WILLS PROVED AT PHILADELPHIA, 1682—1692.

No. 1. THOMAS FREAM,1 of "Avon, in the County of Gloster," being sick in body. (Signed with his mark.) Dated 5 September, 1682. Proved 10th of 8 month, 1682, by John Somers and Thomas Madox. (Christopher Taylor, Regr. Genl.)

He appoints as his Executrix, Anne Knight. Bequeathes unto Giles Knight money owing him by James Crafts, being £6. Unto Thomas Knight, brother of Giles Knight, £6, owing by Giles Knight. The residue of his estate to his loving friend, Anne Knight.

Witnesses: John Somers, Thomas Madox (his mark), Thomas Williams (his mark), William Herrin (his mark).

1 Thomas Freem appears to have settled in Bucks County. The inventory of his estate, dated Bucks County, was filed by William Biles and Robert Lucas, "ye 7th day of ye 12th month, 1682," and remains with the will in the Register's Office at Philadelphia. His goods were valued at £28 4s. 6d. "in England," and 50 per cent. added in the Province, making a total of £42 6s. 9d. This item is of interest because it shows a gross profit of 50 per cent. on imported goods in the year 1682.
No. 2. ISAACK MARTIN, of City of Philadelphia, Boltmaker. Dated 24 November, 1682. Proved 5 month, 18th, 1683, by John Goodson and John Sibley. (Christopher Taylor, Regr. Genl.)

All of his lands, being 500 acres in Pennsylvania, to his wife Katherine Martin, in fee simple. Also his house and goods to his said wife, and she to be sole Executrix. Wife to allow testator's daughter, Elizabeth Martin, sufficient meat, drink, washing, lodging, apparel and necessaries.

Witnesses: John Goodson, Samuel Jones.

No. 3. THOMAS HERIOTT, late of Hurst pre-poynt in the County of Sussex in old England, yeoman, being sick and weak of body. Nuncupative Will, spoken by him 7th month, 19th, 1682, "on board the shipp Welcome, Robert Greenan, Commander, then bound by permission of God for Pennsylvania." Proved 5 month, 2nd, 1683, by Thomas Wynne and David Ogden. (Christopher Taylor, Regr. Genl.)

Unto his brother-in-law, Dennis Rochford, the goods and man-servant then on board the said ship, and also his money, except £3, which he had in London, to his sister, Anne Strate.

Witnesses: George Thompson, Grocer, Tho: Wynne, Chirurgion, David Ogden, Weaver, Joshua Morris, Tynplate-worker.

No. 4. WILLIAM CLARKE, being sick of body. Dated 12 May, 1681. Proved 6 month 10th, 1683. (Christopher Taylor, Regr. Genl.)

Unto his wife Anne Clarke, his house and land, being 309 acres, lying up Neshampanesse Creek.

Also unto wife all of his household goods and his hogs and all that he has.

Witnesses: Edmond Draughton, Robert Draughton.

1This is one of the many instances of English settlers in the Province before Penn's time. He was of Bucks County, and it will be observed that he held land there as early as May, 1681, a year before the founding of Philadelphia.
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No. 5. ANNE CLARKE, of Bucks County, in Pennsylvania, Widow, being sick of body. (Signed with her mark.) Dated 10 month, 1st, 1682. Proved ——, 1682, by Richard Noble and Judith his wife. (Christopher Taylor, Regr. Genl.) (The original will is missing.)

Her wearing clothes are to be equally divided between her two children (not mentioned by name). Her friends Richard Noble and Judith his wife are to have all of her land and estate, in fee simple, in consideration of their great care and love for her in her distress, and she being indebted to them.

Witnesses: John Sanger (his mark), Alice Heiton (her mark), Grace Heiton.

No. 6. SAMUEL CLIFTE (CLIFT), of Bucks County, Pennsylvania, Husbandman, being very weak in body. (Signed with his mark.) Dated 23d, 9 month, 1682. Proved 5mo., 2nd, 1683, by Richard Noble, “one of the Guardians their expressed.” (Christopher Taylor, Regr. Genl.)

His lands and houses, goods and Chattels, both living and dead, he bequeathes unto his son Jonathan Clift; that is to say, Cattle: 2 Cows and a yoke of Oxen, and 1 bull, and a Heffer calf, and 3 Sows. His son Jonathan to be Executor. He appoints as overseers his friends, Christopher Taylor and Richard Noble, who are also constituted Trustees for his son Jonathan during his minority.

“Unto Joseph English, my son-in-law, my Cow that is called Colly, with her calf, and one Clack saw;” also to him 30 Acres of land, beginning up the Creek where he has begun to build his house, commonly called Wilne Creek, to High Road, to join with Richard Dungworth’s land.

Witnesses: Robert Heiton (his mark), Wm. Unicone, Stephen Noble, Judith Noble, Richard Dungworth.

1 She was, doubtless, the widow of William Clarke.
2 The inventory of his estate was filed in 1683. Thomas Hooton and George Langhorn act as appraisers. The valuation was £75, including a part of the real estate, viz., 32 acres of land and dwelling-house, valued at £40.
No. 7. William Taylor, husband of Margaret Taylor, lately deceased near Chester, alias Upland. Dated 6th of 1st month, called March, 1683. (Signed with his mark.) Proved at Chester, 23d of 6 month, 1683, by Peter Taylor and Mary Stevenson. (George Langhorne, Deputy Regr. for the Co. of Chester.)

"John Simcock, of Ridley Creek, and Thomas Marshall my next Neighbour, to dispose of my goods to the best advantage for the bringing up of my Children." They are authorized to sell all of his land not taken up; but the 300 acres already taken up is left to his son Joseph, conditionally, otherwise a part of the same land to his other children, to be divided amongst them.

Witnesses: Peter Taylor (his mark), Mary Stevenson (her mark), Allen Robnett.

No. 8. John Barber, late of Shipley in the County of Sussex, yeoman, being weak of body. Dated 20th of 7th month, 1682. Proved — at Philadelphia by John Songhurst "upon the account of Elizabeth Barber, Executrix, and by the testimony of George Thompson and Joseph Woodroofe." (Christopher Taylor, Regr. Genl.)

"Unto my Dear Mother one broad piece of gold, & to my Brother Edward Barber, & my sisters, Mary, Sarah and Hannah Barber, each of them one gunea a piece,—and all the rest and residue of my reall and personall estate, both of England or Pennsylvania, or on board this Vessell, the Welcome, now going for Pensilvania,—unto wife Elizabeth Barber,—daughter of John Songhurst, and her child that she [is] now good by." Wife Executor and Trustee.

Witnesses: Geo. Thompson, Joseph Woodrooffe, Thomas Gillett.

No. 9. Isaac Ingram, late of Garton, late of Surrey, yeoman, being weak of body. Dated 26th of 7th month, 1682. (Signed with his mark.) Proved — at Philadelphia by John Songhurst and Tho. Wynne, Executors, by the Testimony of Richard Ingelo and George Thompson. (Christopher Taylor, Regr. Genl.)
"On board the Welcome, Robt. Greenway, Mt., bound for Pennsylvania."

"Unto my sister Miriam Short lately deceased, her three children, Adam, Miriam & Anne Short, all that thirty pounds lying in Ambrose Riggs hand & living at Garton in the County of Surrey, to be equally divided between them."

Said children to "have all the goods on board the Welcome."

Bequests as follows:
- To James Batchelor, £5.
- To Thomas Fitzwater, £5.
- To David Ogden, £2.
- To John Songhurst, £10.
- To Thomas Wynne, £5.

"All the remaining of my money everywhere to the poore of our Friends called Quakers." John Songhurst and Thomas Wynne, Executors.

No. 10. William Wade, late of the parish of Hankton, in the county of Sussex, yeoman. Dated "20th of September, in the 31 yeare of the Reigne of Charles the Second, King of England, &c., 1682." Proved at Philadelphia 6mo., 6, 1684, by John Songhurst, and Benjamin Chambers, Executors, on the testimony of Richard Ingele and George Thompson. (Christopher Taylor, Regr. Genl.)

His goods and Chattells, Lands & Tenements to be held in trust for the payment of the legacies.

"Unto my Brother, Edmund Wade the sume of Twenty pounds whch he oweth me."

"Unto my Brother Thomas Wade, the sume of Fifty pounds whch he doth owe unto me by bill or bond—to be remitted & Discharged unto him, if I dye before I arrive at Pennsylvania."

1 Robert Wade was one of the passengers on the ship "Welcome."

2 This person is doubtless identical with Richard Ingele, mentioned in another place, but Ingele is, perhaps, the correct spelling of the name. A person so called is found as an early settler in West Jersey, say, about 1683–4.
Unto Brother Thomas Wade, also, £20, "being a part of a Bond of Fifty pounds, due to me from my said Brother to be paid at the time called Michaelmus in the year 1684."

"Unto the two sonsns of my said Brother, Edmund Wade, namely, Edmund and Thomas Wade—to each of them Two hundred and fifty pounds—when they shall attain to the age of one & Twenty years."

Unto his friends Samuel Webb, Moses French, & Maskell Picknell, £5, "for the use of poore friends & belonging to the meeting of Alfurstone in the aforesaid County of Sussex."

£5 towards the building of a meeting house in Pennsyl
vania.

Mentions his servants and apprentices, on their way to Pennsylvania, to each £5. They are to serve out their time with his executors.

Friends John Songhurst & Benjamin Chambers, to each of them the sume of Five pounds. They executors, and to see him buried. Philip Ford, of London, Merchant, to be overseer of my concerns in England. "And as for my Estate in Pennsylvania & the Improvements thereof, I will and bequeath to my next of Kinn."

Codicil providing for arbitration in case of dispute amongst his relatives.

Witnesses: George Thompson Richard Ingele, Wm. Lushington.

No. 11. Andrew Anderson. Dated September 26th, 1683. Proved 22d of 5th month, 1683, by Andrew Lane, Executor, by the testimony of Joseph Houldin and James Basiks. (Christopher Taylor, Regr. Genl.)

"I doe ordaine my body to be buried in Christian buriell, according to the discretion of my Exr.—hoping to receive the merits of Jesus Christ to have free forgiveness of all my sins."

"I doe ordaine make Andrew Lane my free & sole Exr. upon Condition that he will pay all my debts."

"There is due of my sea wages sixe pound—recd. 2s. of
his wife, more 9d.—recd. one pair of brogs, & one hatt, four shillings, one bottle of rum, a pair of compasses, one shilling, & the cure of my legg at St. Georges—In witness whereof I sett my hand."

Witnesses: Ja: Bisiks (his mark), Jos. Houldin.

No. 12. ISAAC BLINSTONE, of the Parish of Eling, in the County of South[amp]ton, Malster. Dated 15th May, 1684. Proved 7th month, 25th, 1684, by “Mary Blinstone the mother and Mary Blinstone, the Daughter, the executrixes.”

(Christopher Taylor, Regr. Genl.)

His entire estate to his wife Mary and daughter Mary, who with his friends Mathew Paine and John Swift are left Executors.

Bequests to his daughter-in-law, Frances Hickes, and his Cousins, Ann, Robert and Elizabeth Coleman.

Witnesses: Katherine Carter, Thomas Gandy, John White.

No. 13. ENOCH FLOWER. Dated 21st of 6 month, 1684. Proved 7th month, 25th, [1684?]. (Christopher Taylor, Regr. Genl.)

He gives unto John Flower, son of his brother Seth Flower, £5. Unto “my mother Susanna Flower,” £10. “My brother Seth Flower and my kinsman his son Henry Flower” to be his executors. Wits: Mary Vnet (her mark).

Codicil 2nd of 7th month, in which it is mentioned that he did speak to Samuel Hersent and Samuel Buckly, to the effect that he did give unto one Margery Dobby, if she came from England to Pennsylvania, a bequest in money.

Witnesses: S. Hersent, Samll Bulkley.


“Unto Susanah my dear wife all my lands goods &
chattells both in Old England & in Pennsylvania, during her natural life, and after her decease all my lands goods & chattells in Old England in Pennsylvania shall be equally divided into three parts—and my two daughters shall have one part equally divided between them, and my two sons shall have the other.” If either daughter die without issue, the survivor to inherit. Wife Executor. “My dear brother Edward and my well-beloved friends, William Chanton, Thomas Ushar,” to act with friend John Hall, of London in Old England, as overseers and advisers.

Witnesses: Richard Farr, Edward Kinnison, James Widers.


“My household goods to my foure daughters, Rebeka, Mary, Dorothy and Sarah Baker,” to be divided equally amongst them. Dennis Rochford and “Joseph Baker my brother, and Evan Oliver to act as Executors, “and to place out my children.”

Witnesses: Joseph Brow (his mark), William Roules (his mark), Dennes Rochford.


“My wife Jane Luffe my whole Executrix—to dispose of my houses land and chattells for the purpose of paying my debts.”

The balance of his estate, after payment of said debts, he leaves to his wife for her maintenance and of their child, John Luffe, then under age. In case of death of child s. p. the right heirs of the testator and his wife. “My dear Father, Edward Luffe ” and William Clayton to be Overseers.

Witnesses: Thomas Bradford (his mark), John Goodsonn.

"To my three servants: Barnard Little John, Mary Chapman & Christian Chapman, all my worldly estate—as follows:

"To Barnard Little John all my wearing clothes & working tools, and alsoe the Indenture and time of service of William Beale, alsoe all stones, etc., in my possession." Said Barnard Little John to give to said "William Beale, at the expiration of his time, 20s. in money of Pennsylvania, with a hammer, Trowell & Pick." "To Christian Chapman my best bed & Boulster, two Pillowes and a Rugg, a piece of new Cloathe for Blanketting, and Five pounds this country money." Rest of estate to be divided equally between them (i.e., the three servants already named).

Witnesses: John Goodsonn, John Claypole.


"I will and bequeath my chest of clothes which I have here on Board, together with what Silver, gold, Bills, Bonds, Assignments, etc., I may have—to my Loving Kindswoman, Mrs. Mary Cantwell."

Witnesses: Hellen Mayow, Michaell Booth.


"Unto George Eaton, 50 acres, which I purchased of John Mason of the Creek above said—adjoining to that on which he liveth—he to be sole Executor.

He shall cause to be paid to John Randall of Pascataway,
in the Province of East Jersey, £5, on the 29th of September, 1686.
To John Eaton, "brother of George of the Creek," 50 acres—adjoining land given to his brother.
"Unto John Watts of the Creek," the remaining part of the land, being 50 acres adjoining land belonging to Mary Mason, widow.
Witness: Allen Foster.

No. 20. Major Jasper Farmer, being weak in health, Dated 7br. yr 25.'85, Proved 2nd of 11th month "being the first yeare of the King's Reign & 5th of the Proprietarys Government Anoqe. Dom. 1685." (Christopher Taylor, Regr. Genl.)
"My dear wife, Mrs. Mary Farmer one third of all my estate and stock in Pennsylvania in America, and the other two thirds of all my estate and stock to my sonn Edward Farmer."
Daughter Sarah Farmer, £400 sterling.
Son John Farmer, £300.
Daughter Katharine Farmer, £300.
Son Robert Farmer, £300.
Son Charles Farmer, £300.
"My sister Alice Snile," £10 sterling.
"Sons Richard Farmer & Samuel Farmer, and daughter Webber, in Ireland, 10 shillings a piece to buy them mourning rings & to my son Jasper Farmer and daughter Neb 10 shilling a piece to buy them mourning rings."
Son Edward Farmer and my wife Mary Executors——
All legacies to be paid out his estate in Ireland & in Pennsylvania.
Thomas Holme of Philadelphia and Mr. Turner, late of Dublin but now of Philadelphia in Pennsylvania, Linen Draper, to be Overseers.

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in Presence of Edward Luffe, Anne Lee the younger, Margaret Fisher. Proved 7th month 1st, 1685, by Edward Luffe and John Goodson. Administration granted to Anne Lee the elder, and Anne Lee, the younger. (Christopher Taylor, Regr. Genl.)

All of his estate to be equally divided between his wife Anne Lee and his daughter Anne Lee.

No. 22. John Luffe. [Duplicate of No. 16.]

No. 23. Thomas Calvert, of Chester County, Penna., Husbandman. Nuncupative Will. Spoken 15th of 1st month, 1685, in the presence of Joshua Hastings Randal Vernon (his mark), Peter Taylor (his mark), George Read; and taken down by the two last persons. Proved 17th of 12th month, 1685, and administration granted to Margaret Calvert, a daughter of Thomas. (Christopher Taylor, Regr. Genl.)

To his daughter Margaret Calvert he leaves 200 acres of land with the Improvements—she is, however, to pay £8 to her sister Elizabeth when the property is sold.

To her, also, a standing bed and the furniture belonging to the said bed; also a brass Still Pott with the furniture belonging to the same. Also one iron Pott.

To Elizabeth, a chest. To wife and daughter Margaret the rest of his goods, and to Margaret one mare and one cow.

No. 24. William Jones, of Merionethshire, Wales, deceased, Nuncupative Will, proved 1st of 1st month, 1685, by Hugh Roberts, of the Towne of Mairion (Merion) in the County of Philadelphia, and John Roberts, of the same place, trustees for John Williams, Alice, Katherine and Gwen Williams, Children and Orphans of the said William Jones. (Christopher Taylor, Regr. Genl.) [Original missing.]

Mentions Ann Reynolds, "since deceased," wife of the said William Jones. The estate to be equally divided amongst the said children.
The inventory filed as a part of the will is dated 25th of 9th month, 1685. The personal estate at that time remaining undivided was £175, 2s. 6d.,¹ witnessed by Wm. Howell and Edward Jones.

No. 25. John Johnson, of Markers Creek in the County of Chester, being now sick. Dated 16th March, 1684-5. Proved by Elenor Johnson, 17th of 2nd month 1686. (Christopher Taylor, Regr. Genl., by Joseph Vaughan, his deputy.)

"To my wife Elener Johnson a third of all my estate in this world and the remainder equally to be divided among my children and they to be executors."

"My body to be buried in Chester alias Upland."

Witnesses: Moton Knuson (his mark), Hen. Reynolds, Sydrack Whitworth.


The will of John Ap Edward, proved this year but recorded later.

No. 27. John Hennet (Nuncupative Will), who is lately arrived in Pennsylvania in the ship called the Amity, Richard Diamond, Commander, from Alchesterford in Hampshire, in old England, and departed this life the last of July, 1686, at the house of Zechariah Whitepaine, merchant, situate in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Proved 5th of 6th month, 1686, by William Freeman and John Densey. (William Frampton, Deputy Regr.)

"He was heard to say these words, by us, whose names are hereunto subscribed: After his debts being paid, that he gave the remainder of his estate to Edward James, his servant, and also his time of servitude."

Witnessed 3d August, 1686, by Robert Percye, William Freeman, John Densey.

No. 28. Will of Francis Hickman. [Duplicate Record.]

¹He also owned 156½ acres of land, a part of which was laid out in Merion, upon which he appears to have erected a dwelling of stone, at some expense.

He devises his entire estate unto Jacob Pellison, of Philadelphia, whom he also appoints as sole Executor.


No. 30. William Frampton, of Philadelphia, merchant, being sick and weak of body. Nuncupative Will spoken before Samuel Spicer, Samuel Bulkley, at Philadelphia, 9th of 7th month, 1686. Proved 8th of 9th month, 1686, by the said witnesses, Robert Turner having a knowledge of the matter. (Release of interest by Elizabeth Frampton, acknowledged before Robert Turner same date.) (William Frampton, Robert Turner and William Southby, Regrs.)

Estate to be divided into three parts, one-third to wife Elizabeth Frampton, and the other parts to be equally divided between his children. Wife Elizabeth Frampton sole executrix, "and my friends Samuel Jenings, of West Jersey; Samuel Carpenter, of Philadelphia, and my Brother in-Law, Phillip Richards, of New York, my trustees & overseers of this my will." With the copy of this nuncupative will there is on file "the last will and testament" of William Frampton, made the same date and properly executed. It contains the same bequests, but Samuel Jenings is called "of Burlington." It is witnessed by Samuell Spicer, Wm. Richardson, James Thomas, Pat. Robinson in addition to Samuel Bulkley. The bond of executor is dated 8th of 9th mo., 1686, and signed by Elizabeth Frampton, Phillip Richards and Charles Pickering, witnessed by Israel Taylor, Joseph Vaughan. There are three seals to signature: 1. a griffin's head; 2. a heart pierced by an arrow; 3. a lion passant.
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No. 31. This is the Probate of will of William Frampton, deceased.¹ (James Claypoole, Regr. Genl.)


To be buried near her children in the Town of Philadelphia.

Debt owing from her son, Edward Badsforth, to be remitted, and to him the plantation lately bought of Mr. Robert Jest, at Frankford; also household stuff and silver spoons. Her son, Edward Farmer, is to pay the servant maiden, Elizabeth Mayo, the sum of £5 per year during his life.

Unto daughter Sarah Farmer, 4 dozen of napkins, 1 dozen damask napkins, 6 table cloths, a silver sugar box, 4 spoons and rings; also £20 in gold. Mentions daughter-in-law, Katherine Farmer, and “daughter Farmer.” Codicil as above leaves two brick houses in Philadelphia and another next to the lot of Dr. Wines² to son Edward Farmer;

¹ Inventory of estate taken 26th & 27th of 8th month, 1686, by Humphrey Morrey, William Salway and Patrick Robinson. The records (will-book A) contain, here, this entry: “Here ends the Registry whilst it was under the care of Robert Turner, William Frampton, and William Southerby.” (Signed: William Markham.)

Under this appears in a different hand:

“James Claypoole appointed Register General of this Province and territories, New Castle only excepted,” 19th of 9th month, 1686. (Signed: Tho. Lloyd, Presd.)

“To Grant letters of Administration and probate of Wills and to Register all marriages, burth and buryalls, and to grant Certificates of Mariges and to Register persons coming into the Province.”

By a further record we find that Sussex was assigned unto Norton Claypool, “Clarke” of the said County, 1st of 10th month, 1686, Bucks unto Phi. Pemberton, Clerk of the said County, 23th of 10th month, 1688, and Chester unto Jacob Simcock.

² Dr. Thomas Wynne.
also plantation at Farmertown, and mill bought of Thomas Webber.

Executor: Edward Farmer, under wardship of Nicholas More.

Witnesses: John Farmer, Jacob Chapman, John Vans.

Seal of arms: a fess between 3 lions' heads.¹

No. 33. Francis Hickman² being sick and weak in body. Dated 27th November, 1685. (Signed with his mark.) Proved 12th of 8th month, 1687. (Da: Lloyd, Deputy Regr.)³

"Unto my two sons, Joseph and Benjamin Hickman, my hundred acres of Land in the County of Philadelphia, wch was purchased of Robert Addams—wch Lands I will should be delivered to either of them at the times of their respective Days of their marriage, or as they shall attain to the age of eighteen years"—In case of death s. p. of one of them, the other to inherit his half part, or 50 acres. In case of death of both, reversion of the land to testator's two daughters, Mary and Hannah Hickman.

"If my wife, Elizabeth Hickman, shall be disposed wth my said children to plant upon the said land, then my will and pleasure is that she shall have and enjoy the sd Lands till my son Joseph shall either marry or come to ye age of eighteen years."—

To said daughters £10 when they shall attain the age of eighteen years. Balance of estate to wife, Elizabeth Hickman. If she marry or be disposed to return to England, to have £20.

¹ The family evidently owned a large store. There is on file with the Inventory a list of "Servants to Jasper Farmer, Jr.," viz.: John Welsh, John Billon, Samuel Carigon, Daniel Benning, William Forest, Ihmanel Grube, Edward Smouth and his wife Elizabeth, Jacob Priege, Edward Smouth's child (no contract), George Booth, "all of which came per Ship Increase of Youngball, Richard Chorhow, Me." The terms of the servants are stated.

² This will is also numbered 28. The original is on file and not missing as supposed.

³ Thomas Ellis was appointed Register General before this date, as record of his commission to David Lloyd to be Deputy occurs here.
I do appoint and request John Barnes, commonly distinguished by Bristoll Barnes, there being more of the same name, and Thomas Ducket, to be my overseers."

Mentions £15 which his wife has in England of her own money. Speaks of £25 he hath in England.


No. 34. James Claypoole, of Philadelphia, in the Province of Pennsylvania, merchant, being in good health. Dated 5th of 12th month, 1686. Proved 12th of 8th month, 1687. (Da: Lloyd, Deputy Regr.)

To be buried amongst his dear Friends, the Quakers.

"Unto John, my Eldest sonn five shillings, and to Mary, his wife, all the household goods Lent to them."

Also £5 "to their eldest child living at my decease." Also to said son John, the balance due from him as per "his account in my great Leager."

"Unto my Dear wife household goods for the Common and necessary furniture of one Roome"—Also "unto my Dear wife During her lyfe, and afterwards to my Children, unmarried, my Lott of Land

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upon the Front of Delaware wth all the houses and Improvement."

"Unto my wife In silver, my Largest and Least Tankard, my Last and biggest porengers and six spoons. To my eldest daughter my Lott of Land In the high street, fenced in with pales, and a Little house upon it. Also my old silver Tankard which was my mother's, and two silver spoons—"

"Unto my second daughter, Helena, my silver wach with a Duoble Case, a silver Cupp with two eares and two silver spoons, and the nearest thousand acres of land in the County of Bucks—"

"Unto Priscilla, my youngest daughter, in silver, my Beaker, two spoons and a porrenger, and also one thousand acres of land in the County of Bucks."

Household goods to be divided between his three daughters.

"To my son James all my Vessells upon River, Pinnace Boats and Canous &c.—and likewise all my History Books and mathematical books of surveigh and navigation, and one silver spoon and tester."

"To my son Nathaniel, five hundred acres of Land in the new Duch Township—— and all my Bookes about Till-oge and Husbandry."

"To my son George—one thousand acres of Land in this County of Philadelphia—my writing Cabinett and all written books."—His best Bible to his wife. Other land.

"To Joseph, my youngest son, my plantation bordering on Lewis Creeke in Sussex County (which I bought of my brother, Norton Claypoole.)" "My Dear Friends, William Penn, our Governor, and Thomas Lloyd, Keeper of the Broad Seal, to be overseers of this my Last will." Wife Executrix.

"I give to the Poore of this Town Tenn Bushells of Indian Corne to be disposed of by the Overseers of the poore."

Wits.: Da: Lloyd, Alexander Boardsley, Edward Lord.
No. 35. **Joseph Moss**, now of the Willspring in the County of Philadelphia, In Pennsylvania, being—not well in bodily health.

Dated 23d of 7th month, 1687.

Proved 9th of 9th month, 1687. *(Da. Lloyd, Deputy Regr.)*

Wife Ellinor Moss to have all of his estate "in Europe or America," and she to be Executrix.

Witnesses: Michael Holme, Thomas Holme.

No. 36. **Mr. Henry Jones.** Dated 8th October, 1683.

Proved 17th of 9th mo, 1687. *(Da. Lloyd, Dept'y Regr.)*

Wife Gundelo Jones to be Executrix, and she to have balance of Estate—"unto son Phillip Jones living in Wales one shilling."

Witnesses: Peter Rambo (his mark), Ebenezer Taylor.

No. 37. **Phillip Ch. Lehmann** (signed with his mark), being sick and weak in body. Dated 26 of 10th month 1687.

Proved Last Day of December 1687. *(Da. Lloyd, Deputy Regr.)*

Unto Silas Crispin interest in 250 acres of land "untaken up," and balance of his account. Unto Ellinor Moss 250 acres. Unto Captain Thomas Holmes all Liberty land, with plantation called Green Spring in the County of Sussex.

Unto Susannah James, wife of John James, 300 acres of land.

Unto William Penn plantation at Broad Creek in Sussex County.

Unto Charles Pickering all land in the County of Kent, also to him "my great horse called Brandy and my Cham-blitt Cloake."

He mentions the "Green Rugg," three green curtains and "Curtain Rodds" which he lent to James Bradshaw.

Unto Samuel Bulkley £5—also certain wearing apparel, and "a Good Long fowling piece"—also a debt due from the estate of John Fenwick, Late of West New Jersey. Unto James Nevell of West New Jersey—part of a debt due.

"To my cozen Ch. Holbans," £20.
Unto John Southworth £5—a debt owing by John Barker.

Unto John Hill the mare and colt which John Barber owes. Also to him Two and a half years service of his maid Elizabeth Tucker—the balance of her time to Elizabeth, wife of said John.

Unto William Dyre, "my servant Ann Heckles for two years," he to pay her £2 10s—per year "and one sute of Cloths at the end of said term."

To said maids their time beyond those mentioned. Executor Charles Pickering.


No. 38. Christopher Taylor of Philadelphia in Pennsilvania, being in perfect health. Dated 28th of 10th month 1685. Proved 1st of 1st month, 1688. Letters of administration being granted to Thomas Hooton, the above Ralph Fretwell being dead. (Da. Lloyd, Deputy Regr.)

Unto "sonne Israle Taylor" £30.

£10 "to my honest and faithful servant Margaret Thompson who is now my housekeeper."

Balance of estate unto his children Joseph Taylor and Mary Taylor equally "excepting the house which was Arthur Cook's by him made over to my sonne Joseph Taylor, which he is to have."

William Penn, proprietary and governor of Pennsilvania and Ralph Frettwell of Barbados Executors.


The above witnesses "Did hear ye said William Higgens
bid his father Joseph Browne (as he was used to call him) send for some body to write and make his will for he was a Dead man, and if his will could not be made in time, Jarvise Bywater and Joseph Brown should have all his estate."

No. 40. Edward Turner being sick of body. Dated 30th day of the 7th mo. 1687 (signed with his mark). Proved 10th day of 3d mo. 1688. (Da: Loyd, Deft. Regr.)

Wife Katharine Turner, executrix, "unto her and her heirs forever all my lands, house goods and chattels," all his debts due to him to her as overseer. Friends William Forist and Richard Hilliard, as assistants to his wife.


No. 41. John Thomas, of Llaethgwm in the Comt of Penllun within the county of Merioneyth, gent., being weak in body. Dated 9th February, 1682. Proved 10th of 3d month, 1688. (Da: Loyd, Deputy Regr.)

He mentions 1250 acres of land to be laid out in the Province of Pennsylvania, being a part of the joint purchase of himself and Edward Jones, of Bala, by deed (patent) of 1681, for themselves and in trust for others. Which said 1250 acres of land he disposes of as follows:

- Unto son Thomas Jones, 312½ acres.
- Unto son Robert John, 312½ acres.
- Unto son Evan John, 312½ acres.
- Unto son Cadwalader John, 312½ acres.

All of the above sons to inherit at the age of 21 years, and wife Katherine's dower in said tract to be reserved during their minority, the land to be held in trust and improved for their benefit and the benefit of their sisters Katherine, Mary and Sudney (Sidney). In default of issue of any of the said children, the said land to go to Elizabeth, wife of Rees Evan, of the Township of Penmaen in the County of Merioneyth, and her heirs—and in default of such heirs then to "my nephew
John, the younger son of my brother Cadwalader Thomas.
Then to "neices Jane and Katherine, daughters of my brother Cadwalader Thomas," then to nephew Thomas Cadwalader.
To each of his children, except Elizabeth, £20 each. He mentions that he is a member of the society of Free Traders, belonging to Pennsylvania, and owns stock therein to the extent of £50, to wit: £25 laid out of his own, and £25 as trustee of divers others." His own interest is to be divided between his wife and three daughters.

He appoints as overseers: "John ap John, of the pish. (parish) of Rhueabon in the County of Denbigh, Thomas Ellis, of Cyfanedd in the County of Merioneyth, Thomas Wynne, late of Bronvadog neer Caerwys in the County of Flynt, Robert David, of Gwernevel in the foresd. County of Merioneyth, Hugh Roberts of Kiltalgarth in the sd. County, Edward Jones, late of Bala Chirurgion, Robert Vaughan of Gwernevel, aforesd. in the sd. County, Edward Moris, of Havod-gynfaner in the foresaid County of Denbigh, Robert Owen, late of frongoch, and my son in Law Rees Evans, of fron-ween, both neer Bala." Wife Katherine Executrix.

Witnesses: Robert Vaughan, Rowland Owen, Thomas Vaughan.

No. 42. Henry Parker, of Philadelphia, a porter, being sick and weak in body. Dated 15th of 6th month, 1688. Proved 18th of 7th month, 1688, by——(Da: Lloyd, Deputy Regr.)

One-half of his cash to be paid unto John Hart, "living near Walter Foust's mill," for use of my sonn Thomas Parker to bind him to a Trade withn two years."

The other half to be paid into the hands of Thomas Budd, of Philadelphia, and —— March, for use of said son at the age of 24 years. Thomas Budd to allow interest at £6 per hundred.

A sum of money is left to be divided between said Thomas Budd and John Hart. "Unto Israel Pearson, blacksmith, all my tools." Thomas Budd and John Hart, Executors.
Wills proved at Philadelphia, 1682-1692.

Witnesses: John Townsend, Isaac Pearson, Charles Pickering.1

No. 43. HENRY JONES, of County of Philadelphia, in Province of Pennsillvania in America. Dated 19th of 6th month, 1688. Proved 16th of 8th month, 1688, and probate granted to Jon. Jennings, Captain Humphrey Watermann the younger, and John Jones. (Da: Lloyd, Deputy Regr.)

"Body to the earth to be buried in decent manner beside my first wife in my own ground in Moyemensing."

Wife Rachell Jones, the goods that she brought with her into his house when he married her, and also a young negro woman and another negro girl.

Mentions his sons Joseph, John, Samuel, Henry, Daniell and Richard Jones, and his daughters Elizabeth Katherine, also a daughter married to William Long, and Mercy Jones.

Daughter Sarah and Philip Alford her husband. Mentions £30 owing from William Penn for a negro man Penn purchased from him, also 200 acres of land which Penn gave him as an encouragement to come into the Province. Mentions his large estate in Barbados. He appoints John Swinsted, elder John Jennings, Lieutenant Coll Humphrey Waterman, the elder, John Weales Senior and Junior, and Major Robert Harrison, all of Barbados, as Executors.

Witnesses: John Moore, John Densey, Robert Logan, Henry Flower, Patrick Robinson.

No. 44. JOHN HARDING, of the Township of Chichester in the County of Chester, in the Province of Penna.—being weak in body. Dated 1 mo, 23d, 1687–8. Proved 9 mo, 3d, 1688. (Da: Lloyd, Deputy Regr.)

1 This was the celebrated Charles Pickering convicted of counterfeiting, but released on a slight punishment, it being shown that several inhabitants of the town had made it their business. Many have excused his offense upon the ground that he gave the people better money than that, then, in circulation, but such a defence would scarcely be considered at the present day, and was not then. His political influence, probably, saved him. An accomplice was sentenced to the stocks, only, because "he was so ingenious."
Wills proved at Philadelphia, 1682-1692.

“To my loving Kinswoman Amy James my silver cup and silver spoon after the decease of my wife Amy Harding.” Wife Amy sole Executrix and residuary legatee.

Witnesses: Thomas Usher, Hester Chadsey (her mark).


Witness: William Hudson. (Da: Lloyd, Deputy Regr.)

No. 46. JOHN SALTER, son of Henry and Anna Salter, he being deceased 7th of 9th month, 1688, (Nuncupative Will) “taken from the mouth of Richard Whitfield, William Waite, Mary Kitchin (her mark) and Ann Kitchin (her mark), within two hours after his death the same day.” Proved 9th mo, 17th, 1688. (Da: Lloyd, Deputy Regr.)

To James Sadler £10—also 200 acres of land in Salem.
To William Wait £10—and the rest of his estate within this Province or elsewhere to Anna Salter his mother.

And if any of his father's friends should come into this Province and be in distress they shall be considered out of the estate.

No. 47. ANNA SALTER, of Taconia in the County of Philada., in the Province of Penna. (Signed with her mark.) Dated 7th of 9th month, 1688. Proved 17th of 9th mo, 1688. (Da: Lloyd, Deputy Regr.)


“I doe remitt to Christian Thomas and Richard Dungworth what they owd.”
To John Walker, Joyner, 40s. "John Salter, my son, deceased."

Balance of Estate in Trust for the relief of Quakers, Oxford Meeting to have the preference.


Mentions debts owing her in England, Jamaica, in Carolina, in hands of William Jacobs, Timothy Waymouth, Thomas Jacos and Daniell Toars, of Maryland—Land at Salem.

Witnesses:—Daniel Wills, William Waite, Jo: Hart.

No. 48. Edward Luff,1 "Cordwainer, Living in Vine Street and then and there Lying on a sick bed." Nuncupative Will spoken to John Moore and Da: Lloyd, 1st of 6th month, 1688. Proved 1st of 7th month, 1688. (Da: Lloyd, Deputy Regtr.)

To wife Elizabeth Luff all household goods and the house and Lott, she to pay amount of the mortgage upon it held by John Moore. The testator says that he owes no money or debt in Old England.

"I give to my Sonn and Daughter in Law both of them one Shilling; and my grandson one Shilling, neither do I owe much in this Countrie."

Wife Elizabeth, Executrix.


"To my Kinsman Router, of Burlington, Twenty pounds at Least."

"To James Marshall my Dunn Mare."

1 This is an example of the great poverty of some of the first English settlers of Philadelphia. This man's goods and estate amounted to but a few pounds, yet he was better off than many dozens of his neighbors.
Wills proved at Philadelphia, 1682-1692.

"To James Claypoole my black horse."

"Unto Robert Eyres and Ann his wife, four pounds or five if it will be spared."

"To Samuel Bulkley five pounds."

"I desire that Doctor Hutson may be sufficiently satisfied for his care and paines taken about me."

"I desire that John Saxby may be Considered for his trouble in Tending of me In my Sickness."

To Hannah Derowe £20.

Executors, Charles Pickering, Patrick Robinson.1

No. 50. Peter Ellett, of Carcushooke2, in the County of Philadelphia, Taylor, Dated 9 September, 1687(8) (Signed with his mark). Proved 4th of 10th month, 1688. (Da: Lloyd, Deputy Reg.)

"I give and bequeath all my Lands and houses now in my possession to my three Sonnes to be equally divided amongst them" as they shall come to age.

"All my household good and Generall I give and bequeath unto my wife Lucie Elliott."

"Unto my wife Lucie the Yoake of working Oxen now upon this Plantation aged seven years."

"Unto my daughter Anne one Yoake of Stears aged two years and two cows one aged two years and another aged four yeare and two breeding Sows."

"Unto my daughter Joan two Steares Aged three years and two cows one Aged Eight years and another aged foure years And two breeding sows."

Balance of Estate to be equally divided between wife Lucie and son John, John to have a young horse and mare.

"To my Daughter Joan two Ews and two Lambs to be Delivered to her at or upon the 9th of September in the year 1689.

Wife, and son John, Executors.


No. 51. John Shillson, of Plymouth Township in the

1 Afterwards Register-General of the Province.
2 This may have been the earliest form of the name “Conshohocken.”
County of Philadelphia, "being sick in Body." Dated 22nd of 9th month, 1688. Proved 6th of 11th month, 1688. (Da: Lloyd, Deputy Regtr.)

"Unto Joan Wall1 & her husband three pounds."
"Unto Martha Moore, widd. the like sum."
"Unto Elizabeth Luff1 one pound."
"Unto my son-in-law James Shaddak all the rest and residue of my Estate—both in this Province & in Old England."

James Shaddak sole Executor.
Witnesses:—Saml. Richardson, Da: Lloyd.

No. 51b. JOHN TIBBY, Nuncupative Will, spoken in the presence of John Shillson, Archiball Michell, a little before his departure [undated]. Proved 10th of 9th month, 1688. (Da: Lloyd, Depty. Regr.) [Probate granted to Elizabeth Tibby.]

One half of what he had to go to his wife and the other half to his children.
If his wife shall marry again she is to have only one ½ and balance to return to said children.

No. 52. EDWARD COLLYER—"being sick of body." Dated 20th of 6th month, 1688. Proved 22nd of 7th month, 1688, and probate granted unto Christopher Sibthorp. (Da: Lloyd, Deputy Regr.)

"Unto wife Sarah six pounds."
"Unto Kinsman Andrew More and his brother John More of the County of Chester, Twelve pounds."
"Unto John and Elis. Nicholls twelve pence a-piece."

1 This name should, doubtless, be written Wain.
2 The name of Moore seems to have been exceedingly common in Philadelphia at that day. Numerous persons bearing the surname, not, apparently, related, are constantly met with in the old records.
3 Wife of Edward Luff, the Shoemaker or "Cordwainer."
4 Samuel Richardson was Provincial Councillor of Pennsylvania, and the first Alderman of Philadelphia.
5 This person is not to be confused with John Moore, who held land in Chester County, father of William Moore, of Moore Hall.
"Unto Christopher Sibthorp, of Philadelphia, five pounds."

"Unto John Goodson and Humphrie Murrie fifty shillings p. peice."

"Unto the poor of the people called Quakers in Philadelphia the sum of fifty pounds."

The residue of his estate to his sister Rebecca Halbert, of London, England.

Executors, Christopher Sibthorp, Brayser.

Overseers, John Goodson and Humphrey Morrie.

Witnesses: — William Hard, Young Morgan, Richard Hellyard.1


Debts to be paid. To his wife Sarah Jennings "all my gold, plate (excepting one three pynt tankart after mentioned; as also, all my household stuff here or in Barbados, and to her heirs and assigns for ever."—To her, for life, "the two stone houses in Spixes town in Barbados adjoyning to John Lewgars houses, and all the profits thereof, during her Said Life," as also . . . . the use of any four of "my

1 No. 53. Here is entered the record of death of Thomas Ellis, Register-General of the Province of Pennsylvania, and the appointment of Patrick Robinson, in his place, to the same office.

Patrick Robinson's hand-writing is the most difficult of any of the records to decipher. He continued in office quite a long time.
negroes here [Pa.] or in Barbados," for the said time.
—To her, her heirs &c. &c. for ever, Three Hundred pounds, money of Barbados, "when that sum becomes due from Wm. Holder planter there." Also, his excors. are to pay to her at her departure from Pa. to sd island, the "Sum of Fifty pounds in Countrie produce for her accommodation."
The said legacies to be in lieu of all claim, by her, upon testator's estate here or elsewhere.

To "Nathaniell Jones my brother and to his heirs &c. for ever, the plantation I bought of him in justick gullie (?) in Barbados." To said Nat. Jones's son Nathaniel, One Hundred pounds, Barbados money, "if hee shall attain to the age of Twenty-one years Complemt."—To testator's "Sister Susanna Fulliero, her heirs &c., one Silver three pynt tank-art."—To "Saml Jones son of Henrie Jones deceased" a legacy of Fifty Pounds (Barbados money), if he come to 21 years, as above; also the same to Samuel's brother Daniell Jones, together with maintenance in addition, until he reach sd. age.—"Eightlie I do give &c. to the Stock of poor friends (Scornfullie Called Quakers) in Barbados ten pounds monie of Barbados" to be paid within a year after his death.—Similar bequest, in Pa. money, to the Stock of sd. poor people in Phila. County, Pa., and also, "the Sum of Twenty pounds towards the decent and Commodious finishing of the Center brick meeting house there"—"Tenthlie I do will that my exer. afternamed [John Jones] in a Convenient time and Season open the graves of mine and his mother and of his three children as also the grave where I shall happen to be Laid and that hee build in the Said place a Brick vault of eight and ten feet with a door and pair of Stairs to it, and that therein hee decentlie place the Said Coffins and Corpses att my charge."—"To John Jones my brother and to his heirs &c. forever all my Coyned monie, negroes, houses, Lands, plantations, implements, medicines, debts and all other my reall and personal estate and wearing apparrell here in Barbados, England or elsewhere in all the world, and the reversions thereof whom I do will &c. to be the Sole and onlie exer. of this my Last will &c., hee paying the Legacies abovewritten, . . . . revoking all other wills."
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Codicil, made Janry. 8, 1688.—To the above named John Jones, all of the increase of the four negroes bequeathed to testator's wife for her life.—Witnesses to Codicil: John Farmer, James Cooper and Pat. Robinson.—Proved with will.

No. 55. Probate of Will No. 54.


All his estate to his Wife Margaret, after her death to his twelve children (six daus. & six sons; but three named, viz., Gabriel, Lawrence and Erick) in share and share alike, except that his son Gabriel shall have the "Skuillkill" Island in said river, and Thirty Pounds in addition, out of the undivided stock, in consideration of said Gabriel's care of him, the testator, and his wife. The island on which testator lives (location not mentioned) to be retained, if possible, in his family forever.

Signature, by mark—"R."—

Witnesses:—Lasse Cock; Ereck Cook; Mounce (his mark) Cock (his mark); Zochn Cock; Pitir Cock; Gabriell Cocks; Gunner Rambo (his mark); R. Longshore.


Debts to be paid.—To his "dear and Loving wife Margaret

1 Inventory taken by Mounce Cocke (mark), Gabriell Cock, Swan Swansons (mark), R. Longshore. Estate, £548-17-7.
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Kent and to her heirs &c. forever all and Singular my Lands, Lotts, houses, Leases, &c. &c. and all other my estate &c. &c. in this province or elsewhere in all the world,” with full power to dispose of, and to be his sole Executrix, “requesting John Fuller and Walter Fossat of Chester Countie to be advising and assisting” “to said wife in all her affairs of moment.”—Revolves all other wills.

Witnesses: — John Fuller, John McComb, Pat. Robinson.


To Sister Dorrothy Taylor Five Pounds in money, to each of her children (not named) Twenty Shillings.—To Sister Elizabeth Hooton the same; to her son, Thomas Hooton, Twenty Shillings.—To Abigail Perkins Twenty Shillings in money.—All the rest of the testator’s estate, real and personal, to his “beloved wife Rebekca Stanley” and her heirs, she to be his sole executrix.

Witnesses:—Stephen Bodkin, James Budd, John Morrey, John Budd, Junr.

No. 59. Richard Few, of Phila. County.—Dated 12th, 6 mo., 1686.—Proved at Philadelphia, 26 March, 1689 (Patrick Robinson, Regt. Gent.), on the evidence of Caleb Pussey and Thomas Brassey, the will, altho’ written out, having neither signature nor witness, the said Few having died, in about a year and a half after making it, without affording such proof.—On the day of probate, letters of Adm. were granted unto the testator’s widow Julian Few, and his son Isaac Few, in Five Hundred Pounds security.

The testator leaves to his son Isaac Few all purchased land, amounting to Two Hundred and Twenty Acres, also Philadelphia City lot, with all “housing” thereon &c. for ever.—Life interest, amounting to about half value of estate
to testator's wife Julian, who is to live with said Isaac if agreeable to both; if not, Isaac to build her a separate house, at his cost.—After wife's death, testator's children and grandchildren to have an interest in the estate. If widow marry, she must move off sd. place—with a gift, from Isaac, of Ten Pounds—Isaac then taking the whole estate to himself excepting certain small legacies which he must, under some circumstances, pay.—Testator's sons Walter and Daniel Few, and daughter Joan Few (evidently the three were not in Penna. at the time) given a legacy provisionally.—Testator's granddaughter Susanna Few provided for. One pound, to "friends" of Chester Monthly Meeting, for the use of "poor friends."—His wife and son Isaac executors.—His friends Thomas Brassey and Caleb Pussey to be his trustees to see his will executed.


Debts to be paid first.—His estate, consisting of several hundred acres of land in West New-Jersey, with houses & lots in the town of "Burlington," together with the like in the town of Philadelphia, Pa. (one house therein near Anthony Morris's line), money, and clothes (embracing "two hair Camlette Coats"), is portioned out among his wife Elizabeth, his nephew Thomas the son of Wm. Hooton; testator's Brother German; testator's son Thomas, called the "younger," and his wife Successive (sic?); testator's grandchild Thomas Hooton, "the youngest;"—all under certain conditions.—Testator's son Thomas Hooton to conclude agreement with Samuel Carpenter in regard to privilege in latter's wharf and sd. son to have full use of testator's pump, and to be his residuary legatee.

Witnesses:—John Otter, John Greenrod (or "wod"?), Pat. Robinson.
No. 61. ROBERT MARSH, of South Hampton, Bucks Co., Pa. Dated July 25, 1688. (Signed with his mark.) Proved at Philadelphia 17, 3 mo., May, 1689, by Hugh Marsh (Patrick Robinson, Regr. Genl.), and Letts. of Adm. granted to the same and testator's widow Sarah, on the day named, in the sum of Three Hundred Pounds security; said Will also being admitted to probate in Bucks County (on "the 18 of the 1st month in the fifth year of the King's reign and the nynth of the Proprietors Government, before Joseph Growdon and Nicholas Walne two of the Justices of the Peace" for the county last named) upon the evidence of Henry Poynter and Joseph Holden.

Testator sick of body but sound of mind. One-third of his personal (and, also, real?) estate to his wife Sarah for her life. After her death, all to be divided (under certain conditions, one of which is the building of a house, and the clearing of some land, by said Hugh, for his brother) between testator's two sons Hugh and Robert.—To testator's daughter Alice, Ten Pounds in money.—Testator evidently possessed several hundred acres of land in Bucks County, but exact location not given.

Witnesses:—Henry Poynter, Joseph Holden, Benjamin Johns.


Whole estate (goods and lands, viz., "the plantation on which I now doe dwell;" "the Land as I bought of Gustaff Anderson;" (?) "the Land about the Court-house;" "the Land as I have in Cristina Creek") to wife—not named in will—so long as she remains his widow, with power to sell the same; but not to waste the proceeds, which together with all the estate, or what then remains of it, to go to the testator's children—not named—at her death.
Lasse Cock, John Cock and "Wholle (?) dalboe" appointed advisers to sd. wife during her widowhood. Should widow marry, she is to have a "full third part of all Land and goods . . . Left, and the rest to dispose amongst the children as she thinks fitting."

[N. B.—From the probate of the will it is evident that the widow did marry, her name at that time being Ann Friend.]

Witnesses:—John Hodgkins, Charles Springer.

No. 63. John Medford, of New-town.—Dated 12 May, 1689. (Signed with his mark.) Proved 1st of 9 mo., 1689. (Patrick Robinson, Regr. Genl.)

"Unto Martha [Coburne?] my intended wife, my mare and my red cowe, one Brass pott and one Iron Cuttle."

My sister Mary [Silence?]

Codicil 13 May, 1689. Mentions his brother Joseph Wood.

Witnesses:—John Wood, Joseph Wood.

No. 64. Lawrence Anderson (Collinns), of Myamensen, now resident in the house of Neill Neelson, of Shakemaxon in the County of Philadelphia.—Dated 17th of 5th month, 1689. Proved 1st of 9th month, 1689. (Patrick Robinson, Regr. Genl.)

"Unto Mitchell Neilson Senior, & to Andrew Wheeler,1 all that my houses, plantation & They to pay out of it the legacy to Grandchild Esro Linn," £28 when she shall come to age of 16 years.

"And if my said cozen shall happen to die before she come to that age," then etc. the said £28 to be paid to Bertha Linn, widow of my son Swan, deceased.—"I give Catherine Horshe and Eleanor Matsonn one cowe equally betwix them. Unto Martha Garrett one cow."

Witnesses:—Thomas Fairman, Guner Rambo (his mark), Harent Gerris.

No. 65. William Thomas, of the township of Radnor in the Welsh Tract, planter, being sickley in body. (Signed with his mark.) Dated Sept. 18, 1689. Proved 14th Nov., 1689. (Patrick Robinson, Regr. Genl.)

1 This person held land near Pencoyd, Merion, 1678.
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100 Acres of land "where I now dwell," to his wife Ann for her natural life, and after her decease to the use of William Thomas, "the eldest son of my brother John Thomas, if he will come to this country." Mentions the children of his sister, but does not designate them by name.

Unto his cousin Rees Petter, £2.
To Ellis Ellis, £1.
To Humphrey Ellis, £1.
To David Lawrence, £1.
To —— Morgan, 1 Shilling.
To Ellis Pugh, £1.
To Evan Harry and Daniel Harry, 3 shillings. Owen Morgan's son to be released from servitude.
A bequest unto David Davis.
Wife Sole Executor.
Witnesses:—Philip Evan, John Humphreys.


Unto son John Songhurst, £200, and appoints him sole Executor, "If it shall please God he shall Live to come from Old England to Pennsylvania." Appoints his friends, Thomas Budd, John Goodson and Benjamin Chambers to be assistant executors.

Unto his two daughters, Elizabeth and Sarah, £100 each.
Unto his servants, James Portis and William [Sastin?], 40s. each.

"Unto Joseph Tuggwell 20 shillings—unto Thomas Clark, 20 shillings."
Witness:—Benjamin Chambers.

No. 67. Anne Riggs, late of Philadelphia, "widdow, being sick of body." Dated 16th of 12th mo. called February, 1689. (Signed with her mark.) Proved 16th of 2nd mo. 1690 by Joseph Cooper, the executor. (Francis Rawle, Deputy Regr.) "Unto my brother William Thomas 1s. & noe more." Residue
of estate in lands, godes, chattels & Debts unto Joseph Cooper of West. New Jersey. He executor.

Witnesses:—Margarett Cooper (her mark), Mary Denaviss (her mark), Will. Roydon.

No. 68. JOSEPH SHAW, of Brandy-wine Creek, in ye County of Newcastle, Pennsylvania. Dated 14th of March, 1689. Proved 19th 2nd mo. 1690 by Jeremiah Collett, the executor. (Francis Rawle, Deputy Regr.)

"I will and bequeath my soule into the hands of Allmigthy God." Item "unto John Bennett a pare of Gloues,—unto those four who shall bear mee to my gravee each of them a pair of gloues,—unto William Collett a pair of gloues,—unto my servants John Chambers and Elizabeth Harrold each of them a sow of a yeare old & betwixt them one cow with a white face." "To my only daughter Mary Nichols two-thirds of my estate, & in case shee dye without issue the said two-thirds to my brother Andrew Shaw,—to Jeremiah Collett my Executor one-third of all my estate."

Witnesses:—Isaac Warner, Samuel Adams.

No. 69. JOSEPH THROCKMORTON, “marriner, being about to goe to sea & being uncertaine of my Returne.” Dated 2nd of December, 1689. Proved 16th day of 4th mo. 1690, by Patrick Robinson. (Francis Rawle, Deputy Regr.)

"My lands and Real Estate auie where in all the worerld to the Heire male of Jn° Throgmorton of East Jersey, named Joseph Throgmorton & to his Heirs males forever; and for my personal estate, goods & chattels hee disposis of as the laws of the respective places where it Lyes shall order."

"Jno. Throgmorton Executor & guardian for the s° Joseph Throgmorton, his sonne."

Witnesses:—Pat: Robinson, Willm Biles, Edward Smout (his mark).

No. 70. JANE JOHN MORGAN, alias Jane Roberts, of Haverford, “being sick and weak of Body yet of sound & perfect minde & memory praised bee the Lord.” Dated the
25th day of the 7th mo. 1688 (not signed) debts to be paid and funeral expenses discharged. "All my Estate both real & personal & all due debts & demands whatsoever" unto my trusty and well beloved Friend John Roberts of Marion," in the County of Philadelphia, John Roberts Executor. Revoking all other wills. (Also in Adm. Book A.)

Witnesses:—William Howell, Blanch Sharpus (her mark).

No. 71. NICHOLAS BURDEN, now Resident in Barbadoes, "butt now being bound forth on a voyage to sea into Verginia in the good ketch or vessell called the Adventurer, whereof I the said Burden." Dated the eighth day of Jan' 1688, all Estate unto my dearly Beloved wife Elizabeth Burden, formerly called Elizabeth Elton, & to her heirs & assigns forever, wch sd Elizabeth I now lately married in Barbadoes," my sd wife to be the sole & allone Executrix."

Witnesses:—David Garven, Wm. Roberts, Robert Barkley.

No. 72. HENRY LEWIS of Maencoch in the township of Haverford on the west side of Schookill.—Dated the 14th 6mo. 1688. (Signed with his mark.) Proved 8th day of the 8th mo. in the second yeare of the Reign of William & Mary, King & Queene of England & the tenth yeare of the Government of William Penn, 1690. Margarett Lewis, Executrix (Francis Rawle, Deputy Regr.)

"Whereas I have purchased two hundred & ——— acres of Land from Lewis Davis of Landewi Late of the County of Pembroke' in South Wales situate in aforesaid township of Haverford on the west of Schookill River" part of three thousand acres of land purchased by said Lewis David of William Penn "that during ye widdowhood of my wife Margaret Lewis it shall be at the sole disposall of my sd wife" after to fall to my two sons, the north-west moiety already settled & improved to my eldest sonn Henry Lewis & the other south-east end moiety unto my youngest sonn Saml Lewiss to be divided by equal proporcons betwenee them" a house & two lots on second street in Philadelphia to my wife &
daughter to descend to my two sons. To my daughter Elizabeth Lewis thirty pounds currant money to be paid by my two sons when she shall arrive at the age of one and twenty years. My carpenters tools to my two sons. Stock of Husbandry Implements to management of my wife during her time, after decease to my two sons. My household stuff between my three children. In case of wife's death before legacies be paid will as trustees—Elliss Elliss, Humphrey Elliss, Samuel Rees, John Bevan, Jno. Lewis, Willm. Howell, Lewis Daviss, Thomas Elliss, Daniel Humphrey, overseers.

Witnesses:—Lewis David, Griffith Owen, Thomas Ellis.

No. 73. Thomas Bracey (Brassie) of the towne of Chester in ye Province of Pennsylvania "being by the visitation of the Lord Sick of Body."—Dated 11th day of the 7th mo. 1690. Proved 18th day of 9th mo. 1690—by John Symcock, Randall Vernon & John Bristow, Executors. (Francis Rawle, Deputy Regr.)

"All my estate to my two Daughters, Rebecca Brassie & Mary Brassie." "Rebecca Brassie shall receive the first forty pounds out of my estate." "Above forty pounds may be accounted into the shares." Executors—Guardians of daughter Mary Brace. "Item—I give towards the building of a meeting house in Chester for the people of God called Quakers to meet in, three pounds."

Witnesses:—Caleb Pusey, Walter Fausat.

No. 74. John Fuller, of the towne & Countie of Philadelphia in the Province of Pennsylvania in the parts of America, Mercht. Dated 25th day of the third mo., May 1690. Proved fifth day of the tenth mo. 1692, by Robert Turner, Executor. (Francis Rawle, Deputy Regr.) Sam" Carpenter & Patrick Robinson, assistant executors.

"To Elizabeth Cuppage, of Lemsone, in the Kingdome of Ireland, my mother the sum of one hundred and thirty pounds lawfull money of England, to be paid to her in Ireland," "in case the ship Tryall in which I goe for Eng-
land shall goe well home, then I doe give unto my sd mother further the sum of twenty pounds money aforesd—to Robert Turner younger—the sum of five pounds,” and to Mary Turner, Daughter to the sd Rob’ Turner Sr the sum of five pounds—to my friend George Keith of Philadelphia, the sum of twenty Pounds—to Benj’a deton of Salem in West New Jersey—the sum of five Pounds—to my friend Sam’l Carpenter—the sum of five Pounds—to John MacCombe—the sum of thirty Pounds—to my friend Patrick Robinson of Philadelphia—the sum of five Pounds,” to the Poore of the People called Quakers in the towne of Philadelphia the sum of Tenn Pounds.” Residue of Estate, reall & Person, Lands, Lets, goods & chattells “ to Robert Turner Elder of Philadelphia, Mrcht.”

Witnesses: — Andrew Robeson, John Vest, Samuell Buckley

No. 75. Thomas Smith, of the Countie of Philadelphia, in the Province of Pensilvania, “being sick of body.” Dated 13th day, 11th mo. 1690. Proved 20th day of 2 mo. 1692, by Priscilla Smith, Executrix. (Francis Rawle, Deputy Regr.)

All rents & profits of all real estate to wife Prissila until eldest son attain the age of 21 years, and then to receive one-third of part thereof. To Thomas Smith, Eldest Son, half part of all said lands. To daughters Mary and Ann other half part. “Butt in case my sd wife have a fourth child by me, then my Eldest Sonn to have but one-third part of sd lands.” Residue of Estate to be divided equally between three remaining children. Lands to be divided when s’d children attain the age of 21 years or at the day of their marriage. In case of death of any of sd children before the age of 21 years, respective proportion to be divided equally among survivors.

Prissila Smith, Sole Executrix.

Sam’ Jenings, Sam’l Carpenter & Daniell Pegg appointed overseers and assistants to his wife.

Witnesses:—Griffith Owen, John White, Pat Robertson.
Wills proved at Philadelphia, 1682-1692.

No. 76. WILLIAM NORWAY of the county of Philadelphia, Labouring man, "being sick of Body." Dated the 5th day of March 1691 (signed with his mark). Proved 22nd of third mo. 1692, by Peter Rambo, the Executor. (Francis Rawle, Deputy Regr.)

"Item. I give unto Peter Rambo three mares and colts which I have now running in the woods." He executor.

Witnesses:—Peter Bor, Edward Lane.

No. 77. RICHARD MORRIS, "being about to depart the Province of Pensilvania to England, & being uncertaine of my returne." Dated 20th August 1690. Proved 21st day of 1st mo. 1692 by Grizell Morriss, executrix. (Francis Rawle, Deputy Reg.; Samuel Jennings, Reg. Gent.)

Estate personall & reall unto his wife Grizell Morris, for life, after her death one half of sd Estate to Andrew Griscom of Philadelphia, Carpenter, and the other half to Tobias Griscom his son. Grizell Morriss, wife sole executrix, during her life, then John Goodson and Philip Richards to act.

Witnesses:—John Densey, Patrick Robinson.

No. 78. WALTER FORREST of Bybery in Pensilvania. Dated the 18th day of the first mo. 1691. Proved 5th day of 2nd mo, 1692, by Willm Alberson, Executor. (Francis Rawle, Deputy Regr.)

Unto wife Anna Forrest the one half of two mills with lands adjoining, "that is to say the mill that is mine in Salem in West New Jersey with half the Lands of mine belonging to me there; and the others in Bybury in Pensilvania with half the lands belonging to me there."

The remaining half of said two mills and lands "to William Alberson the younger, Abraham Alberson and Rebecca Alberson, in equal proportion.

"Unto John Dennis and Samuel Dennis, sons of Thomas Dennis, Shoemaker in Philadelphia in Pensilvania a thousand acres of land lying and being in the Province of West New Jersey in Salem —— by Unknowne Creek. Purchased
by my Brothers John and Francis." "Unto Rebecca Dennis five pounds & to Mary Dennis five pounds and to Hanna Dennis I give five pounds, Daughters of the aforesd Denniss—at the end of seven years from the date hereof" Rest of goods & chattels unto William Alberson, Sen', of West New Jersey by Newton Creek. He executor.

Witnesses:—John Gilbert, Lasy Boore (his mark), Ellisabeth Chappell (her mark).

No 79. Thomas Wynne, of Philadelphia, practitioner in Physic &c. "being sick & weake in Body."—Dated fifteenth day of first mo. 1691. Proved 20th day of 2nd mo. 1692, by Elizabeth Wynne, Executrix. (Francis Rawle, Deputy Regr.)

Unto wife Elizabeth Wynne, plantation with appurtenances, near the town of Lewis in the County of Sussex, for life, after her death to Son Jonathan Wynne. Unto son Jonathan plantation &c. in Cedar Creek in County of Sussex containing about 200 acres of land. Unto children in America: Jonathan, Mary, Rebecca, Sidney and Hannah, half part of personal Estate "my negro being by mee Intended and Included as such," to be divided among them within 2 years after his death. Unto Daughter Tibatha in England the sum of 50s. Unto wife Elizabeth the other half of personal Estate. She Executrix. Bond to Sam'l Buttal, Brother in Law for 50£,25£ of which remains unpaid, the plantation near Lewis to be charged with the same. Thomas Lloyd Dept. Gov. of Province and Griffith Owen to be overseers & assistants to wife.

SOME WILLS FROM ADMINISTRATION BOOK A.

Letters having been granted C. T. A.

ROBERT GREENWAY. The 9th of 2d month, 1685.

"Know, whom this may concern that I Robert Greenway1 hath ordered my dear Friend Morgan Druett after my decease for to look after and secure all my estate that I have in this country of America for the use of Thomas Maly in England, Apothecary, liver and dweller near London."

ROBT. GREENWAY.

Who dyed the 14th day of the 2d month, 1685.


Not being in due legal form, the will was filed and Letters of Administration granted C. T. A. to Morgan Druett, of New Castle, Husbandman, 8th of 1st month, 1686.

GEORGE COLLET, Nuncupative Will spoken "about the middle of Tenth month, 1686," before Nicholas Smith who signs with his mark. Attested and Administration granted C. T. A., 13th of 8mo., 1687.

Leaves his property to his cousin Nathaniel Pennock (having been killed by the fall of a tree).

Attested by John Goodsonn, Barnabas Willcox, Joshua Cart.

The above Nathaniel Pennock being under age, his father, Christopher Pennock, was appointed guardian and Administration granted to the latter.

ELIZABETH NEWMAN, dated 18th of 8th month, 1688. Administration granted C. T. A. 1690.

"To Sister Hanna Adams £10, and some household stuff, during life, and then to Sara, daughter of William and Susanna Fletcher.

1 This was the master of the ship "Welcome." Captain Greenway had a grant of land in Pennsylvania, from William Penn, the original deed being in possession of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania.
To brother Robert Adams, £10.
To cousin Hanna Fletcher, £10.
To Sarah Fletcher, daughter of cousin Hanna £10, and to William Fletcher, son of cousin Susanna, £10, and to Hanna £10.
A bequest to the monthly meeting of Oxford Township.
(Signed with her mark.)
Witnesses:—John Fletcher, Will. Preston.
There is the note of an agreement by Robert Adams (who signs with his mark) to pay all legacies of this will, dated 21st of 8th month, 1688.

**Cornelius Bom,¹ Baker, late dwelling in Rotterdam, dated 1675—20th April, new style. Original and translation recorded, 12th of 1st month 1689. Translation by John De la Vall. Administration granted C. T. A. to his wife Agnes Bom. “Upon the twentieth of April new stile, 1675, appeared before mee Jacob Van Oberfelt, Notary Publick appointed by the States General of Holland, dwelling in Rotterdam, and also before the witnesses after mentioned. Cornelius Bom, Baker, and Agnes Makeman [sic] his wife, residing in the same city.” Then follows the statement that they made a will jointly, after the custom of that country. There is provision for the daughter of said Agnes, viz.: Wansley Van Sandy, begotten by her first husband, Harman Van Sandy, etc. The witnesses are Peter Degnest, Peter Raibus.

**John Ashmead, of County of Philadelphia, dated 16th of 9th month, 1688.
Wife Mary, living—Son John £20—to be paid five years after his mother doth marry.
Daughter Mary £10 to be paid in 10 years.
Youngest son Nicholas £20, to be paid 15 years after his mother doth marry.
Tobias Leech and Edward Bolton to be trustees and

¹This will is interesting on account of the persons mentioned. It is exceedingly difficult to decipher. I have found no other wills dated so early.
Wills proved at Philadelphia, 1682-1692.

Guardians. Letters of Administration granted C. T. A. to Tobias Leech, 30th of 9th mo. 1689.
Witnesses:—Edward Bolton, Toby Leech, Mary Brodwell.

WALTER BRIDGMAN, of Nashaminy in Co. of Bucks. Dated 10th of 10th month 1688—1688.
Unto John Ponnquite one of my guns.
Unto Hannah Malley 10s.
The rest of his estate to his only daughter Mary Bridgman, and appoints as Executor, Nicholas Waln. James Radcliffe, James Dilworth, Jonathan Scarfe are trustees.
Daughter under age.
Estate to descend to Thomas Constable, his brother-in-law, excepting a legacy to his brother William Bridgman, and brother Stephen Bridgman, and a sum to remain for use of Fords at Neshaminy.
Witnesses:—Jean Walln (mark), Hanna Malley, John Poinquite.
Letters C. T. A. granted to Nicholas Waln and James Dilworth, 10th of 10th mo. 1688.

WILLIAM PEASLY, "being sick of Boddy."—Dated 31st of 3d mo., 1690.
To his mother Mary Middellton, all my Land & House in the Tribe of Hambleton in the Island of Bermudos—also to her 226 bushels of salt sold to Samuel Carpenter for 3s. per bushel, 2 rings and best and biggest of my horned cattle.
Unto sister, Sarah Peasly, Tenn acres of Land to be taken out of my plantation of Hambleton Tribe after my mother's death.
Unto brother John Peasly all the rest of said land after mother's decease, with reversion to sister Mary Place, and then to William Place.
½ of his sloop called the Wm & John Advent, & ½ par Leathe to Thomas Willard.
Brother in law John Place, ½ of 3d part Sloop.
Unto Lawrence Dill and William Pitt of Barbadoes, 20s. Brother Executor.
Witts proved at Philadelphia, 1682-1692.

Witnesses:—Anthony Morris, Thomas Ming, Stephen Bullock, Thomas Willard, Joseph Cooper (his mark).

Richard Bunce, now of Plymouth in the County of Devon, being sick of Body.
Unto brother John Bunce, of Goosy in Berkshire, 4th September, 1689. Proved, 26 6 mo. 1690.
Wits:—Samll Stacey, Wm. West.
Proved by Samll. Stacey & Ann Markham.

Henry Bartlett. 4th of 7th month, 1690.
To wife Prudence household goods and that which belongs to me in Piddlestown in the County of Dorset.
To her £5, "to serve her when she doth lye in and house room and fire wood for a whole year, being brick house near Philadelphia. Further sums to be paid her in good bricks.
To unborn child £20.
Witnesses:—Randall Speakman, Richard Hellierd.
Edmund Moorys departed out of this life before the date of Probate, and Letters of Administration C T. A. were granted to Prudence Bartlett, widow of deceased.—169\text{4}.  

Edmund Moors of the County of Bucks in the Province of Pensilvania, being sick of body. Dated 10th of 10th month, 1690.
Unto William Rowles 100 acres of land which he had bought for him, with the bond which I had on him, and all he owes him. Unto Mark Bettridge one young mare. Balance of Estate to Henry Bartlett of Philadelphia, and he Executor.
Wills proved at Philadelphia, 1682–1692.

Friend William Rowles to order my funeral in absence of Henry Bartlett. (Signed mark.)
Witnesses:—Yeamas Gilli'gham, Mark Bettredge, Richard Cooper, Henry Poynter.
Henry Bartlett having died before probate of will, Letters of Administration C. T. A. granted to Prudence Bartlett.—1692.

All estate to "my beloved friend John Roberts of Merion," and makes him sole Executor.
Witnesses:—William Howell, Blanche Sharpus (her mark).
The will being unsigned, John Roberts was made Administrator, and letters granted to him 23d 3d mo. 1691. (See also page 79.)

Wooley Swanson, late of County of Philadelphia. 11th of 3d month, 1692.
Executors—Swan Swanson, Neils Johnson & Jno. Stilley (who refused to administer).
Administration granted to widow Swanson, 18th of 6th mo., 1692.

John Crapp. 1692, the 23d 11 month. "The will and Testimony of John Crapp, I bequeath to my wife and my younge sonne William Crap my house and my Lott and my goods and all that I have in this wourld as witness the mark of

John Crapp,
whereof I Leave to my sonne John Crapp five shillings."
Witnesses:—Daniell Jones, Daniell Coxe, Samll. Meales, Mary Jones, Hannah Cettell.
Widow Elizabeth made Executrix, and Letters granted C. T. A. 5th of 10th mo. 1692.