

Will, DE, Sussex, HENRY BRERETON, 1775

In the name of God Amen.

This 12th day of March 1755, I, **HENRY BRERETON** Sr., of the county of Sussex being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given to almighty God for the same, therefore calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make & ordain this my last will and testament that is to say:

PRINCIPALLY AND FIRST of all I give, recommend my soul in the hands of God that gave it and my body to the earth to be buried in a Christian like and decent manner at the discretion of my executors nothing doubting but at the general resurrection i shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God.

And as touching what worldly estate it has pleased God to bless me with in this life I give, devise and dispose of the following of in the following manner and form.

IMPRIMIS I give and bequeath unto my well beloved wife **MARGARET [BRERETON]** one ???, bridle and side saddle to her and her heirs forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my loving son **WILLIAM BRERETON** all my turner's tools to him and his heirs forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my well-beloved son **WILLIAM BRERETON** my land and Plantation I now live on containing 150 acres with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging to him and his heirs forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my well-beloved daughter **MARY BRERETON** one feather bed and furniture, one two year old horse, and twenty Shillings money to her and her heirs forever

ITEM I give and bequeath to my son-in-law **THOMAS H???** one shilling in cash, to him and his heirs forever, and he to have no more of this my estate.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my son **HENRY BRERETON** one shilling in cash, to him and his heirs forever, and he to have no more of this my estate.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my son-in-law **BENJAMIN BURTON [ANN BRERETON BURTON]** one shilling in cash, to him and his heirs forever, and he to have no more of this my estate.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my loving daughter **SARAH [BRERETON] BROOKSBY** one shilling and cash to her and her heirs forever and she to have no more of this my estate.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my granddaughter **PATIENCE BAGWELL** one shilling in cash, to her and her heirs forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my three children: **HANNAH [BRERETON] HAZZARD, WILLIAM BRERETON**, and my little daughter **MARY BRERETON** all the rest and residue of my personal estate of what kind soever after my just debts and funeral charges are paid to be equally divided among them and my wife's third taken out to them the aforesaid and their heirs forever.

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LIKEWISE I constitute and appoint my well-beloved wife **MARGARET** and my well-beloved son **WILLIAM BRERETON** my whole and sole executors is of this my last will and testament utterly disannulling and revoking all other former wills, legacies, and requests of whatever kind soever by me before this time named, willed and bequeathed, ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament.

And testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and a fixed my seal the day and year first written above.

HENRY BRERETON {seal, his H mark}

Signed, Sealed, published and pronounced by the aforesaid **HENRY BRERETON** as his last will and testament in the presence of us, the subscribers:

SARAH HILL {her s mark}

THOMAS WHITESIDES

THOMAS GRAY

Sussex on Delaware

Memorandum this second day of April 1755 **THOMAS GRAY** and **SARAH HILL**, two of the witnesses to the annexed will subscribing, appeared before me, **JACOB KOLLOCK**, Deputy Register appointed for the probate of wills and granting letters of administration for the county of Sussex aforesaid, and on their solemn oaths did declare that in their sight, presence, and hearing the testator, **HENRY BRERETON**, did sign, seal, publish, pronounce and declare the annexed written to be his last will and testament and that at the doing thereof the said testator was of a sound and perfect, disposing mind, memory and judgment. And that they and each of them together with **THOMAS WHITESIDES** subscribe the same as evidences at request in in the presence of the testator

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JACOB KOLLOCK, register

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