

Will, DE, Sussex, Ann Black 1783

In the name of God Amen.

I, **ANN [MASTEN] BLACK** [wife of **GEORGE BLACK**], of the county of Sussex being very weak of body but have perfect mind and memory, thanks be given unto God, calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing it is appointed for all men once to die to make & ordain this my last will and testament. That is to say:

PRINCIPALLY and first of all I give and bequeath my soul into the hand of almighty God that gave it and my body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in a Christian decent manner at the discretion of my executor, nothing doubting, but at the general Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God.

AND as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life, I give and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

ITEM I give unto my beloved daughter **JEAN [BLACK] WALTON** the wife of **GEORGE WALTON** £10 in money to her and her heirs forever.

ITEM I give unto my beloved son **ADDAM BLACK** the sum of £10 in money to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM I give unto **WILLIAM HAZARD**, who intermarried with my daughter **ANN BLACK**, the sum of £10 in money to him and his heirs forever.

ITEM I give unto my daughter **ELIZABETH [BLACK] CAMPBELL** the sum of 5 shillings in money to her and her heirs forever.

ITEM I give unto my daughter **SARAH BLACK** the sum of 3 shillings to her and her heirs forever.

ITEM I give unto the heirs of my son **JAMES BLACK**, deceased, by name **MARY [BLACK PERRY] PERY**, **ELIZABETH BLACK**, **JOSEPH BLACK**, and **MAGDALEN [MAGDALIN] BLACK** the sum of 5 shillings money to them and their heirs forever

ITEM I give unto my grand daughter **BETTY MAY** the sum of 5 Shillings in money to her and her heirs forever.

ITEM I give them to my grandson **WILLIAM BLACK** one feather bed and furniture and young Bae mirror to him and his heirs forever.

ITEM I give unto my granddaughter **ANN BLACK** daughter of **MITCHELL BLACK** one negro woman named SARAH, one negro child named TOM, one mare colt to her and her heirs forever.

ITEM I give unto my granddaughter **JEAN BLACK** the sum of five shillings money to her and her heirs forever

ITEM I give to my son **DAVID BLACK** one negro man named WILL, two 3 year old steer, one young mare two year old to him and his heirs forever, provided he returned to me if ??? to my two sons **JOHN [BLACK]** and **BENJAMIN BLACK** to them their heirs and a signs to be equally divided. My desire is that the Negro men WILL be hired out and the money kept for my son **DAVID** by my executor.

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ITEM my will and desire is that my wearing apparel shall be equally divided between my grand daughter's by the names of **ANN BLACK**.

Items I give them to my son **GEORGE BLACK** one negro man named ISAAC to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM I give them to my granddaughter **ANN WALTON** 6 queensware plates to her and her heirs forever.

Also I give unto my eldest sons **JOHN BLACK** and **BENJAMIN BLACK** their heirs and assigns i likewise constitute make & ordain sole executors of this my last will and testament all the remainder part of my estate by whom freely to be possessed and enjoyed and I do hereby utterly disallow revoke and disannul all and every former testaments wills legacy bequests and executor buy me in any wise before named willed and bequeath ratifying this and no other to be my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 18th day of June 1783

ANN BLACK {seal, her A mark}

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced, and declared, by the said **ANN BLACK**, as her last will and testament in the presence of us who in her presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names.

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THOMAS EVANS
ISAAC BEAUCHAMP
JOSEPH FLEMING

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Memorandum

The 5th day of August Anno Domini 1780.

Before me, **PHILLIPS KOLLOCK**, register appointed for the probate of wills and granting letters of administration for the county of Sussex on Delaware personally appeared **THOMAS EVANS** and **ISAAC BEAUCHAMP** two of the witnesses to the within subscribed will who being duly sworn on the holy evangelist of almighty God did severally depose and say that in their site hearing presence and hearing the testatrix, **ANN BLACK**, did sign, seal, publish and declare the within to be her last will and testament at the and at the doing thereof she appeared to be of sound and disposing mind and memory and judgment and that they and each of them together with **JOSEPH FLEMING** subscribed the same as witnesses thereto in the presence of the testatrix and at her request.

PHILLIPS KOLLOCK, register

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