

**Will, DE, Sussex, Richard Hayes**

In the name of God Amen.

I **RICHARD HAYES** Sr. of Sussex County, being weak in body but of sound mind and memory, thanks be to God, do this day March the 31st 1773 make and publish this my last will and testament in Manner and form following, that is to say:

FIRST I give to my son **NATHANIEL [HAYES]** and to my son **RICHARD [HAYES]** and to my daughter **RACHEL [HAYES]** and to my daughter **ELIZABETH [HAYES]** all my movable estate to be equally divided between them.

And also I leave my son **RICHARD** to be administrator and also I will and bequeath to my son **RICHARD**'s son, my grandson, **CURTIS HAYES**, my dwelling Plantation with 150 acres of land where on I now dwell to him and The Heirs of his body lawfully begotten of his body and to his heirs heirs forever.

And in witness whereof the said **RICHARD HAYES** have hereunto set my last will and testament set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

**RICHARD HAYES** {seal, his R mark}

Sign for his last will and testament and the presence of us who were present at the time of signing and sealing their of

**EPHRAIM POLK**  
**MANUEL POLK**  
**MARY POLK**

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Memorandum

The 31st day of May 1777 before me, **PHILLIPS KOLLOCK**, register appointed for the probate of wills and granting letters of administration for the county of Sussex on Delaware, personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_ two of the witnesses to the within will subscribing and being solemnly sworn on the holy evangelists of almighty God they did severally depose and say that in their sight, presence and hearing the testator, **RICHARD HAYES**, did Sign, Sealed, published, pronounce and declare the within to be his last will and testament and that they at the doing their of he was of a sound, disposing mind and memory and that they and each of them did together subject their names as Witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of the testator.

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