

Will, MD, Dorchester, Daniel Morris 1772

In the name of God Amen.

The 30th day of November 1772 I, **DANIEL MORRIS**, of Dorchester County in the province of Maryland planter being of perfect mind and memory, thanks being given to God therefor, calling on to mind the mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make & ordain this my last will and testament, that is to say:

PRINCIPALLY AND FIRST OF ALL I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian Burial at the discretion of my executors, nothing doubting, but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by The Mighty power of God.

And as touching such worldly a state where with it has pleased God to bless me with and this life I give, demise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form, viz.

FIRST I give and bequeath to my son **HEZEKIAH MORRIS** part of that of land called PLEASURE.

Beginning at the boundary SBW 30 perches S 56 degrees E 34 perches, N 30 perches, then with a straight line to the boundary likewise a tract of land called **TAYLOR's CHANCE**.

Containing 300 acres.

ITEM I give to my son **DANIEL MORRIS** a tract of land called PLEASURE containing 52 Acres during his life and after his deceased to his son **CURTIS MORRIS** and to his heirs forever, exclusive of that part left to **HEZEKIAH MORRIS** agreeable to the courses above mentioned, likewise a negro boy called NATHAN for his part and no more.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my sons **NATHANIEL MORRIS** and **JOHN MASTIN MORRIS** a tract of land called ADDITION TO NEW POPLAR containing 100 acres only the said **JOHN MASTIN MORRIS** to have the Coral Ridge part, containing 50 acres, to them and their heirs forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my son **MASTIN MORRIS** a negro girl called SELAH instead of a tract of land called **TAYLOR's CHANCE**.

ITEM I give to my daughter daughter's daughter **DEBORAH MORRIS** one shilling Sterling and no more.

LIKEWISE I do constitute and appoint my son **NATHANIEL MORRIS** and **JOHN MASTIN MORRIS** my sole and whole executor of my estate and Guardians to my son **HEZEKIAH MORRIS** and my daughter **COMFORT MORRIS** until they arrive of age.

ITEM I give to my daughter **MARY CLIFTON** one shilling Sterling, likewise to her children, one share to be divided amongst them with the rest of my children, viz., as follows: **HANNAH, SUSANNAH, MASTIN, NATHANIEL, SARAH, JOHN MASTIN, LEPTIA, HEZEKIAH** and **COMFORT** my movable estate to be equally divided amongst them.

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And I do hereby utterly disallow, revoked, and disannul all and every other former Testament, will, legacies and bequests by me in any wise made or willed and bequeathed, ratifying and confirming this to be my last will and testament.

In Witness whereof XXX whereunto I have set my hand and seal the day and first above written.

DANIEL MORRIS {seal}

Signed, sealed, and pronounced by the said **DANIEL MORRIS** to be his last will and testament in the presence of the subscribers.

JONATHAN BREADY
WILLIAM OWENS
ROBERT OWENS
PHOEBE BREADY

MEMORANDUM

The 18th day of December 1782 personally appeared before me, **PHILLIPS KOLLOCK**, register appointed for the probate of wills and granting letters of administration for the county of Sussex on Delaware, **WILLIAM OWENS** and **PHOEBE BREADY** two of the witnesses to the within will subscribing and being solemnly sworn on the holy evangelist of almighty God did depose and say that in their site, presents, and hearing the testator, **DANIEL MORRIS**, did sign, seal, publish, pronounce, and declare the within written to be his last will and testament and that at the doing there of he was of a sound and perfect mind, memory, and judgment and that they and each of them together with **JONATHAN BREADY** and **ROBERT OWENS** subscribe the same as evidence has at the request of the testator.

PHILLIPS KOLLOCK, register

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