

Will, DE, Sussex, William Townsend 1735

In the name of God, Amen.

This ninth day of January in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred twenty eight and nine, I, **WILLIAM TOWNSEND** of Sussex County on Delaware Bay, yeoman, being sick and weak of body but sound and perfect memory, thanks to Almighty God for the same, do hereby make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following:

IMPRIMIS I give and bequeath unto my loving wife **ELIZABETH TOWNSEND** one third part of the plantation whereon I now live with the main dwelling home during her natural life with privileged to get any timber off of my land belonging to said plantation for use therewith, one third of my movable personal estate, except such legacies that shall be hereafter mentioned to be by her held and enjoyed forever.

ITEM I give unto my son **STEPHEN TOWNSEND** one half of the tract of land whereon I now live, separate from the plantation ??? also from the island whereon there is now an improvement to be laid out in the easternmost side or as they can agree and likewise one bay of the said island to be laid out on the easternmost or as they can agree.

ITEM I give unto my son **COSTON TOWNSEND** the other half of my said plantation or tract of land together with all the appurtenances after his mothers decease as also the other part of the island aforesaid to be held and enjoyed by him, his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM I give unto my son **SOLOMON TOWNSEND** one hundred acres of land and plantation being on the side of a branch by the head of Beaver Dam in Cedar Creek Forest in Sussex aforesaid to him, his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM I give unto my son **CHARLES TOWNSEND** a plantation with one hundred acres of land situate on said Beaver Dam to be held and enjoyed by him, his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM I give unto my son-in-law [**SYLVESTER**] **SILVESTER DEPUTY** a plantation whereon he now lives with all the appurtenances situate on Gum Branch the same to be held and enjoyed by him, his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM I give unto my aforesaid son **STEPHEN TOWNSEND** twenty shillings

ITEM I give unto my son **SOLOMON TOWNSEND** twenty shillings.

ITEM I give unto my daughter **ELIZABETH [TOWNSEND] DEPUTY** twenty shillings.

ITEM I give the residue of my estate to be equally divided between my wife and my son **CHARLES** and my daughter **ABIGAIL TOWNSEND**.

AND also I appoint my son **COSTON TOWNSEND** the whole and sole executor of this my last will and testament, utterly disannulling all former wills and bequests by me heretofore made, allowing this and no other to be my last will and testament.

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In testimony whereof I have hereunto put my hand and affixed my seal the day and year with written.

WILLIAM TOWNSEND {seal, his x mark}

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced and declared to be his last will and testament in the presence of us

SIMON DEPLY
PHILIP DERNIE
JOHN MAY

MEMORANDUM

In this 17th day of January 1736 the above **JOHN MAY** one of the witnesses to the 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 aforesaid and on their solemn oaths did declare that in his sight, presence and hearing the testator, **WILLIAM TOWNSEND**, did sign, seal, publish, pronounce and declare the withing written to be his last will and testament and that at the doing thereof the testator was of a sound and perfect, disposing mind and memory and judgment and also that he saw **SIMON DEPLY** and **PHILIP DERNIE** sign with him as an evidence to the same.

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JACOB KOLLOCK, Deputy Register

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