

**Will, DE, Sussex, Sarah Draper 1743**

In The Name of God Amen.

I **SARAH DRAPER** of the county of Sussex upon Delaware widow being this Twenty ninth day of August in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and forty Three very sick of body but of sound and perfect sense and memory Thanks be given to Almighty God therefore, and calling to mind the uncertainty of this Transitory and that all flesh must yield unto death whensoever it shall please God to call do therefore make this my Last will and Testament in manner and form Following (that is to say) principally and first of all I bequeath my Soul unto Almighty God that gave it hoping through the merits of Jesus Christ my Savior to receive full remission for all my sins past and my body I recommend unto the Earth to be buried in such decent and Christian burial as my executors hereafter named shall see cause to appoint and as Touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless I give and dispose of as follows (viz).

FIRST I will and desire that all my Just debts and duties which I owe in right or conscience to any person or persons together with my funeral charges be well and truly paid and discharged as Soon after my decease as possible maybe.

ITEM I Give and bequeath unto my Grand son **JOHN DRAPER** my son **HENRY [DRAPER]**'s son the sum of twenty six pounds current money of America, and One Silver spoon, after the decease of his said father, to him his heirs and assigns forever, but my desire, meaning and will herein is that his said father shall have the use of the said sum of money during his own natural life.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my grandson **HENRY DRAPER** my son **ISAAC [DRAPER]**'s son one Negro boy called **FRANK** to him his heirs and assigns forever (after the decease of his said father) and my desire and meaning herein that his said father shall have the use of the said negro during his own natural life, and one silver spoon as soon as possible after my decease to **ISAAC**'s daughter **MOLLY [DRAPER]** her heirs &c-

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my grandson **HENRY DRAPER** my son **AVERY [DRAPER]**'s son One Negro boy named **MINGS** to him his heirs and assigns forever immediately after the decease of his said father, and my will and meaning herein is that my son Avery shall Enjoy the profits and use of the said Negro during his own natural life and six silver spoons I give unto my last named grandson his heirs and assigns forever to be delivered at the age of twenty one years.

ITEM I give unto **THOMAS DAVIS** and my Daughter **SARAH [DRAPER] DAVIS** his wife their two sons **ISAAC [DAVIS]** and **HENRY [DAVIS]** One Negro Girl named **SABE** their heirs and assigns forever, only my will and meaning is that my said son in law **THOMAS DAVIS** and **SARAH** his wife shall enjoy the profits and use of the said Negro during their own natural lives and shall pay unto my Daughter **BETTY [DRAPER] MAY**, **JONATHAN MAY**'s wife, the sum of six pounds current money of America.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my grandson **JOHN MAY** son of my daughter **BETTY MAY** one Negro Girl named **JENNY** with all her increase to him his heirs and assigns forever (after the decease of his said mother) Only my will herein is that my said daughter **BETTY** his brother shall Enjoy the profits of said Negro during her natural life.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my daughter **REBECKAH [DRAPER] CIRWITHIN**, late wife of **CALEB CIRWITHIN**, of this County her seven children two Negro girls called **CLOE** and **RACHELL** with their increase to be equally divided amongst them all when the youngest comes to the age of sixteen years. And my will is that my son **AVERY** shall have the keeping of the said two negroes and when the two oldest of said Grand

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Children last mentioned shall happen to marry and desire to have the keeping of the said two Negro girls Last mentioned until the Time appointed for the dividing of them and their increase they have hereby this will and testament liberty to take giving security for to make them good and fourth coming unto the aforesaid keeper of them at the time appointed.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my said three sons Viz: to **HENRY DRAPER** the sum of ten shillings current money of this government; to **ISAAC DRAPER** the ox cart that is upon the plantation; and to my third son **AVERY DRAPER** the sum of ten shillings like current money as as aforesaid to them their heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM I give unto my said daughter **SARAH DAVIS** one black walnut table; and to my daughter **BETTY MAY** a chest of draws, a white oval table and a small trunk; and I give to my daughter **REBECKAH CIRWITHIN**'s children the sum two pounds like currency to be equally divided amongst them.

ITEM I give and bequeath all rights titles and interest of whatsoever lands and tenements I have or may have in this county or elsewhere to be equally divided amongst my children, viz: **HENRY DRAPER, ISAAC DRAPER, AVERY DRAPER, SARAH DAVIS,** and **BETTY MAY,** and the children of my daughter **REBECKAH CIRWITHIN** being esteemed as one of the six to them their heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM All the rest and residue of my personal estate, yet remaining unbequeathed, I hereby desire may be equally divided amongst my children viz: **SARAH DAVIS, BETTY MAY,** and my daughter **REBECKAH CIRWITHIN**'s children to them their heirs and assigns forever only i desire that the negro wench SYDNEY and her child may be sold to pay my son **HENRY** six legacies, and my other just debts, my son **AVERY DRAPER** must have the keeping of **REBECKAH**'s children's part.

ITEM I will and desire that this only and no other be taken for my last will and testament and I hereby nominate and appoint my son **HENRY DRAPER, ISAAC DRAPER, AVERY DRAPER, THOMAS DAVIS** and **JONATHAN MAY** be taken and no others for executors of this my Last will and testament ratifying allowing and holding for firm and effectual this and no other to be my last will and testament.

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

**SARAH DRAPER** {seal}

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced and declared by the said **SARAH DRAPER** as her last will and testament in presence of us the subscribers:

**JAMES WHITE**  
**DAVID** [Moore] **MOOR** {his x mark}  
**SUSANNE TENNANT**