

Will, DE, Sussex, Thomas Goldsmith 1739

In the name of God Amen.

The second day of March in the year of our Lord Christ 1739 I **THOMAS GOLDSMITH** in the county of Sussex, Yeoman, being sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory, praised be God therefore, calling to mind and memory the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men wants to die to make, ordained this my last will and testament. That is to say:

PRINCIPALLY IN FIRST OF ALL I give and recommend my soul to god that gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried at the discretion of my executor, nothing doubting, but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same by the mighty power of god. And as touching and such worldly affairs wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with all in this life I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form:

IMPRIMIS I give and bequeath to my well-beloved son **THOMAS GOLDSMITH** that mare that is called his with her increase, also a feather bed and the furniture belonging to the same.

ITEM I give to my son **THOMAS GOLDSMITH** the plantation that I now live upon situate and being in Cedar Creek Neck likewise the small land lying on the west side and of Cedar Creek only excepted that the rest of my children shall or may have liberty to grace there creatures upon the said Island if need require and that only or no further.

I likewise constitute and appoint my well-beloved son **THOMAS GOLDSMITH** and my son-in-law **JOSEPH WILLIAMS** my only and sole executors of this my last will and testament.

I likewise constitute, appoint and ordained all the rest of my movable estate to be equally divided between all of my children with that tract of land in the forest called Golden Field to be equally divided both in quantity and quality.

Likewise I give and bequeath to my youngest daughter **JEMIMA GOLDSMITH** three pounds to be levied out of my estate to school her with all, also of the family should part I desire that her Godfather may have her and take care of her until she shall arrive to the age of 16.

Also I desire that after my just debts is paid and fully satisfied, that is to say, that my "furn ever", eldest daughter **PATIENCE [GOLDSMITH] WILLIAMS** may have her portion so soon as the law requires that is to say in a 12 month and a day and the rest my daughters, that is to say, **COMFORT GOLDSMITH, MARY GOLDSMITH, NAOMI GOLDSMITH** and **JEMIMA GOLDSMITH** shall have their respective portions at the day of marriage or until they shall arrive at the age of 21 years.

ITEM I give and bequeath all the meat and corn for the use of the family and all freely to be possessed by the aforesaid persons ratifying and allowing this and no other to be my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal the day in your above written.

Note the words above was raised out before the inter-sealing of these presents

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Also I desire that PETER RIGGS my servant man that was formerly I gave to him a hundred acres of land which is not made over to him that he may not be molested or disturbed by my executors or any of the rest of my children.

THOMAS GOLDSMITH {seal, his mark}

Sign Sealed and declared in the presence of us

THOMAS WATTSON
JOHN READING
JONATHON READING

Sussex

Memorandum

This 25th day of March in the year 1740 the Within **THOMAS WATTSON** and **JOHN READING** two of the witnesses to the will subscribing appeared before me, **JACOB KOLLOCK**, register appointed for the granting of letters of administration, on their solemn oaths declare that in their site, presents and hearing the testator **THOMAS GOLDSMITH** did sign seal publish pronounce and declare the within written to be his last will and testament and that at the doing there the said testator was of a sound and perfect disposing mind and memory and judgment and also that they saw **JONATHAN READING** sign with them as to as an evidence to the same.

Test

JACOB KOLLOCK

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