

Will, DE, Sussex, JOHN MASTIN, 1778

In the name of God Amen.

I **JOHN MASTIN [MASTEN]** Sussex County being weak of body but of sound memory, blessed be God, do, this 14th day of October 1778, make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following, that is to say:

FIRST I give my two sons, namely **JOHN** and **GILBERT [MASTIN]**, My dwelling Plantation. And as my beloved wife is with child, if with a daughter, I give unto her 50 acres of land of said dwelling Plantation; if a son to be equally divided between the three [sons].

ALSO I give and bequeath to my daughter, **REBECCA [REBECCA MASTIN]**, the plantation where **BURTON FORKNER** now lives.

TO my dearly beloved wife **SARAH MASTIN** to have her thirds of my lands during her natural life.

I LIKEWISE give and bequeath to my son **JOHN** my silver watch.

LIKEWISE I give and bequeath to my son **GILBERT** my silver shoe buckles and silver knee buckles.

I GIVE and bequeath to my daughter **ANN [MASTIN] BLACK** one good cow and calf.

LIKEWISE I DESIRE that **BURTON FORKNER**, wife **RACHEL FORKNER**, may peaceably continue on the said Plantation where they now live as long as they both shall live, if not making waste of the timber thereof.

In witness whereof I, the said **JOHN MASTIN**, have to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

JOHN MASTIN {seal, his X mark}

J. M. as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who were present at the signing and sealing thereof:

HEZEKIAH MORRIS
DANIEL MORRIS JR
DANIEL MORRIS SR

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Memorandum

The 5th day of November 1778

Before me, **PHILIPS KOLLOCK** register appointed for the probate of wills and granting letters of administration for the county of Sussex on Delaware, personally appeared **HEZEKIAH MORRIS** and **DANIEL MORRIS**, 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 in their sight, presence, and hearing the testator, **JOHN MASTIN**, did sign, seal, publish, pronounce and declare the within written to be his last will and testament, and, that at the doing thereof, the said testator was of sound, perfect, disposing mind, and judgment. And that they and each of them together with **DANIEL MORRIS SR.** subscribed the same as witnesses in the presence and at the request of the testator

Sussex Co. DE Wills; Books B-D, 1751-1794; Page 179; Image 409

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