

Will, DE, Sussex Art Vankirk 1742

Sussex County

In the name of God Amen.

The 20th day of November in the year of our Lord Christ 1742, I, **ART VANKIRK**, County aforesaid, yeoman, being in perfect mind and memory, praised be God, and bringing to mind and memory the mortality of my body, and knowing it is appointed for all men once to die, fo make and ordained this my last will and testament.

THAT IS FIRST OF ALL I give and bequeath my soul to God that gave it and for my body to be buried at the discretion of my executors nothing doubting but at the last day at the general Resurrection I shall receive the Same Again by The Power of almighty God nothing doubting. And as touching my worldly estate as it has pleased God to bless me with, all in this world I give and bequeath in Manner and form following.

IMPRIMIS I leave and bequeath my well-beloved wife **ANN VANKIRK**, my sole and whole executor of this my last will and testament, and also the whole tract of land and plantation I now live on during her natural life and after her deceased to my son **GEORGE VANKIRK**, but if my son **GEORGE** should die without issue then to my daughter **DOROTHY VANKIRK** [...], likewise I leave to my son **GEORGE VANKIRK** two cows and calves and a three-year-old heifer.

ITEM I give to my daughter **DOROTHY VANKIRK** one cow and calf the day of marriage to be taken out of my estate.

ITEM I give to my daughter **MARGARET CLANDANIEL** one shilling.

ITEM I will to my daughter **GRACE LOFTIS** one shilling.

Ratifying and confirming this to be my last will and testament and no other.

In Witness whereof I have set my hand and seal the day and you're above written.

ART [ARTHUR] VANKIRK seal

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of us

JOHN CLANDANIEL {his mark}

JOHN READING

JOHN HART {his mark}

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Memorandum

This 30th day of September in the year 1743 the within John **JOHN CLANDANIEL** and **JOHN READING** now the witnesses to the within will subscribing appeared before me **JACOB KOLLICK** Deputy Register appointed for the Probate of Wills and granting of letters of administration in the county of Sussex aforesaid said and on their solemn oath did declare that on their solemn sight, presence, and hearing the testator **ART VANKIRK** did sign, seal, publish, pronounce, and declare the within written to be his last will and testament and that at the doing thereof the said testator was of a sound and perfect, disposing, mind, memory and judgment and also that they saw **JOHN HART** sign with them as an evidence to the same.

Chest **JACOB KOLLICK** Deputy register

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