

**Will, DE, Sussex, William Poynter 1775**

In the name of God, Amen.

The fourteenth day of [December] in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy [four], I **WILLIAM POYNTER** of the county of Sussex on Delaware being sick and weak of body but of perfect mind and memory, [thanks be to God] & calling to mind the mortality of my body & [knowing that it is appointed for all men] once to die, do [therefore make and ordain] this my last will and testament in manner [and form] following, viz.

IMPRIMIS it is my will and desire that all my just debts and funeral [charges] be first paid and fully discharged & c.

ITEM I give, devise and bequeath unto my son **WILLIAM POYNTER** the dwelling plantation whereon I now dwell containing [about two] hundred acres including a new purchase [adjoining ... ] with all the appurtenances and hereditaments [and ... ] thereunto belonging [or in] anywise appertaining [to him and] him and his heirs [and assigns forever]. Also [two negro] boys ... [to him and] him and his heirs [and assigns forever].

ITEM I give, devise [and bequeath] unto my daughter [**CASTILIA POYNTER**] a certain tract or parcel of land and plantation situate [in the] forest of Cedar Creek Hundred that I lately bought of [**JANE** widow of] **RICHARD MULLINEAUX** containing about one hundred and fifty [...] acres together with all and singular the improvements, hereditaments & appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining to the same, to her, her heirs and assigns forever. Also one negro girl name LEAH, to her, her heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM It is my will and I do desire that all the rest and residue of my estate, both real and personal here and elsewhere be turned into money and equally divided between my two children **WILLIAM POYNTER** and **CASTILIA POYNTER** to them, their heirs and assigns forever.

And lastly, I do hereby ordain, constitute and appoint my beloved brother **RATLIFF [RATCLIFF] POYNTER**, my whole and sole executor of this my last will and testament, according to the true intent and meaning thereof, allowing this, and no other to by my last will and testament, disannulling all former wills and testaments heretofore by me made.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, as aforesaid, A. D. 1775 [1776]

**WILLIAM POYNTER** {seal}

Sealed, signed, published and pronounced in presence of us

**WILLIAM HAZZARD**  
**RICHARD CLIFTON**  
**JEMIMAH SIMPSON** {her mark}

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Sussex County

April 11<sup>th</sup> 1775

Before me **PHILLIPS KOLLOCK**, register for the probate of wills and granting letters of administration for the county of Sussex aforesaid personally appeared **WILLIAM HAZZARD** and **JEMIMAH SIMPSON**, two subscribing witnesses to the foregoing, last will and testament and being sworn on the holy evangelists of Almighty God did depose and say that they saw **WILLIAM POYNTER** the testator therein named, sign, seal and publish and declare the same writing as and for his last will and testament, and at the doing thereof the testator was of a sound and perfect, disposing mind, memory and judgment and that they and each of them together with **RICHARD CLIFTON**, subscribed the same as witnesses at request and in presence of the testator.

Test.

**PHILLIPS KOLLOCK**, reg.

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