

**Will, DE, Kent, William Burroughs [Burrows] 1797**

In the name of God, Amen.

I **WILLIAM BURROWS** of Mispillion Hundred, Kent County and state of Delaware, farmer, being weak and low in body but of perfect and disposing mind, memory and understanding and calling to mind the certainty of death and the uncertainty of life and willing to dispose of the worldly goods with which it has pleased God to bless, do make, ordain, constitute and appoint this to be my last will and testament.

FIRSTLY after giving my body decent and Christian burial and pay all of my just debts that my estate shall be divided in manner and form following, viz.

1ST two pieces or tracts of land in Kent County, one bought of **JOSHUA DEWEESE** and the other bought of **NATHAN BOWMAN** shall be equally divided between my two eldest sons namely **BOAZ [BURROWS]** and **BENJAMIN [BURROWS]**, and that all my land in Sussex County shall be equally divided between my three youngest sons, namely, **JONATHAN [BURROWS]**, **JOHN [BURROWS]**, and **WILLIAM [BURROWS]** and that my executors, out of my personal estate, shall purchase of the heirs my mother's third of the land in Sussex to be a part of the land last mentioned, reserving to my widow her third part of all my land during her natural life.

2ND my will and desire is that all my sons, as soon as they are old enough, shall be bound out as apprentices to some good mechanical trade and masters appointed at the discretion of my executors herein after named.

3RD all the remainder and residue of my estate be equally divided between my children before mentioned reserving to my wife her third part.

4TH my will and desire is that my executors at the reasonable request of the administrator of **JACOB MASON** deceased show up here and make a deed to the heirs of the said **JACOB MASON** for 30 acres of land & "cripple" now lying in their pond and below it, the said **JACOB MASON's** administrator first paying the caution money and other charges accruing and making a title for the same.

5TH and last I nominate, constitute, and appoint my wife **[RACHEL BURROWS]** and my brother **BENJAMIN BURROWS** to be my whole and sole executor of this my last will and testament and to carry the foregoing promises fully into effect.

As witness my hand and seal the 17th day of December in the year of Our Lord 1797.

**WILLIAM Burrows** {seal}

Signed, Sealed, Delivered, published, pronounced, and declared in presence of us

**WILLIAM CLARK**  
**WILLIAM ADAMS**  
**MORGAN WILLIAMS**

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State of Delaware  
Kent County

Personally appeared **WILLIAM CLARK** and **WILLIAM ADAMS** the subscribing witnesses to the within instrument of writing, who being respectively sworn do say and they and each of them did see **WILLIAM BURROWS** deceased sign and seal this instrument of writing and also heard him published pronounce and declare the same as and for his Testament and last will. Is that at the time of his doing and saying he was to the best of their judgment sound of sound and disposing mind, memory, and understanding. Also that they and each of them did subscribe their names as witnesses to the same in the presence and at the request of the testator and in the presence of one another.

**JOHN LAWS** register

Be it remembered that on the 9th day of January Anno Domini 1798 the last will and testament of **WILLIAM BURROWS** deceased was in due form of law proved by the Oaths of **WILLIAM CLARK** and **WILLIAM ADAMS**, two of the subscribing witnesses to the same, before me, John laws register for the probate of wills and granting letters of administration for Kent County in the state of Delaware and at the same time being by me approved letters testamentary at the same time for granted unto **RACHEL BURROWS** and **BENJAMIN BURROWS** executors there in named who being sworn gave bond **WILLIAM CLARK** and **WILLIAM ADAMS** their sureties in the sum of £1,500 lawful money & c. as PT Bond filed & c.

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