 85 degrees E 28 perches; thence on S 82 degrees E eighteen perches to a White Gums at the intersection of the county road that leads to Milton.

Unto **REUBEN DONOVAN**, his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my son **GEORGE DONOVAN** all the cleared land and wood land that ??? on east side of a division line between the said **GEORGE DONOVAN** and **BURTON DONOVAN**.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my son **LUKE DONOVAN** all the farm where he now lives to him and his heirs, and if the said **LUKE DONOVAN** dies without an heir I leave the land to be sold and the money to be equally divided between all my children.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my son **BURTON DONOVAN** all my land ??? that joins the lands of **REUBEN DONOVAN** and **GEORGE DONOVAN**. Also I give unto the said **BURTON DONOVAN** one bed and furniture, one yoke of oxen, one "ausk and one Coolt". Also I leave my son **BURTON DONOVAN** to pay my son **ELI DONOVAN** twenty five dollars to be paid twelve months after my death.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my daughter **NEHANY [NAOMI] CARPENTER** five dollars.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my daughter **PRICILLA DONOVAN** five dollars.

My Will and desire is that all the rest of my estate after payment of my debt, legacies, funeral expenses. I give all the remainder of my movable property unto my beloved wife, to her and her heirs and assigns forever.

I do hereby constitute my beloved wife, **PRICILLA DONOVAN** my executrix of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking and disannulling all other wills before made by me and ratifying and confirming this my last will and testament.

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In testament whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the eighth day of October 1821.

FOSTER DONOVAN {seal}

Presents

**JAMES REDDEN
ROBERT COLLINS
JESSE DALTON**

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Memorandum

The 27th day of May 1822 before me, **NATHAN VICKERS**, register appointed for the probate of wills and granting letters of administration for the county aforesaid personally appeared **JAMES REDDEN** and **JESSE DALTON** two of the subscribing witnesses to the afore going will who being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God who severally depose and say that in their sight, presence and hearing the testator, **FOSTER DONOVAN**, did sign, seal, publish, pronounce and declare the same to be his last will and testament and at the doing thereof he seemed to be of a sound, disposing mind, memory and judgment and that they and each of them together with **ROBERT COLLINS**, the other subscribing witness, did severally subscribe the same as witnesses in the presence of said testator at his request.

NATHAN VICKERS, register

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