

Will, DE, Sussex, STEPHEN TOWNSEND 1759

The 10th day of January in the year of Our Lord God 1759 I, **STEPHEN TOWNSEND**, of the county of Sussex upon Delaware human being sick of body but of good and perfect mind and memory, thanks be to almighty God, and calling to mind the mortality of the body, and that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make, constitute, ordain and declare this my last will and testament and manner and form following, revoking and disannulling by these presents all and every testament and testaments, will or wills heretofore by me made and declaring either by word or writing and this is to be taken only for my last will and testament and none other.

AND FIRST AND PRINCIPALLY and before all I recommend my soul in the hands of God Almighty who gave it nothing doubting but at the general resurrection it should be saved by the merits of my Savior Jesus Christ and my body I commit to the Earth to be buried in such decent manner as it shall please my executors hereafter named whom and how to appoint.

And for the settling of my temporal estate I do order give and dispose of the same in the manner in form following.

IMPRIMIS I will and do order all those debts and dues that I owe in right or conscience to any manner of person or persons be well and truly contented and paid with inconvenient time after my decease.

ITEM I give unto my son **WILLIAM TOWNSEND** 75 acres of land where he now lives in Slaughter Neck in this County before she said to him and his heirs and assigns.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my son **STEPHEN TOWNSEND** all the rest and residue of my land and marshes and Manor Plantation we're on I now live in Slaughter Neck or elsewhere to him his heirs and assigns.

ITEM I give them to my daughter **ABIGAIL [TOWNSEND]** a negro girl called PHOEBE which she has now in possession and my vest Hackle and box iron to her, her heirs and assigns.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto son **COSTON TOWNSEND** my wearing clothes and £25 current money of Pennsylvania in cash to him and his heirs and assigns.

ITEM I give them to my daughter **BETTY SPENCER** the wife of **EBENEZER SPENCER** and a negro girl named SIDNEY and a bed and furniture always she has now in possession and my best little wheel to her and her heirs and assigns.

ITEM I give unto my son **LITTLETON TOWNSEND** all the creatures I have that is called his to him and his heirs and assigns.

ITEM I give to my son **JESSE TOWNSEND** my black mare and all the creatures that I have that is called his to him and his heirs and assigns.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my son **NOE TOWNSEND** a negro boy called PHILIP to him and his heirs and assign.

ITEM I give to my son **JEHU TOWNSEND** a negro woman called MAULL and her negro child called HANNAH to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM I give to my two sons aforesaid, viz: **NOE** and **JEHU** all the children that the aforesaid Negro woman MAULL may have after this date to be equally divided between them to them and their heirs and a signs.

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ITEM I give unto **ELIJAH COBB** the son of my daughter **SARAH [TOWNSEND COBB]** the sum of 20 Shillings in cash to him, his heirs and assigns.

ITEM I give to my granddaughter **LEAH TOWNSEND** my son **WILLIAM**'s daughter one three year old heifer and a hackle to her heirs and assigns.

ITEM I given to my grandson **STEPHEN OLIVER** one three year old heifer to him and his heirs and assigns.

ITEM I give unto my said son **STEPHEN TOWNSEND** my best yoke of oxen and all the new clothes that may be in my house at my decease. And the use of all the Negroes till the heirs of them come to the age of 20 years upon this Proviso that he should give unto my two sons aforesaid and **NOE** and **JEHU** 6 months schooling each, the Negroes to wit, that the said MAULL has or shall have.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my sons **LITTLETON** and **JESSE** all the rest and residue of my personal estate not yet because we used to them their heirs and assigns to be equally divided between them.

ITEM I do hereby constitute and appoint my said son **STEPHEN TOWNSEND** to be my sole and only executor of this my last will and testament and no other, this annoying and making void all other and former wills, testaments legacies and executors whatsoever before named, ratifying and confirming this and no other as aforesaid.

And testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

STEPHEN TOWNSEND {seal}

Sealed and delivered published pronounced and declared by the said **STEPHEN TOWNSEND** as his last will and testament in the presence of

JAMES WHITE

CHRIS NUTTER

JEMIMA J. T. TOWNSEND {her mark}

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Memorandum the 6th day of December 1759 the within named **CHRISTOPHER NUTTER** and **JEMIMA TOWNSEND** of the witnesses to the within well subscribing appeared before me **JACOB KOLLOCK** register appointed for the probate of wills and granting letters of administration for the county of Sussex aforesaid and on their solemn oaths did declare that in their site and presence in hearing the testator **STEPHEN TOWNSEND** did sign, sealed, publish, pronounce and declare that within written to be his last will and testament and that at the doing their of the said testator was of a sound and perfect disposing mind and memory and judgment and that they and each of them together with **JAMES WHITE** subscribed the same as evidence at the request and then the presence of the testator

Test **JACOB KOLLOCK**, register

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