

did sign seal publish pronounce and Declare the above and in this
 written to be his Last will and Testament and that at the doing
 thereof the Testator was of sound and perfect disposing mind
 memory and Judgm: and that they and each of them together
 with Sworn Only Subscribed the Same as Witnesses at request
 and in presence of the Testator —

Test Jacob Frolock Reg: —

In the Name of God Amen the ninth day of Decem-
 ber in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and
 Fifty Six Samuel Fruit of the County of Sussex on Delaware
 of Lawer being sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and
 memory thanks be given unto God: therefore calling to mind
 the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed
 for all men Once to Die do make and Ordain this my Last will
 and Testament that is to say principally and first of all I
 Recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave
 it and my body I Recommend to the Earth to be Buried in a Chris-
 tian Like and Decent manner at the Discretion of my Executors
 hereafter Named and as Touching my worldly Estate wherewith
 it hath pleased God to bless me with I give devise and Dispose
 of the Same in the following manner —

Imp: I give and bequeath unto Mary my beloved wife One Tract of Land

containing Two Hundred Acres being the same whereon I now dwell
 called and known by the name of popular Valley Together with the
 appurtenances therunto belonging during her Natural Life
 Item I devise unto my son Samuel Trust the present tract of Land
 called popular Valley after the decease of my said wife Together
 with the appurtenance to him & his Heirs & assigns forever —
 Also I devise unto my said son Samuel One certain Tract of Land
 whereon he now Lives containing about Two Hundred and seven
 by Acres with the appurtenances to him & his Heirs & assigns forever
 Item My will is that Two other Tracts of Land situate lying and
 being in the County of North Carolina One containing
 Two Hundred and Twenty Acres called pole Cat Tract, the other con-
 taining One Hundred and Fifty Acres called Stallion Head be
 sold by my Executrix hereafter named towards satisfying and
 paying my just debts and funeral Charges, and the surplus
 if any I give and bequeath unto my said wife —
 Item I give and bequeath all the rest of my moveable or personal
 Estate unto my said wife and my said son Samuel after all my
 just Debts and funeral Charges aforesaid are paid to be Equally
 divided betwixt them Except my Negroes hereafter mentioned
 Item My will is that my said wife have the use and benefit of all
 my Negroes during her Natural Life to wit Lydia Jane Jacob
 Confortu English and Nimrod and their increase and after
 Jaman Chipm.

the Decease of my said wife I give and bequeath unto my
 son Samuel all the said Negroes and their Increase as aforesaid
 to him his Heirs and Assigns forever —

And I do hereby constitute make and Ordain my said wife
 Mary my sole Executrix of this my Last will and Testament —

And I do hereby declare and utterly Disallow revoke and
 Disannul all and Every other Former Testaments wills Legacies
 Bequests and Executors by me in any way before named
 Made 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 affixed my seal
 the day and year above Written —

Signed Sealed published and **Samuel Fruit** 
 pronounced and Declared by the said Samuel Fruit as his
 Last will & Testament in the presence of us the Subscribers —

Bethuel Mattson } Memorandum this Third Day of May 1757
 John Prodenery } the above named Thomas Carey and John Pro-
 Tho: Carey } denery two of the witnesses to the above and
 within will subscribing appeared before me Jacob Pollock
 Reg: Appointed for the probate of wills and Granting Letters
 of Administration for the County of Sussex on Delaware and
 being duly qualified on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty
 God did severally declare that in the presence and
 hearing the Testator Samuel Fruit —

publish

Pronounce and Declare the above and within written to be his Last will and Testament and that at the doing thereof the Testator was of a sound and perfect disposing mind Memory and Judgment and that they and Each of them Together with Bethuel Mattson subscribed the same as Evidences at request and in presence of the Testator —

Test Jacob Hollock Reg. —

In the Name of God Amen I James Chipman of the County of Sussex on Delaware Fuller being sick and weak in body but of sound mind Memory and understanding Doe make this my Last will and Testament in Manner and form Following that is to say I Resign my Soul to God who gave it hoping for Salvation through the merits of Jesus Christ my Saviour —

Impr. I Order my body to be Decently Interred by my Executors hereafter named and that my funeral Expences and all my other Just debts be paid and Discharged as soon as may be after my Decease Out of my personal Estate which I Look upon to be sufficient to Satisfie the Same, and if after the Discharge of said Debts any Surplusage should Remain I give and bequeath the Same unto my well beloved wife Elizabeth Chipman, and to my Brother Benjamin Chipman to be Equally Divided between them to them and their Heirs forever —

Item I give and bequeath unto them the aforesaid Elizabeth Chipman and Benjamin Chipman and to the Heirs and Assigns of the Said