

Will, DE, Sussex, SAMUEL TRUIT 1756

In the name of God Amen.

The 9th day of December in the year of Our Lord 1756, I, **SAMUEL TRUIT** of the county of Sussex on Delaware, planter, being sick and weak and body but if perfect mind and memory thanks be given to God therefore calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die to make & ordain this my last will and testament, that is to say.

PRINCIPALLY AND FIRST OF ALL I recommend my soul into the hands of almighty God who gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a Christian like and decent manner at the discretion of my executrix hereafter named and as touching my worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with I give, demise and dispose of the same in the following manner.

IMPRIMIS I give and bequeath unto **MARY [TRUIT]** my beloved wife one tract of land containing 200 Acres being the same whereon I now dwell called and known by the name of Poplar Valley together with the appurtenances there into belonging during her natural life.

ITEM I devise unto my son **SAMUEL TRUIT** the aforesaid tract of land called Poplar Valley after the decease of my said wife together with all appurtenances to him and his heirs and assigns forever. Also I devised unto my said Son **SAMUEL** a certain tract of land whereon he now lives containing about 270 Acres with the appurtenances to him his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM my will is that my two other tracts of land situate lying and being in Cedar Creek hundred in the county of for said one containing 200 and 10 acres called Polecat [Polecatt] tract the other containing 150 acres called Stallion Head be sold by my executrix hereafter named towards satisfying and paying my just debts and funeral charges and the over-plus if any I give and bequeath unto my said wife.

ITEM I give and bequeath all the rest of my movable personal estate unto my said wife and my said son **SAMUEL** after all my just debts and funeral charges aforesaid are paid to be equally divided between them except my Negroes hereafter mentioned.

ITEM my will is that my said wife have the use and benefit of all my Negroes during her natural life, to wit, LYDIA, ISAAC, JACOB, COMFORT, EPHRAIM and NIMROD and their increase and after the decease of my said wife I give and bequeath unto my aforesaid son **SAMUEL** all the sudden Negroes and their increase has aforesaid to him, his heirs and assigns forever.

AND I DO HEREBY CONSTITUTE, make, and ordained my said wife **MARY** my sole executrix of this my last will and testament.

And I do hereby declare and utterly disallow, revoked, and disannul all and every other former testaments, will legacies, bequests, and executors by me in any ways before named, willed, and decrease, ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament.

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

SAMUEL TRUIT {seal}

Signed, Sealed, published, and pronounced and declared by the said **SAMUEL TRUIT** has his last will and testament in the presence of us the subscribers.

BETHUEL WALSTON
JAMES RODNEY
THOMAS CAREY

MEMORANDUM

This 3rd day of May 1757 the above named **THOMAS CAREY** and **JOHN RODNEY** two of the witnesses to the above and within will subscribing appeared before me **JACOB KOLLOCK** register appointed for the probate of wills and granting letters of administration for the county of Sussex on Delaware and being duly qualified on the holy evangelist of almighty God did severally declare that in their presence and hearing the testator **SAMUEL TRUIT** did publish, pronounce, and declare the above and 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 and each of them together with **BETHUEL WALSTON** subscribed the same as evidence has at the request and in the presence of the testator.

Test

JACOB KOLLOCK, register

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