

Will, DE, Sussex, Richard Coverdale, 1770

In the name of God Amen.

The 10th day of February in the year of Our Lord 1770 I, **RICHARD COVERDALE**, in the county of Sussex on Delaware, being weak in body but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be to God, therefore calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed once to die I do make an ordained this my last will and testament, that is to say.

PRINCIPALLY AND FIRST OF ALL I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it and for my body I recommend to the earth to be buried at the discretion of my executors as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life I give, devise and dispose of the same in the following Manner and form:

ITEM first I desire what debts I am due may be levied out of my estate.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto the heirs of my son **JOHN [COVERDALE]** one shilling Sterling.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my daughter **ELIZABETH [COVERDALE]** one shilling Sterling.

ITEM I give and bequeath under my unto my daughter **MARY [COVERDALE]** one shilling Sterling.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my son **RICHARD [COVERDALE]** one shilling Sterling.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my daughter **JEAN [COVERDALE]** one shilling Sterling.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my daughter **ROSANNA [COVERDALE]** the plantation she now lives on with all that part of the neck below a line from West Branch drawn from a Peach Tree Oak bound to a maple on the north side of the great branch to her and the heirs of her body forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my son **ISRAEL [COVERDALE]** my dwelling plantation with all the land adjoining,

Beginning at **ROSANNA's** line and front fence all the land I hold to a line from a white oak bound standing at the mouth of Nanny's Branch running fence North 67 degrees west to a post on the westside of West Branch.

to him and his heirs forever.

ITEM I give to my son **MATTHEW [COVERDALE]** the plantation he now lives on with all the land above Israel's line that begins at Nanny's branch in the said tract he now lives on in during his life and to his wife and during her lifetime at their decease to return to my son **ISRAEL** and his heirs forever and the remainder part

AND the remainder part of my estate I leave to my well-beloved wife Elizabeth.

ITEM I leave to my wife **ELIZABETH [COVERDALE]** and my son **ISRAEL** sole executor of my estate and I give the half of my dwelling house in during her widowhood and at her deceased to return to my son is real and his heirs forever.

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And I do utterly disallow all and every other will or Testament made by me here to for confirming this and know whether it be my last will and testament.

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

RICHARD COVERDALE {seal, his RC mark}

Witnesses

WARRIN BURROUGHS

DAVID PASWATERS {his mark}

CHARLES POLK JR.

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Sussex on Delaware

Memorandum

The 6th day of February 1770 Louis and named **WARREN BURROUGHS** and **CHARLES POLK JR.** two of the witnesses to the within will subscribing appeared before me **PHILLIPS KOLLOCK**, register, appointed for the probate of wills and granting letters of administration for the county of Sussex aforesaid and being duly qualified on the holy evangelist of almighty God did severally declare that in their presence in hearing the testator **RICHARD COVERDALE** did sign, seal, publish, pronounce and declare the within written to be his last will and testament and that at the doing their of the testator was of a sound and perfect disposing mind, memory, and judgment and that they did, each of them, together with **DAVID PASWATERS** subscribed the same.

Evidence at the request and in the presence of the testator

Test

PHILIPS KOLLOCK, register

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