

Will, DE, Sussex, Nathaniel Poynter 1771

In the name of God Amen.

The third day of January in the year of Our Lord 1771 I **NATHANIEL POYNTER**, Yeoman of the county of Sussex on the Delaware, being advanced much in years but in sound of body and perfect mind and memory, thanks be to God for the same, but calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die to make & ordain and appoint this my last will and testament in Manner and form following viz:

FIRST OF ALL I commit my soul into the hands of God who gave it to be buried in a Christian like and decent manner at the discretion of my executors hereinafter named. And is touching such worldly Goods as it has pleased God to bless me with in this life I disposed of in Manor as followeth:

IMPRIMIS I give, devise, and bequeath unto my two sons namely **RAITCLIFF POYNTER** and the **NATHANIEL POYNTER** the land and Plantation whereon I now dwell, together with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging as followeth, that is to say, to be equally divided in quantity:

Beginning at the Herring Branch and running with a strait line across the plantation, whereon **ALEXANDER COWING** now dwells, so as to give my son Nathaniel half of the said tract of land where my cleared lands and improvements are made and the other half to my son **RAITCLIFF** being that part where he is now settled.

to them their heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my son **THOMAS POYNTER** the sum of twenty five shillings in cash to be paid to my executors hereafter mentioned to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my son **WILLIAM POYNTER** the sum of two shillings to be paid by my executors to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my daughter **EDY [POYNTER PARKER]** the wife of **WILLIAM PARKER** the sum of two shillings to her and her heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my daughter **ELIZABETH [POYNTER MULLINIX]** the wife of **RICHARD MULLINIX** the sum of two shillings to be paid by my executors to her her heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM I give to my daughter **MARY [POYNTER PARMORE]** the wife of **ALEXANDER PARMORE** the sum of two shillings to be paid by my executors hereafter mentioned.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my daughter **PENINAH POYNTER** one bed and furniture, one chest now called hers, one linen spinning wheel, and one ewe and lamb to her her heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my son **NATHANIEL POYNTER** all the rest and residue of my estate both real and personal, here and elsewhere, only Exception accepting and referring the use of the same to my loving wife, **MARY POYNTER**, during her widowhood, but in case of her marriage, or death, the whole to be the sole property of my said son **NATHANIEL** to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

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And I do hereby authorize, constitute and appoint my loving wife, **MARY POYNTER** and my son **NATHANIEL POYNTER** my whole and sole executors of this my last will and testament, revoking all others heretofore made, allowing this and no other to be my last will and testament.

NATHANIEL POINTER {seal, his x mark}

Sign Sealed Delivered in the presence of us

WILLIAM HAZZARD
JAMES RENCH
JOHN BELL

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Memorandum

The third day of March 1780 before me **PHILLIPS KOLLOCK** register appointed for the probate of wills and granting of letters of administration for the county of Sussex on Delaware. Personally appeared **WILLIAM HAZZARD** and _____ two of the witnesses to the within will subscribing who being duly sworn on the holy Avenger of almighty God did severally depose and say that in their sight, presents, and hearing testator **NATHANIEL POYNTER** did sign, seal, publish, pronounce and declare the Within written to be his last will and testament and that at the doing there of he was of sound and perfect mind, memory and judgment and that they and each of them together with _____ subscribed the same as witnesses in the presence of the testator and at his request.

PHILLIPS KOLLOCK, register

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