

Will, DE, Sussex, JOHN CLENDANIEL 1750

In the name of God Amen.

This 13th day of December 1750 I, **JOHN CLENDANIEL** of Sussex County in Delaware, being very sick of body but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be unto almighty God, and calling to mind the frailty of this transitory life and that it is appointed for all man once to die when it shall please almighty God to call them, I make & ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following, revoking and disannulling, by these presents, all and every other will or Testaments by me heretofore made, declare this to be my last will and testament.

First I commit my soul to almighty God who gave it there and certain hope of the Resurrection in? Life and my body to the Earth to be buried in a Christian manner at the discretion of my executive orders here after mentioned. And as touching my worldly goods, that it has pleased God to bless me with, I give, bequeath in the manner and form following.

IMPRIMIS I give and bequeath unto my well beloved son **GEORGE CLENDANIEL** the plantation were on I now live, with 188 acres of land thereunto belonging, to be held and enjoyed by him and his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my loving son **GEORGE CLENDANIEL** the parcel of marsh lying in the ??? side which I purchased of **JOHN HART** to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my loving son **GEORGE CLENDANIEL** one bay ??? mare colt and one and ??? to him and his heirs forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my loving son **GEORGE CLENDANIEL** one negro man called NERO to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM I will and desire that my son **GEORGE CLENDANIEL** may be at age and for himself at eighteen years old and that he may receive his portion and be quietly possessed with his land and plantation at eighteen years old.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my loving daughter **SARAH CLENDANIEL** one negro girl called EASTER her and her increase to be held and enjoyed by her and her heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my loving daughter **ELIZABETH CLENDANIEL** one negro girl called HANNAH and her increase to be held and enjoyed by her and her heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my true and loving wife **PRUDENCE [PARSLEY] CLENDANIEL** one gray mare and her increase to her and her heirs forever.

ITEM I will and desire that my land in the forest may be sold by my executor, hereafter named, and the money to go towards paying my debts.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my true and loving wife **PRUDENCE CLENDANIEL** the third part of my movable estate after my just debts be paid to be held and enjoyed by her and her heirs forever.

ITEM I will and bequeath unto my three aforesaid children, **GEORGE, SARAH** and **ELIZABETH** all the remaining part of my movable estate to be equally divided between them and to be held and enjoyed by them and their heirs forever.

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ITEM I do constitute an appoint my dear and well beloved wife **PRUDENCE CLENDANIEL** my whole and sole executor this this my last will and testament.

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

**JOHN CLENDANIEL** {seal, his mark}

Signed, sealed, pronounced, declared ???

**JONATHAN JACOBS**  
**JONATHAN CLARK**  
**SAMUEL SPENCER Jr.**

This sixth day of February in the 1750 there came **JONATHAN JACOBS** and **SAMUEL SPENCER Jr.** Two of the witnesses to the within and above will subscribing, before me **JACOB KOLLOCK**, Deputy Register appointed for the probate of wills and granting letters of Administration for the county of Sussex, and the said **SAMUEL SPENCER Jr.**, being one of the people called Quakers, who for conscience sake cannot take an oath on his solemn affirmation according to law and the said **JONATHAN JACOBS** being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God did severally say upon their respective oath and solemn affirmation did declare that in their sight, presence and hearing the testator **JOHN CLENDANIEL** did sign, seal, publish, pronounce and declare the withing and above 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 & judgment & that they, together, with **JONATHAN CLARK** subscribed the same as evidences at request & in presence of the said testator.

Test, **JACOB KOLLOCK**

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