

Will, DE, Sussex, John Coverdale, 1787

In the name of God Amen.

I **JOHN COVERDALE** of Sussex County and Delaware State being very weak and sick, but of sound mind and memory, considering the uncertainty of the time when I am to leave this world of trial and probation and take my flight into the world of rest forever to be with and enjoy my blessed and glorious redeemer, even Jesus Christ, through his merits, mediation and power I expect pardon of all my sins and a joyous resurrection to a blessed and endless immortality of happiness do make this my last will and testament. That is to say:

IMPRIMIS I do order that at some convenient [time] after my decease my body shall be decently entered at the discretion of my executors hereafter to be mentioned.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my son **SAMUEL COVERDALE** four [fifths] parts of my land be the same more or less to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my son **WILLIAM COVERDALE** one fifth part of my land to him and his heirs and assigns forever, upon condition that they both live to have use. and if **SAMUEL COVERDALE** dies without heirs is four parts return to **WILLIAM COVERDALE** and if **WILLIAM COVERDALE** dies is one fifth part returns back to **SAMUEL COVERDALE**.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my son **ISAAC COVERDALE** the full sum of £10 to be paid to him by my son **SAMUEL COVERDALE** on demand.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my son **RICHARD COVERDALE** the full sum of £10 to be paid to him by my son **SAMUEL COVERDALE** when at age.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my daughter **SUSANNA COVERDALE** the full sum of one shilling.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my daughter **PHEBEA** [Phoebe] **COVERDALE** the full sum of one shilling.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my daughter **HESSE COVERDALE** one spinning wheel and £10 to be paid when at age on my son **SAMUEL COVERDALE**.

ITEM and my desire is that my son **JOHN COVERDALE** shall live with my son **SAMUEL** and that he shall take good care of him, as a brother ought to do, and give him all the schooling he possibly can. And also give my son **JOHN** the sum of one shilling.

As to the remainder and residue of my estate which I have not heretofore given away, be it real or personal, or of whatever kind, nature, debts, dues and demands, whatsoever, I do hereby order that the same shall be the property of my son **SAMUEL COVERDALE** after all reasonable costs and charges are deducted also my will and desire is that my son **SAMUEL COVERDALE** is to keep and maintain my beloved wife **JEMIMA COVERDALE** as a mother ought to be and if my son **SAMUEL** dies before his mother I do order that my son **WILLIAM** shall maintain his mother as a son ought to.

ITEM I do hereby order, ordained, constitute, and appoint my sons **SAMUEL** and **WILLIAM COVERDALE** executors to this my last will and testament to execute as fully and effectually as the true intent and meaning thereof shall be.

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In Witness whereof and every part here of I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 5th day of November in the year of Our Lord 1787.

JOHN COVERDALE {seal}

Signed sealed as his last will and testament declared in presence of us.

REBECCA DOUCE {her mark}

AARON BLUXAM {his mark}

JOHN LOFLAND

Know all men by these presents that I **WILLIAM COVERDALE** son of **JOHN COVERDALE** late deceased of Sussex County to hereby give up all my right, title, and claim of the executor ship left to me by my father, **JOHN COVERDALE** above, unto my brother **SAMUEL COVERDALE** as witness my hand and seal this 24th day of November in the year of Our Lord 1787

WILLIAM COVERDALE

JOHN LOFLAND

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Memorandum

The 22nd day of November 1787 before me, **PHILLIPS KOLLOCK**, register appointed for the probate of wills and granting of administration for the county of for said appeared **AARON BLUXAM** and **JOHN LOFLAND** two of the witnesses to the foregoing will it being duly sworn on the holy evangelists of almighty God did depose and say that in their sight, presents, and hearing the testator **JOHN COVERDALE**, did sign, seal, publish and declare the same to be his last will and testament, and that at the doings are of he was of a sound and perfect mind, memory, and judgment and that day and each of them together with **REBECCA DOUCE** subscribed the same as witness in the presence of the testator and at his request.

PHILLIPS KOLLOCK, Regr.

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