

Will, DE, Sussex, Charles Polk 1781

In the name of God Amen.

The 21st day of July in the year of Our Lord 1781 I, **CHARLES POLK**, of Sussex County on Delaware, planter, being weak but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be to God therefore, calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make 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 who gave it and as for my body I recommend it to the earth to be buried in a decent manner, at the discretion of my executors, nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same. And as touching such worldly estate where with it has pleased God to bless me in this life, I give, devise, and dispose of the same in the following Manner and form.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my eldest son **CHARLES POLK** my dwelling Plantation on the tract of land I know live upon containing 400 Acres called SECOND PURCHASE to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM I give him also my Negro fellow called SAM, and my great Bible, and his mother's chest.

ITEM I give unto my son **GEORGE [POLK]** one tract of land called POLK'S PRIVILEGE containing 50 acres, also I give and bequeath him another tract of land called PRIVILEGES ADDITION containing 260 Acres, Sussex survey, to him and his heirs and assigns forever. I also give him my best suit of clothes, that is to say, coat, vest and breeches.

ITEM I give unto my daughter **MARY [POLK]** one of my best hors kine, another of common sort, and if I give her one before I die then another after I die, also I give her my large chest and best chest.

ITEM I give to my daughter **PRISCILLA [POLK]** 2 cows and calves, or cows and yearlings, and my old desk.

ITEM I give to my daughter **ANN [POLK]** one cow and calf or yearling and two-year-old heifer or steer and box iron.

ITEM I give all my beds and furniture to my three daughters to be equally divided amongst them.

ITEM I give and bequeath all the remainder of my whole estate to be equally divided amongst my for children; **MARY, PRISCILLA, ANN**, and **GEORGE**. And if they do not agree and dividing my estate amongst them I appoint my son **CHARLES** and my brother **EPHRAIM [POLK]** to divide it amongst them equally, amongst them and if any of them loses any of their Legacies I leave them before I die to make it up equal with the rest.

I do hereby utterly disallow all and every other former Testament will buy me in anyways before this time named willed and bequeathed ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

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I give my two old Negroes to my son **CHARLES** and **GEORGE** old NERO, ROSE to work for them and they to take care of them.

And my further will and desire is there shall be no administration of my state and lastly requires I appoint my son **CHARLES** my administrator of my estate.

CHARLES POLK {seal}

JOHN POLK
JAMES POLK
AVERY POLK
AND POLK

Memorandum

This 8th day of September Anno Domini 1784 before me **PHILIPS KOLLOCK** register appointed for the probate of wills and granting letters of administration for the county of Sussex on Delaware personally appears **JAMES POLK** and **AVERY POLK** two of the witnesses to the within will, who's being duly sworn swear on the holy evangelists of almighty God did severally depose and say that in their sight, presence and hearing the testator **CHARLES POLK** did Sign, Sealed, publish and declare the within written to be his last will and testament, and that at the doing there of he was to the best of their apprehensions of sound and perfect mind, memory and judgment and that they saw each of them together with **JOHN POLK** and **ANN POLK** subscribe the same as witnesses in presence and at the request of the testator.

PHILLIPS KOLLOCK, register

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