

## ARCHAIC DOCUMENTS

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Gleanings of the wills and accompanying documents is presented immediately following. The summaries of the wills are presented to allow a reader to identify areas of interest, they do not provide a complete or accurate account of the contents of the wills.

In order to present the wills with a minimum of new blemishes only titles lines and superscripts have been added. The superscripts identify Footnotes that appear the bottom of the page and provide special information.

Robert Smith January 18, 1995

### Gleanings From Archaic Documents

This is an introduction to and a summary of the information in the documents following. Writings by Daisy (Marvel) Jones [61666952] "A Brief History of the Marvel Family", and by Pauline (Manning) Batchelder [61336593] "Marvels on the Eastern Shore", have been used as sources for the introductory information. The Batchelder document is in the Discourses Section of this history.

Mrs. Jones collected information from records in Accomac, Virginia; Dover, Delaware; Georgetown, Delaware; Indianapolis, Indiana; Columbus, Ohio; and Zanesville, Ohio. Her sources were genealogical studies, court records of deeds and recorded wills.

The name is found spelled Marvil, Marvel, Marvell, Marvill, and Maruell. Few of the early Marvels were able to write as is indicated by their inability to sign their wills. The Marvel dictating a document, being unable to suggest a correct spelling, would default to the composer's spelling. Occasionally, more than one spelling occurs in a document. In this writing the traditional spelling will be used except in quotations.

#### John Marvel [6] (1632-1707)

Records in the courthouse in Accomac County, Virginia list one John Marvel as born in 1632. A book in the library at Accomac bears the following notation:

"May 10, 1652 - Charles Scarburgh, son of Col. Edmond Scarburgh, 3050 acres in Northhampton Co, transfer of 61 persons from England."

The accompanying list of names includes a John Marvel. It is significant to note that the 3050 acres is 50 acres per passenger. This acreage was allotted, as a headright, by the English government to encourage emigration. John Marvel owned headrights that were issued on August 12, 1649, May 10, 1652, and November 27, 1652.

He may have purchased one or more of these from their original owners or they may have been given to him as the reward from an indenture.

Jones indicates that John Marvel married Ann West but Batchelder has found no proof for this marriage. The will of John Marvel, dated February 3, 1707 and recorded February 18, 1707, names a son Thomas, Mrs. Catherine West his mother-in-law, and Mrs. Matilda West his housekeeper. Matilda West was a daughter of Colonel Edmond Scarburgh and the widowed wife of John West. Matilda was named executrix of the will.

**John Marvel, Jr. (1674 or 1682- ? )**

John and Ann Marvel had two sons, Thomas and John Jr. Records of the birth dates indicate that one was born in 1674 the other in 1682.

John Jr. was apprenticed to William Jarman to be educated and employed at his discretion. In consideration, for these services William Jarman was to give John Marvel, Jr. one hundred acres of land. In the deed book of Accomac County (1676-1690) a deed is listed naming William Jarman, Grantor and John Marvel, Jr. Grantee for one hundred acres of land by agreement and dated May 16, 1682. Another deed, between John Marvel, Jr. and Samuel Young, is dated February 19, 1694. A third deed, from John Marvel, Jr. stating "to my mother and father, John and Ann his wife, the land whereon they now live during their lifetime." is dated October 14, 1695. It is unlikely that all these documents would have been transacted by a person under 13 years of age. This supports the contention that John was born in 1674. However, Batchelder discovered the phrase "second son" preceding John's name in a document signed his father.

John is not listed in the 1994 Marvel History, partly from the uncertainty of the available information, partly from his having no known progeny, and partly from oversight.

It is believed that John Marvel, Jr. was a bachelor and left no heirs. The last record of his presence was October 5, 1697. His not being mentioned in his father's will indicates he might have died prior to 1707.

**Thomas Marvel [61] (1674 or 1682-1754)**

Thomas Marvel married Elizabeth Huggins of Somerset County, Maryland on June 16, 1721. They had five children Abigail Marvel [611], Viley Clear Marvel [612], David Marvel [613], Thomas Marvel [614], Philip Marvel [615] and Robert Marvel [616]. No information has been discovered concerning Abigail or Viley Clear. The Wills of each of the boys has been copied to this document.

A deed dated 1723 records Thomas Marvel's acquisition of a tract of 150 acres called "Gladstone Adventure" from Lewis and Elizabeth Rigby of Somerset County, Maryland. In 1725, he acquired an adjoining tract of 200 acres called "Hardship" from William and Elizabeth Phillipson.

The will of Thomas Marvel [61], dated March 28, 1753, names the four sons and bequeaths to Robert the plantation of 150 acres in return for the care of Thomas in his old age.

**David Marvel [613] (1729-1796)**

David Marvel was a planter and resided in "Sussex County and Dellowary State."

David's will was published and probated in 1796. In the will David Marvel [6135], Burton Marvel [6136], Prettyman Marvel [6133], Elizabeth Marvel [6134], and Patience Marvel [6132] are mentioned. Elizabeth, David and Burton are declared the youngest of his children. A daughter Prudence Marvel [6131] died ca 1790.

The property is to be his wife Salla's for her lifetime then to be divided between David and Burton. His daughter Elizabeth and daughter-in-law Polla Prittman are to receive some puter spoons and plates and other household items. Daughter Patience Knowles and son Prettyman are allotted "one shilling and no more", usually an

indication that they were no longer living at home. Patience married James Knowles in 1778, and Prettyman married Lavina Rogers in 1788. Polla Prittman is a mystery because Prettyman was the only boy of age.

Salla married Moses Dazey which prompted Phillip Marvel to petition the Orphans court to assure that the minor children received a just income from the property. In the Orphan's Court transaction "Betsy, David and Burton" are listed as minor children. The property is inventoried and the annual rental set at ten pounds. It consisted of two "sorry" buildings, 144 "middling" fruit trees and 1625 fence panels.

#### **Thomas Marvel [614] (1732-1801)**

In 1776, Thomas Marvel deeded 100 acres of land in Sussex County Delaware to Phillip Marvel. Two years later he deeded 100 acres of land, a part of "Hardship" and "Gladstone Adventure", to Abraham Taylor of Worchester County, Maryland.

Thomas resided in Sussex county, Delaware.

In his will Thomas bequeaths property to Thomas Marvel [6141] and Joseph Marvel [6143]; to Robert Marvel [6142] a yoke of oxen and to Elizabeth Marvel [6145] and Joseph Marvel [6143] some miscellaneous furniture. Obadiah Marvel [6146], Parker Marvel [6144], Stephen Marvel [614(11)], Elisha Marvel [6149], and Eli Marvel [614(10)] are to receive "one shilling and no more." Also, involved is a grist mill that is to be divided between Parker and Joseph.

#### **Joseph Marvel [6143] (1769-1817)**

Joseph resided in the "County of Sussex and state of Delaware."

Joseph and Mary (Harris) Marvel [6143] were parents of five children. The lands and a mill is bequeathed to the sons Joseph Marvel [61431], John Parker Marvel [61434], and Job Marvel [61435].

The daughters Susanna Marvel [61432] and Lewpinkster Marvel [61433] are to divide the personal property and Mary, his wife, is named executrix.

#### **Philip Marvel [615] (1735-1795)**

Philip Marvel, a planter, resided in Dagsbury Hundred, Sussex County, Delaware.

Philip Marvel bequeaths to his wife, Comfort, during "her natural lfe or widowhood" the buildings, orchards, gardens, "such part of the plantation as she may think proper to till", and permission to cut timber for the needs of the plantation and for firewood. She is also to receive the "negro girl named Sue" for her lifetime and is appointed the Executrix.

He gives Philip Marvel [6158] all of the land, a yoke of oxen, one plow and harrow, a bed, and furniture.

Thomas Marvel [6151], William Marvel [6153], Aaron Marvel [6154], and Rhoda (Marvel) Butcher [6152] are to receive "five shillings and no more."

Chloe Marvel [6159] is to receive "Sue" after the death of Comfort.

He bequeaths to Comfort the "profits and advantage of" the personal property during the term of her widowhood. It is then to be divided equally between the four children Adam Marvel [6156], David Marvel [6157], Mary Marvel [6155] and Chloe Marvel [6159]."

Throughout the body of the will his named is spelled "Phillip" the same spelling as is used by the Register of the will, Phillips Kollock. The signature, which appears to have been written by the register is spelled "Philip." Between his first and last name is a well written "P" above the "P" is written "his" and below "wife." It appears that he was in some way incapacitated and his wife made his mark.

**Comfort Marvel (1738-1801)**  
Spouse of Phillip Marvel [615]

Comfort Marvel bequeathes to son Phillip Marvel [6158] all the "Cyder Casts."

All of her property, except bed, furniture and "one pale read Cheast" is to be divided between daughters Mary Marvel [6155], Chloe Marvel [6159] and "Grand daughter" Elon Burcher [61521]. There is a stipulation that if Elon Burcher should die "under age" her inheritance was to be given to "Grand Daughter" Comfort Burcher [61522].

Adam Marvel [6156] is appointed "Executor"; Thomas Marvel and Aaron Marvel witnessed the signing of the will.

It is reasonable to assume that Rhoda (Marvel) Burcher [6152] died between the times of her father's death (1795) and her mother's (1802).

**Thomas Marvel [6151] (1761-1836)**

Thomas Marvel bequeaths "all my lands, tenements and appertainences" to his son Aaron Marvel [61519]. He is also appointed the executor of the will.

To his wife Andasiah he gives, "during her natural life or widowhood" the right to the dwelling, sufficient firewood, and one third the produce raised on the cleared land on the west side of the road leading to Georgetown. She is also to receive the best bed and furniture and a cow and calf.

His daughter Eliza Marvel [6151(11)] is to share the right to the dwelling, to receive a one third share of the produce and the second best bed, furniture, cow and calf.

At the death of Andasiah the bed and furniture she received is to be become the property of the "Grand Daughter" Betsy B. Carrol a girl that Aaron and Mariah Marvel [61519] had raised.

Evidently, Eliza who died the following year, was the only child still living at home; Aaron had married in 1820. Andasiah died in 1854, she was his third wife.

**Aaron Marvel (1767-1836) [6154]**

Aaron resided in Dagsworth Hundred, County of Sussex, State of Delaware.

He gives his "well beloved", but unnamed, wife {Levina Prettyman} his best bed and furniture, his "grey horse and gig" plus her choice of "my cows and calves."

To son Aaron Burton Marvel [61545] he gives the "land whereon I now live", a "Tan yard and lot ... with all the appertainences", and a "bed and furniture and deask." Aaron is appointed to be executor of the will.

He gives his son Nutter Marvel [61546] a tract called "Addition to Pepper's Choice" and a tract he had purchased from William Rodney. Nutter is also to receive a bed and furniture and a horse Aaron had purchased from Thomas Jefferson.

To daughter Nancy Clemmons Marvel [61547] he gives one bed and furniture and a "weaving lume slays and gears with all the apparatus." Both Aaron and Nutter were to give Nancy twenty five dollars.

To daughter Lavina Emelyne Marvel [61458] he gives "one bed and furniture and beaurough" and a "spinning Wheall." Lavina is also to receive twenty five dollars from Aaron and Nutter.

#### **Adam Marvel [6156] (1772-1830)**

Adam Marvel resided in Dagsborough Hundred, Sussex County, Delaware.

Adam bequeaths all his property to his wife Sally Marvel for her "natural life or widowhood" except a "negro woman named Hannah" who is to be sold by the Executrix. After Sally's death or marriage the property is to be divided as follows.

Son David is to receive all the "lands, tenements and appertenances", a "riding carriage", and a "negro named Charles."

Daughter Betsy Ennis is to receive a "negro girl named Sue."

Granddaughter Sally Adline Ennis is to have "a negro girl named Eliza", one cow and calf, and the second best bed and furniture.

The remainder of the personal property is to be divided equally between the four granddaughters Sally Adline Ennis, Leweasa Harris Ennis, Miranda Short Ennis and Ezable Jackson Ennis.

#### **Philip Marvel [6158] (1779-1851)**

Philip Marvel resided in Dagsborough Hundred, Sussex County, Delaware.

Philip bequeaths all the land to son Philip Marvel [61588] except for one acre which he set aside for a "Burying Grounds". He also gives him a set of silver tea spoons, a "still, casks, cider mill and all the appendages attached to the Distiler", all the "white corn" on the premises, and the unexpired time of the apprentice William Timmons.

To son Manaan B. Marvel [61584] he gives three silver table spoons plus one third of the personal property.

Son Theodore W. Marvel [61587] is to receive a bed and furniture (evidently one received from son Nathaniel Marvel [61586]), a "nine square counterpane", one cow and calf, three silver table spoons, fifty dollars in cash, and one third of the personal property.

To daughter Comfort (Marvel) Davidson [61585], wife of Levin Davidson, he gives his "Silver specks" and one third of the personal property.

Sons Manaan and Theodore are appointed executor.

His wife Elizabeth Jefferson, a daughter of Job and Sally Jefferson, had died in 1827.

Philip signed his name "Cpt. Philip Marvel" in good script. He had served in the War of 1812.

#### Philip Marvel [61588] (1816-1853)

Philip Marvel resided in Dagsborough Hundred, Sussex County, Delaware.

To his beloved unnamed wife he gave one bed and furniture, the corn in the largest crib, the fodder in the barn, two hundred pounds of bacon, the still, cider mill and appendages, three hogs of her choice, his yoke of oxen, and the unexpired time of the apprentice William Timmons.

To his sons, Philip Rodney Marvel and George Edward Marvel, he gave his land to be divided equally and the remainder of his personal property.

His wife and Aaron B. Marvel, could have been his cousin [61545] the son of Aaron Marvel [6154], were appointed executor.

Philip had married Elizabeth Messich, the will was signed in fair script.

His wife refused the appointment of executor, she signed the declaration in good script as Elizabeth M. Marvel.

#### Robert Marvel [616] (1737-1775)

Robert Marvel resided in "County of Dorchester, providence of Maryland" and refered to himself as a planter.

He gave his wife Rachel ( ) Marvel one third of real and personal estate for her natural life, a "Riding maire and Sadle", and the residue of his estate after other bequeaths were made. At her death it was to be equally divided between their five children Patience Marvel [6162], Robert Marvel [6169], Philip Marvel [6166], Rachel Marvel [6163] and Betty Marvel [6164]. Rachel was appointed executor.

His daughter Ann (Marvel) Smith [6165], wife of Chalton Smith, was to receive "one Shilling Sterling" and no more.

The son Thomas Marvel [6168] was to receive the one hundred acre plantation, where Robert lived, with the housing and buildings, a Negro boy called Levi, a small bible, a feather bed and furniture that belonged to Robert's father, and a plow and harrow.

Son Joseph Marvel [6167] was to receive the thirteen acre plantation purchased from Robert Moody, ten pounds in money, a Negro girl called Sibly, one feather bed and furniture, and a riding stalion named Joseph.

Son Robert Marvel [6169] was to receive the fifty acre plantation, with housing and buildings, called Halls Choice that had been purchased from Thomas Hall.

The daughter Chloe (Marvel) Scuder [6161], widow of Johnathan Scuder, was to receive "the Negro wench called Lucy." If Lucy or "any of her increase" were to survive

Chloe then they were to go to the Granddaughter Rachel Scuder but if Rachel was to die without "Heir" then these Negroes were to go to daughter Betty Marvel [6164].

Robert signed the will with his mark.

**Rachel (Chase) Marvel [616] ( -1791)**

Rachel resided in Sussex County, Delaware.

Rachel bequeaths to her daughter Ann (Marvel) Smith [6165] a Negro girl named Hessey to be returned to granddaughter Nancy Smith after Ann's death.

To son Thomas Marvel [6168] she gives one stone jug, a flowered eathern dish, and no more.

To son Robert Marvel [6169] she gives one still.

To daughter Patience (Marvel) Brown [6162] she gives the "money due me on a note from her husband William Brown" and no more.

To Son Philip Marvel [6166] she gives one linen wheel and a Negro boy called Jacob to be returned to Grandson Josiah Marvel [6162] after Philip's death.

Daughter Rachel (Marvel) Robertson [6163] is to receive one Negro girl Diannah and "one Mare and Sadle."

Daughter Betsy (Marvel) McCalley [6164] is to receive the Negro woman called Rose.

The "Grand Son Josiah Marvel" is to receive one yoke of oxen.

The "Grand daughter Betsy Bare" is to receive one cow and yearling, one feather bed and furniture, and no more.

To son Joseph Marvel [6167] is given "One Shilling Starling and no more.'

The residue of the estate is to be "equally divided among my five children that is to say My Son Robert Marvel and my Son Philip Marvel and Cloey Nottingham and Rachel Robertson and Betsy McCalley, excepting a Bond due from Charlton Smith, that I leave to my daughter Ann Smith."

Rachel signed the will with her mark.

All the children of Robert and Rachel are mentioned in his will except Chloe who was mentioned in Robert's will as a widow. The granddaughter "Betsy Bare" must be Chloe's daughter by her second marriage to John Barr, Chloe must have died between 1771 and 1795.

**Thomas Marvel [6168] ( -1794)**

Thomas resided in Nanitcoke Hundred, Sussex County, Delaware and identified himself as the son of Robert.

To his wife Betty he bequeaths one third of the real Estate, "mefsauges and tenements" during her natural life. He also gives her "one hundred pounds out of the

cash I leave in the house", one third of the Moveable estate exclusive of the money he bequeaths, and a black horse and saddle and bridle.

To brother Philip Marvel [6166] he gives a tract of land and one hundred pounds.

To Josiah Marvel [6162], "son of brother Philip", he gives a part of the plantation he lives on that was owned by his father.

To nephew Robert Barr, a son of his sister Chloe (Marvel) Barr [6161], he gives the rest of his plantation with the messuages and improvements, a bed and furniture, one cow and calf, a bridle and saddle, a mare colt, and a set of plows and harrows.

To niece Betsy Robinson, "daughter of Joshua" , he gives a Negro girl named Brett.

To nephew Thomas Robinson, "Son of Joshua" he gives fifty pounds in cash.

To nephew James Jones, "son of William", he gives fifteen pounds in cash.

To brother-in-law Eli McCalley he gives two hundred acres with all the improvements and messuages.

His "loving wife Elizabeth" and his "brother Philip" are appointed executor.

The rest of his estate to be equally divided between brother Philip and brother-in-laws Joshua Robinson and Eli McCalley

The nephew James Jones is an enigma for there is no record of one of the sisters being married to a William Jones. It is reasonable to believe that the siblings Betsy and Thomas Robinson are children of Rachel Robertson mentioned in the Robert's [616]. If so, then Rachel husband's name was Joshua and she must have died prior to the writing of this will in 1794. Thomas signed the will with a well written signature.

#### **Robert Marvel [6169] ( -1824)**

Robert Marvel resided in Sussex County, Delaware.

Robert Barr, son of Chloe (Marvel) Barr [6161], is to receive all his lands. Negroes Robert and Mint are to be set free, and Fisher and Jane are to be hired out locally or sold to pay his indebtedness.

Robert Marvel is believed to be a son of Robert and Chase Marvel [616] based on the date and that a Chloe married a John Barr and Robert Barr is mentioned in Thomas' will as a nephew.

#### **Joseph Marvel ( -1786)**

Joseph Marvel resided in Sussex County, Delaware.

His wife's child Mary is given twenty pounds and no more.

To his wife Rachel he gives one third of his estate and a Negro girl called Jude.

To his brother Thomas Marvel the land where Widow Newblot lives, the land where Ezokiah Beauus lives, and a Negro boy called Peter.

To his brother Robert is given three select tracts of land, and a Negro girl called Mint.

To his brother Philip a fifty acre tract of land called "Spicers purchase", the plantation and dwelling that his father bought of Robert Moody, all of his plantation, a tract of one hundred eighty one acres, and a Negro Woman.

His wife and brother Thomas were appointed executor.

The first assumption was that this Joseph was a son of Robert and Rachel Marvel [616] but a worrisome incongruity exists. Robert and Rachel had children Thomas, Robert, Joseph and Philip and these are mentioned in this will. However, this Joseph died in 1786 and Rachel gave her son Joseph one shilling in her will of 1791. It could have been a mother's sentimental gesture to a departed son but this is remote. No other information, that I have been able to identify, provides proof that this is the Son of Robert and Rachel.

#### Obediah Marvel ( -1834)

Obediah Marvel resided in Little Creek Hundred, Sussex County, Delaware.

His sons Collins Warfield Marvel and Levin James Marvel, who are under twenty one years of age, are to share his land. Levin is the younger son.

A daughter Amelia Adrill Pureline Marvel, who is under eighteen years of age, is to receive one hundred dollars.

The wife, Charity is to receive the profits from the lands until the sons become twenty one years of age, the money to be used for the maintenance of the children. Charity is to receive the personal property which is to be equally dived between the children at their death. She was appointed executor.

Obediah signed the will with his mark.

#### William Marvel

This ancestry of this Marvel is unknown. He resided in Broadcreek Hundred, Sussex County, Delaware.

To his son William J. Marvel he bequeaths Negroes Lewis, Minus, Mark and Harriet, miscellaneous household and farm items, and one hundred and ninety acres of land to be held in trust to his sister Sarah.

Daughters Eleanor Marvel and Christiana Marvel are given one hundred fifty acres of land and some miscellaneous household items.

Granddaughters Margaret W. Wootten, Sarah Wootten and Letitia Elder are to be paid two hundred fifty dollars each.

Grandson William Shiles is given one hundred acres of land.

Grandson James K. P. Wootten is to be given two hundred fifty dollars when he arrives at age of twenty one years.

Daughter Sarah Ann Vaughn is given a life interest in one hundred ninety acres of land.

Grandson William W. Cooper and daughter Julia Ann Hasty are to share the profits from one hundred sixth acres of land.

Grandsons William I Knowles and John Knowles are to share one hundred forty acres of land.

Negro man Andrew is to be set free after serving William's wife Sarah for the remainder of her life. Son William J. Marvel is required to defray Andrew's expenses should he be unable to support himself.

**William Marvel ( -1848)**

William resided in Broadkiln Hundred, Sussex County, Delaware.  
All of his property is given to his wife Rachel  
He signed the will by writing his signature.

**John Rogers ( -1794)**

This will is included because three of the daughters married Marvels. Leah Rogers married Eli Marvel [6149], Orpha Rogers married Elisha Marvel [6158], and Lavina Rogers, or Leving as it is spelled in the will, married Prettyman Marvel [6133]. Prettyman Marvel's mother Sarah Prettyman was a sister of Comfort Prettyman the wife of John Rogers.

## Will of David Marvel [613]

Published January 4, 1796

Probated February 9, 1796

In the name of God Amen I David Marvel of Sussex County and Dellowary State planter being sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory and knoledge that it is appointed for all men once to die Do this fourth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and Do make and publish this my last will and testament in the manner following. That is to say...//...//...//...//...//

First that I Recommend my soul to God and my body to the Earth from whence it came in hope of Joyful Resurrection through Christ our Lord and as for such Wordly Estate as it has pleased God to Blefs me with I Dispofe thereof asfolloweth...//...//...//...//...//

- Item First I give and bequeath all my lands and livings to my well beloved Wife Sally Marvel<sup>1</sup> to be at hur Disposal During her life or widowhood an at hur Decease or Marriage my land be Equally Divided Between my two sons David Marvel<sup>2</sup> and Burton Marvel<sup>3</sup> in this Manner for my Son David Marvel to have the place where I lived on lyind on west end of my land and my Son Burton Marvel to have the other part lyind to the East...//...//...//...//...//.
- Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Elefabeth Marvel<sup>4</sup> on Cubard and one Dozen of Puterplates and one spinning wheel...//...//...//...//...//
- Item I gave and bequeath to my daughter in law Polla Prittyman<sup>5</sup> one feather Bed an furnitur one spinning wheel one Chest and one puter Dish and four puter plates and half a dozen puter Spoons and two Chairs and one Earthen pan & one basin.
- Item I gave and bequeath to my daughter Patience Knowles<sup>6</sup> one Shilling Sterling and no more...//...//...//...//.
- Item I gave and bequeath to my son Prettyman Marvel<sup>7</sup> one Shilling Sterling and no more after paying him thirty five dollars that is due him for his part of said Land.
- Item After taking out these things mentioned to my children and paying my funeral charges the Rest of my living I gave to be equally divided between my three youngest Children that is my Daughter Elefabeth Marvel & David & Burton Marvel.

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<sup>1</sup> Other records give Sarah (Prettyman) Marvel.

<sup>2</sup> David Marvel [6135].

<sup>3</sup> Burton Marvel [6136].

<sup>4</sup> Elizabeth Marvel [6134].

<sup>5</sup> No Polla or Polly Prettyman was found in "The Prettyman Family" by Rev. Edgar Cannon Prettyman.

<sup>6</sup> Patience Marvel [6132] married James Knowles.

<sup>7</sup> Prettyman Marvel [6133].

And I do hearby nominate and appoint my well beloved Wife and Robert Marvel<sup>8</sup> Sole Execttors of this my Last Will and testament hearby revoaking all former Wills which heartofore have been made or writtem whereof I have set my hand and Seal the day and year above Written

his  
David X Marvel  
Mark

Tef Thomas Rodney John Rodney

I Robert Marvel one of the appointed Ex in the Last Will and Testament of David Marvel late of Sussex County Del. do hereby refuse to act as Ex to said Will by virtue of such appointment and do therefore renounce all my right title and claim to said Executorship accordingly. Robert Marvel  
Proved Feb 9 1796 Recorded Lib E fol 69

### Petition; David Marvel [613]

Petition for Counter Security of Admt of David Marvel.

To the Honorable the Judges of the Orphans Court now sitting at Georgetown The Petition of Phillip Marvil of the County afs Humbly Sheweth that your Petition Became Security for a certain Sally Marvel Eex of David Marvil late of the County afs \ for well and truly administering the Goods, Chattels and credits of the said dec, pursuant to law. That the said Sally Marvil had since intermarried with one Moses Dazey of said County is like to waste the said Goods, Chattles and Credits whereby your petitioner will suffer Considerable lofs by means of becoming Security is a fact unlefs he can be made safe by Counter Security. Your Petitioner therefore prays your honors to take the premises into consideration and grant him such re\ as may appear right to your Honors and your Petitioner as in duty will ever \_\_\_\_  
May 5<sup>th</sup> 1797 Read and ordered by the Philip Marvel  
Court that \_\_\_\_ Citation returned forthwith. Citation \_\_\_\_\_ Nov 21<sup>th</sup> 1797.

### Orphan Court; David Marvel [613]

Order for Annual Valuation of the Lands of Betsy, David & Burton Marvel at Orphans Court Held at GeorgeTown in & for the County of Sufsex the 15<sup>th</sup> day of Nov 1797 Before the Honorable Richard Bafill and Daniel Rodney Justices of said Court. --- Present --- Kendle Batson Clk.

Came into Court Moses Dazey Guardian to the persons and estates of Betsy, David and Burton Marvel minors Children of David Marvel late of the County afsd deceased and made Known to the Court that the said minor were Served of certain lands and Tenements Situate in Dagsborough Hundred and County aforesaid and prayed the Court to appoint three freeholders to enter the said lands and make a just estimate of the annual value thereof Pursant to law. Whereupon it was Considered by the Court and ordered that William Newbold, James Gunby and Samuel Tindle Gentlemen do enter on said minor lands being first duly qualified according to law and after Viewing and maturely Considering the same proceed to make a just estimate of the annual value thereof and report what Buildings, Orchards and fences are upon the same & what repair they are What part of said land the said Guardian may be further permitted to Clear as well as to raise the yearly rent so Valued towards his yearly Charge in Keeping said Buildings, Orchards & fences in repair. Having regard to leave a Proportionable part of uncleared lands as well for the quality as qunaty for the

<sup>8</sup> Perhaps this is younger brother Robert Marvel [616].

Benefit of said minor when of age and the same to certify to the next Orphans Court as the law directs.-----

Kendle Batson Clk.

Sufsex County afs \ 26<sup>th</sup> April 1798 Came William Newbold and James Gunby and made oath according to law to execute the Several duties enjoined them by this Order of Court to the best of their Knowledge before Seth Griffith Sufsex County afs \ 26<sup>th</sup> april 1798. Same William Newbold and James Gunby and make oath according to law to execute the said dutied enjoined them by thei Order the the best of their Knowledge

Before Seth Griffith

Sufsex County Nov 15<sup>th</sup> 1798 the within named Samuel Tindal was legally qualified before me the Subscriber for the purposes whthin mentioned.

Jacob Hazzard

Sufsex County State of Delaware In Obedience to an order of an orphan Court held at Georgetown the fifteenth of November 1797 We the sub\ being appointed by and order of aforesaid Court to set a valuation on the lands of Betsy, David and Burton Marvel children of David Marvel late of the County aforesaid deceased after entering on the premiscs & maturely considering the same. We find thereon one log dwelling house twenty feet by sixteen & a shed to the end of it ten feet wide by sixteen long. the house is but sorry the shed middling good. another logd Dwelling house eighteen feet long by 15 wide the houses are but sorry. A brick chimney in them both one old smoke house. A fer Skward very sorry we find thereon one thousnad six hundred and twenty five pannels of fence that will average five good logs to a Panlen. There is one hundred and fourteen apple trees and thirty peach trees and four cherry trees all midling good for which we say that Moses Dazy the guardian pay to the minors annually \ the full and just sum of ten pounds of good and lawful money of the State afs. We cannot permit the Guardian to clear any lands at all. The scarcity of timber is Great we only Permit him to cleare a piece of Swam that lys in the Plantation under fens that time is but of of it. Given under our hands this twentieth day of December 1797. --

William Newbold

\ accepted and Confirmed November 24<sup>th</sup> 1798 -- James Gumby Samuel Tindal

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**Will of Adam Marvel [6156]**

Published November 22, 1829

Probated May 26, 1830

In the name of God amen I Adam Marvel of Dagsborough hundred in the County of Sussex and State of Delaware, being weak in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory, blessed be Almighty God for the same, and considering the uncertainty of this mortal life, do make and publish this my last will and testament in maner and form following (That is to say) First I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Sally Marvel my best bead and furniture to heir disposing I also give and bequeath unto my wife Sally Marvle all my lands. tenements and appurtenances thereunto belonging during her natural life or widowhood and at my said Wife's death of marriage I give and bequeath the above memtioned land an appurtenances unto my beloved son David Marvel freely to be enjoyed by him, his heirs and assigns forever. Also I give and bequeath the negro girl named Airn unto my beloved wife Sally Marvel during her natural life and then to my beloved daughter Betsy Ennis. Also I give and bequeath unto my son David Marvel my negro named Charles after death of marriage of my said wife. Also I give and bequeath to my son David Marvel my riding carriage after the death or marriage of my wife. Also I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Sally Adline Ennis one negro girl named Eliza, one cow and calf and my second best bed and furniture all of which is to be said grand daughters Sally Adline Ennis at the death or marriage of my afo wife. Also I leave my negro woman named Leah and my negro woman named Hannah to be sold by my Executrix. And lastly, as to all the rest, residue and remainder of my personal Estate goods and chattels of what kind and nature so ever, I give and bequeath the same to my beloved wife Sally Marvel during her natural life or widowhood, and my wish and desire is that what is remaining of the above described remainder of my personal Estate at the death or marriage of my said beloved wife Sally Marvel, then and at that time to be equally divided between my four grand daughters namely, Sally Adline Ennis, Leweasa Harris Ennis, Miranda Short Ennis and Ezabel Jackson Ennis. Also I do hereby appoint my well beloved wife Sally Marvel whole and sole Executrix of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made. In writing whereof I have herunto set my hand and seal this twenty sceond day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine. Signed, sealed, published and declared by the afs Adam Marvel to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnefses in the presence of the Testator.

Thomas Marvel, Sen.

William Torbet

Adam Marvel

State of Delaware

Sufsex County

Memorandum this 26 May 1830 before me, Nathan Vicards, Reg. for the probate of wills and granting of letters of administration in and for the said County personally appeared Thomas Marvel, Sen. and William Torbert, the subscribing witnefses to the forgoing will, who being duly sworn on the holy Evangels of Almighty God did dispose and say that in their sight, presence and hearing the Testator Adam Marvel did sign, seal, publish, pronounce and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament and that at the doing thereof he seemed to be of sound disposing mind, memory and judgement and that they and each of them did severally subscribe the same as witnesses in the presence of said Testator and at his request.

Nathan Vickars, Reg.

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## Will of Philip Marvel [6158]

Published January 9. 1850

I Philip Marvel, Capt. of Dagsborough Hundred Sussex County and State of Delaware Do make and publish this instrument to be my last will and testament in the manner and form following.

- Item 1 To the Heirs and legal Representatives of those who are now intered, and to the Heirs and Legal Representatives of those who may hereafter be intered in the Burying ground near my Residence, I give and devise the said Burying grounds on one square acre of land forever, with a free privileges to and from the Same for the purpose of making interments, and I order and direct that the said Burying grounds be kept substantially enclosed from the Rent \ profits of the land I dis\ with forever. Should my wish and order be at any time disregared and the Said Burying grounds be not enclosed I hereby request and impound the Trustees for the time being of the Presbyterian church in Indian River Hundred to cause the same to be enclosed and pay the expenses from the Rent and profits of the land I dis\ with.
- Item 2 To my son Manaan B. Marvel I give and devise three Silver table Spoons.
- Item 3 To my son Theodore W. Marvel I give and devise a Bed and furniture intened by me from my Son Nathaniel<sup>1</sup>, A nine square counterpane, one cow and calf, three Silver table spoons and fifty dollars in cash.
- Item 4 To my daughter Comfort Davidson, wife of Levin Davidson, I give and devise my Silver specks.
- Item 5 To my Son Philip Marvel I give and devise all the land I own and dis\ with, except the before described one acre, to him the said Philip Marvel his heirs and assigns. I also give to my Son Philip Marvel one set of Silver tea spoons, my still, casks, cider mill and all the appendages attached to the Distiler his choice from my sheep of five yews all the white corn on my premises and the unexpired time of my Apprentice William Timmons.
- Item 6 To my two Sons Manaan B. Marvel, Theodore Marvel, and my Daughter Comfort Davidson wife of Levin Davidson I give and Devise the Rest of my personal Estate to be equally divided between the three.
- Item 7 I do hereby order and Direct that if any of my children to whom I have divided my property shall prove any \ my Estate that the same be paid \ out of the prperty devised by me to him, her or them, be the property be real of personal
- Item 8 I do Constitute and appoint my two Sons Manaan B. Marvel and Theodore W. Marvel be \ the Executor of this my last will and Testament revoking all former wills by me made. In \ witnesses I have hereunto set my hand and seal the ninth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty. 1850

Capt. Philip Marvel

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<sup>1</sup> Nathaniel Hazlet Marvel [61586] was born in 1812 and died in 1843.

L\, seals, publishes and declares by the above named Capt. Philip Marvel to him his last Will and testament in the presence of us, who at his request and in the presence of us, in his presence and in the presence of each other have ----- our names \ \.

Touston P Morris  
James Anderson

**Will of Philip Marvel [61588]**

Published March 16, 1853

Probated April 4, 1853

I Philip Marvel<sup>1</sup> of Dagsborough Hundred, Sufsex County and State of Delaware do make and publish this instrument of wrighting to be my last Will and Testament in the manner and form following

Item 1 To my Beloved wife I give and devise one Bed and furniture, all the corn that is in my largest crib, all the fodder that is in my barn loft, two hundred pounds of Bacon, my Still, cider mill, and appendages, all the property that is in my brandy house, three of my hogs her choice, my Yoak of Oxen and the unexpired time of my apprentice William Timmons.

Item 2 To my apprentice William Timmons, if he shall faithfully serve out his time as before devised, I give and devise on young steer called buck.

Item 3 To my two sons Philip Rodney Marvel and George Edward Marvel I give and devise all the Land I die pofsefsed with to be equally divided between them to them the said Philip Rodney Marvel and George Edward Marvel their heirs and assigns forever,

I also give unto my two sons Philip Rodney Marvel and George Edward Marvel the rest of my personal estate to be equally divided between them.

Item 4 I do constitute and appoint my wife and Aaron B. Marvel Executors of this my lasr Will and testament revoking all former Wills by me made. I witness whareof I have hereunder set my hand and seal the Sixteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand and eight hundred and fifty three. \ 1853

Signed Sealed published and declared  
by the above names Philip Marvel to  
be his Last Will and Testament in the  
presence of us who at his request  
and in his presence and in the pres-  
ence of each other have subscribed  
our names

Philip Marvel

State of Delaware

Sufsex County

Be it remembered, that on fourth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty three before James Anderson Register for the Probate of Wills and granting of Letters of Administration in and for the County foresaid, appeared John Waples one of the subscribing witnesses to the within and foregoing instrument of writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of Philip Marvel late of the county aforesaid, deceased and being solemnly sworn on the holy Evangels of Almighty God, desposed and saith, that he saw the said Philip Marvell the testator sign the said instrument of writing and heard him publish, pronounce and declare the same as and for his last will and testament; that at the doing thereof he was of sound and disposing mind and memory, and upwards of twenty-one years of age; that his deponent attested and subscribed his name as a witness to the said instrument of writing at the instance, and in the presence of the said Philip Marvel the testator and in the presence of Nutter Marvell the subsribing witness.

Subscribed and

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<sup>1</sup> This lineage code has been assigned based on the following evidence. Other records show that Philip Marvel [61588] was born on November 16, 1816 in Sussex County, Delaware and married Elizabeth Messick on March 8, 1843. The dates of publish of this Will follows these dates and the Wife signed her refusal to be Executor as Elizabeth M. Marvel.

sworn before  
James Anderson, Reg.

John Waples

by Nutter Marvel -----

The State of Delaware  
Sussex County

Be it Rememered, That on the Ninth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty three before James Anderson Register for the Probate of Wills and granting of Letters of Administration in and for the County aforesaid appeared Elizabeth M. Marvel one of the Executors named in the Will of Philip Marvel late of Dagsborough Hundred County and State aforesaid probated April the fourth one thousand and Eight Hundred and Fifty three. And declines and refuses to act and give bond as one of the Executors of the said Will of Philip Marvel

Executed before

Elizabeth M. Marvel

James Andersonm Reg.

Marvel, Philip, Will probated April 4, 1853, Settlement  
March 29, 1861 Sussex County

## Will of Robert Marvel [616]

Published March 2, 1772

Probated July 25, 1775

In the name of God Amen, This twenty Seventh day of March one thousand seven hundred & Seventy two, I Robert Marvel of the County of Dorchester and provience of Maryland, planter Reflecting on the Shortness of this transitory life and that it is appointed for all men once to die. I being in a sound mind and perfect memory, thanks be given to Almighty God for the same, Do make and publish this to be my last will and Testament in Manner & form following (That is to Say.)

First of All I recomend my soul into the hands of Almighty God who first gave it to me, and my body, to the Earth from whence it came, to be burried in a Christian decent manner. Nothing doubting but to receive the same at the General Resurrection, as for wordly goods wherewith it hath pleased almighty God to Bless me with, I dispose there of in the following manner.

First I give and bequeth unto my beloved wife Rachel Marvel<sup>1</sup> one third part of my Real and personal Estate during her Natural life, also here Riding maire and Sadle to Her, her Heirs and Asigns for ever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my well beloved Daughter Ann Smith<sup>2</sup>, wife of Charlton Smith, one Shilbing Sterling and no more to Here, Here heirs & assigns for ever.

Item I give and bequeath to my well beloved son Thomas Marvel<sup>3</sup>, the plantation whereon I now live, Containing one hundred acres, with housing and Buildings thereon, Also my Negro Boy, called Levi, a small Bible, together with a feather Bed & furniture which was formerly his Grand fathers- with one plow and Harrow, to him, his heirs and Asigns forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my well beloved Son Joseph Marvel<sup>4</sup> the plantation and Track of land which I purchased of a Certain Robert Moody, containing Thirteen acres as to Patent, also the Sum of ten pounds in money, with the Negro Girl called Silby, with one feather Bed and furniture such as I leave in the house and a Riding Stalion called Joseph, to him and his assigns for ever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my well beloved Son Robert Marvel<sup>5</sup>, the plantation and tract of Land called Halls Choice with the housing and Building thereon being the land I purchased of a Certain Thomas Hall, containing fifty acres to him, his Heirs and assigns forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my well beloved Daughter Chole<sup>6</sup>, Widow of Johnathan Scuder, my Negro wench called Lucey with here increase during her Natural Life, And if the said Negro Lucey or any of her increase survive my Daughter Chloe, then my will and desire is that the said negros and their increase go to my Grand Daughter Rachel Scuder and her heirs, but if it should happen that my Grand Daughter die without Heir, then my further will and meaning is that the said Negroes go to my Daughter Betty<sup>7</sup>, to here, here Heirs and Asigns forever.

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<sup>1</sup> Rachel (Chase) Marvel; she and Robert had nine children.

<sup>2</sup> Ann Marvel [6165] married Charlton Smith.

<sup>3</sup> Thomas Marvel [6168].

<sup>4</sup> Joseph Marvel [6167].

<sup>5</sup> Robert Marvel [6169].

<sup>6</sup> Chole Marvel [6161], she remarried to James Barre and had one or more children.

<sup>7</sup> Betty Marvel [6164], she later married Eli McCalley.

Item I give all the rest and residue of my Estate of what ever kind soever to my Well beloved wife Rachel Marvel during here Natural life, and after here decease my will and meaning is that the same go to my five children herewith named and be Equally divided between them-viz Patience<sup>8</sup>, Robert<sup>9</sup>, Philip<sup>10</sup>, Rachel<sup>11</sup> and Betty Marvel to them, their Heirs and Asigns forever.

And Lastly I do herehereby nominate and apppoint my Belove wife Rachel Marvel Sole Exector of this my last will and Testament. Renouncing and Revoking all other wills heretofore by me made, Ratifying and Confirming this to be my last will and Testament and no other. In witnes wherof I have here unto set my hand and seal the Day and year first with in written.

Signed, Sealed, Published and Pronounced by the Testator to his last will and Testament in the presence of us the subscribers who were present at the signing and sealing there of & in the presence of Each Other

his  
Robert N Marvel  
Mark

Levin Connaway    John Willets  
Joseph Piper      Simon Kollock

Sussex County

Memorandum the 25th day of July 1775 Personally appeared before me Phillips Kollock Register appointed for the Probate of Wills and granting Letters of Administration for the County afs Levin Connaway and Joseph Piper two of the witnesses to for foregoing will subscribing and being Sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God deposeth and Saith that in their Sight presence and hearing the testor Robert Marvel did Sign Seal publish pronounce and declare the foregoing writing to be his last Will and Testament and that at the doing thereof the said Testator was of sound & perfect disposing mind, memory & Judgment & that they together with John Willets & Simon Kollock Subscribed the Same as Evidence at requested in presence of the Testator.

Phillips Kollock, Reg.

Robert Marvel    Last Will & Testament    25 day of July 1775    P. Kollock, Reg.

<sup>8</sup> Patience Marvel [6162] married William Brown.

<sup>9</sup> Robert Marvel [6169].

<sup>10</sup> Philip Marvel [6166].

<sup>11</sup> Rachel Marvel [6163].

## Will of Rachel (Chase) Marvel [616]

Published August 27, 1791

Probated September 5, 1791

In the Name of God Amen I Rachel Marvel of Sufsex County and Delaware State being weak in body but of sound memory blefsted be God, do this 27 day of August in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety and one, make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament in mannon and form following that is to say..//..

- First I give and bequeath unto my daughter Ann Smith<sup>1</sup> one Negro Girl called Hefsey, for her proper use, induring her life and after her decease to return to my Grand daughter Nancy Smith to her and her Heirs and afsigns for ever and if the above mentioned Negro Hefsey should bear children my will is that my Grand daughter Sally Smith shall have the first child that she bears to be hers abd her heirs for ever.
- Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Thomas Marvel<sup>2</sup> One Stone Jug and one flowered Earthern dish, and no more..//..//..//
- Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Robert Marvel<sup>3</sup> one Still..//..//
- Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Patience Brown<sup>4</sup> the Money due me on Note from her husband William Brown and no more.
- Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Phillip Marvel<sup>5</sup> One Negro boy called Jacob induring his life, and afterward to return to my Grandson Josiah Marvel to him his Heirs and afsigns forever, as also one Linen Wheel to my Son Phillip Marvel./
- Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Rachel Robertson<sup>6</sup> One Negro Girl Diannah to her and her Heirs and Afsigns forever and one Mare and Sadle to my daughter Rachel Robertson..//..//
- Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Betsy McCalley<sup>7</sup> one Negro Woman called Rose, to her and her Heirs and Assigns forever...
- Item I give and bequeath unto my Grand Son Josiah Marvel<sup>8</sup> One Yoke of Oxen and more..//
- Item I give and bequeath unto my Grand daughter Betsy Bare, One Cow and Yearling, and one feather Bed and furniture & no more..//..//
- Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Joseph Marvel<sup>9</sup>. One Shilling Starling and no more of my Estate..//..//
- And The rest and residue of my whole Estate to be Equally divided among my five children that is to say, My Son Robert Marvel and my Son Phillip Marvel and

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<sup>1</sup> Ann Marvel [6165] married Charlton Smith.

<sup>2</sup> Thomas Marvel [6168].

<sup>3</sup> Robert Marvel [6169].

<sup>4</sup> Patience Marvel [6162] married William Brown.

<sup>5</sup> Philip Marvel [6166].

<sup>6</sup> Rachel Marvel [6163] married Joshua Robinson.

<sup>7</sup> Betty Marvel [6164] married Eli McCalley.

<sup>8</sup> This maybe Josiah Marvel [61652] a son of Phillip.

<sup>9</sup> Joseph Marvel [6167].



### Will of Joseph Marvel [6167]

Published December 6, 1786

Probated December 28, 1786

In the name of God Amen the Sixth day of December in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred a\ Eighty Six I Joseph Marvel of Sufsex County in Delaware State being sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and mem\ thanks be given to Almighty God therefore calling unto mind the Mortality of my body and knowing that it is appoin\ed for all men once to die Do make and Ordain this my Last Will and Testament that is to say Principally and for\ all I give and recommend my Soul into the hands of God that gave it and for my body I recommend it to the earth\ buried in a Christian like and decent manner, at the discretion of my Executrix, nothing doubting but at the general \ resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God, and as touching such worldly Estate wh\ it had please God to blefs me in this life I give devise and disposse of the same in the following manner and form.

- Item I give and bequeath to my wifes child Mary Twenty Pounds of my Estate and no more..//..//
- Item I give and bequeath unto my wife Rachel<sup>1</sup> Marvel One third of my Estate of the moveables and one Negro Girl called Jude \ more of my Estate..//..//
- Item I give and bequeath unto my brother Thomas Marvel<sup>2</sup> all my write and title and claim to that land where the Widow \ now lives, all that is upon the South side of the County road that leads to the Widow Newbolts, and likewise all my write \ title to the lands where Ezokiah Beauius now lives to him and his heirs for Ever also one Negro boy called Peter..//..//
- Item I give and bequeath to my brother Robert Marvel<sup>3</sup> all the Lands that is upon the North East side of the same County\ that leads to Newbolts, The Lands that belongs to that Beavons, and place where Thomas Marvel now lives son of \ to him and his heirs for Ever, also one Negro Girl called Mint to him and his Heirs for Ever..//..//..
- Item I give and bequeath to my brother Phillip Marvel<sup>4</sup> one Tract of land called Spicers purchase of Fifty Acres to him \ his heirs for Ever and my Plantation and dwelling house & tract of land that my father bought of Robert Moody of Thi\ Acres with all my Plantation to him and his heirs for Ever, also one Tract of Land called Wiankins beginning containing \ dred and Eighty one to him and his heirs for Ever and one Negro Woman called S\boe..//..//
- \ my desire is that if there is any of my Estate remaining that is not Legu\ to be equally divided between my brothers \ Marvel<sup>5</sup> and Robert Marvel and Phillip Marvel to them and their Heirs for Ever..//..//..
- \ whole and sole desire is that my Wife Rachel Marvel and Thomas Marvel my brother should be my whole Sole Executor of \ my last Will and Testament and do herby utterly disallow, Revoke and disannual all and every other Testaments \ and bequests and Executors by me in any wise before this time before named Wills and Bequeaths. Confirming \ no other to be my last Will

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<sup>1</sup> No surname has been identified.

<sup>2</sup> Thomas Marvel [6168]

<sup>3</sup> Robert Marvel [6169]

<sup>4</sup> Phillip Marvel [6166]

<sup>5</sup> Probably Thomas Marvel

and Testament. In Witnefs whereof I have here unto set my hand and Seal this  
\ and year above written..\\..\\

Joseph Marvel

\ Sealed Published and declared by the said Joseph Marvel  
\ his last Will and Testament in the presence of us the subscribers  
    Levin Connaway  
    William Marvel

Sufsex County

Memorandum the 28 day of December 1786 before us Phillip Kollock  
Registor for the Probate of Wills and granting of Letters of Administration for the  
County afs appeared Levin Connaway and William Marvel two of \ to the Will who being  
sworn on the Holy Evanalists of Almighty God did dispose and say that in their \  
presence and hearing the Tetator Joseph Marvel did sign Seal and Publish pronounce  
and declare the same to be his Last Will and Testament and that at the doing thereof  
he was of a sound mind memory and Judgement and / they and each of them subscribed  
the same as Witnefses in Presence of the Testator and at his request.

Phillips Kellock Reg.

## Will of Thomas Marvel [6168]

Published October 13, 1793

## Sufsex County

In the Name of God Amen I Thomas Marvel (Son of Robert) of Nanticoke Hundred in the County aforesaid & in the State of Delaware being weak in body but of sound and perfect mind & memory blefsted be God for the same do make and publish this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following.....

- Imprimis** It is my will and I do order that in the first place all my just debts and funeral charges be paid and satisfied.....
- Item** I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Betty<sup>1</sup> Marvel one third of all my Real Estate with the third of the Mefsuages<sup>2</sup> and Tenements thereon during the term of her natural life and no longer. I also give and bequeath to my aforesaid wife the Sum of One Hundred pounds out of the Cash I leave in the House at my death, or money I leave, with the one third of all my moveable Estate (exclusive of any other part of my money that I may leave) also a Black Horse I now own and the Saddle and Bridle called his, these several articles hear last mentioned I give to her her heirs and assigns for ever.
- Item** I give and devise to my Brother Phillip Marvel<sup>3</sup> all that tract or parcel of land purchased at John Bearins Vandue and what I added to the same by purchase or otherwise with the Sum of One hundred pounds<sup>4</sup> out of the money I shall leave behind me in my Estate & which I desire may be paid him by my Ex hearafter mentioned both of the devises I give to him his Heirs and Assigns for ever.....
- Item** I give and bequeath to my Nephew Josiah Marvel<sup>5</sup> (son of my brother Philip) all that part of the land and Plantation I now reside on, that lays to the North side of the said place from a line extended thru the plantation about or at the Bars where they now are next to the Savannah & which I go thru to the County Road on the East side of my place; this part of my land here devised was taken up by my father in his lifetime & part of it I took up myself, the whole laying on the North side of my plantation be the same more or lefs to him his Heirs and Assigns for ever.....
- Item** I give and bequeath to my Nephew Robert Barr<sup>6</sup> all the rest and residue of my aforesaid plantation and lands annexed thereunto, laying to the South & East of the aforesaid division of his Cousin Josiah's bequeath afores with the Mefsuages & Improvements thereon with one of the Beds and Furniture

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<sup>1</sup> Elizabeth

<sup>2</sup> Messuage = Dwelling house with out-buildings and adjoining lands.

<sup>3</sup> Phillip Marvel [6166]

<sup>4</sup> This was a very large sum of money. In another document of the period ten pounds is given as the yearly rent on a plantation with buildings and over two hundred fruit trees.

<sup>5</sup> Josiah Marvel [61682]

<sup>6</sup> Robert Barr [61611] Son of Chloe Marvel [6161], she married a James Barr in 1772.

which I may leave in my House, One cow and calf my Bridle and saddle with a mare colt that is on my place, & a set of plows & harrows of such as I leave to him his Heirs and Assigns for ever .....

- Item I give and devise to my Neice Betsy Robinson<sup>7</sup>, daughter of Joshua, One Negro Girl named Bett to her her Heirs and assigns for ever....
- Item I give and bequeath to my Nephew Thomas Robinson<sup>8</sup>, Son of Joshua, out of the cash I leave behind and to be paid him by my Execut hereafter named Fifty pounds in money to him his heirs and assigns for ever.
- Item I give and devise unto my Nephew James Jones<sup>9</sup>, son of William to be paid him by my Execut. hereafter named the Sum of Fifteen pounds out of the money I leave behind me to him his heirs and assigns for ever.
- Item I give and devise unto my brother in law Eli McCalley<sup>10</sup> the two hundred acres of land I purchased of a certain Matthias Jones & which lays near him the said Eli's with all the Improvements & Mefsuages therunto belonging to him his heirs and assigns for ever.....
- Item I give and devise all the rest and residue of my estate of what Nature and kind it may be of & that I may leave behind me, unto my brother Phillip Marvel my brothers in law Joshua Robinson<sup>11</sup> and Eli McCalley, which is to be paid him by my Execut. hereafter mentioned after and immediately when they have settled up my estate with the Register of the County and desire it may be equally divided between them an their heirs, to them their heirs and assigns for ever.

And Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my loving wife Elizabeth Marvel and my brother Phillip Marvel Execut of this my last will and Testament, herby revoking all former Wills and Wills by me made heretofore by me made In Witnefs whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this thirtieth day of October A\_\_s 1793.

Thomas Marvel

The words One hundred pounds is meant  
in Phillips devise underlined & made before this  
Will was signed & sealed & approved of by the testator  
S Kollock

Signed Sealed published and declared by Thomas Marvel the aboved named testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence have Subscribed our names as witnefses thereunto

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<sup>7</sup> Daughter of Rachel Marvel [6163]

<sup>8</sup> Son of Rachel Marvel [6163]

<sup>9</sup> There is no record of a Jones being married to one of the sisters.

<sup>10</sup> Spouse of Betty Marvel [6164]

<sup>11</sup> Spouse of Rachel Marvel [6163]

Simon Kollock  
William White  
Mary M Kollock

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## Will of Thomas Marvel [614]

January 28, 1797

In the name of God Amen I Thomas Marvel the county Sussex and state of Delaware being very sick and weak of bodey but of perfect Mind and Memory Thanks be given unto God calling into mind the Mortality of my Bodey and knowing it is appointed for all Men once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, That is to say principle and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hand of Almighty God that gave it, and my body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in a decent Christian Buriel, at the discretion of my executors; nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again, by the mighty power of God. And as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this Life I give, devise, and dispose of the same in the following Manner and Form:

- First I give and bequeath to my son Thomas Marvel<sup>1</sup> that peace of land he now lives on, frely to be possessed and enjoyed by him and his Heirs forever.
- Item I give unto my sone Joseph Marvel<sup>2</sup> all that parcel of land whereon my Sone Parker Marvel<sup>3</sup> has his plantation cleared, if he the said Parker Marvel refuses to make a good Sufficent wright of one half of his grist mill and two acres of Land convenient to Said Mill for the use of Said Mill to the fore mentioned Joseph Marvel and his heirs forever but if the Said Parker Marvel complies and makes good title to the said Joseph Marvel shall make a good Sufficent wright unto Parker Marvel and all that parcel of land whereon he has his Plantation unto him and his Heirs forever.
- Item I give unto my son Robert Marvel<sup>4</sup> one Yoke of young oxen them he now clames.
- Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Patience Marvel<sup>5</sup> one cow and calf one bead and furniture and blew chest and Lume Slaes and gears and one Spining Wheal.
- Item I give to my sone Joseph Marvel one bead and firniture also I make and ordain my sone Joseph Marvel sole Executor of this my last will and testament.
- Item I give to my sone Obadiah Marvel<sup>6</sup> one shilling and no more.
- Item I give to my sone Parker Marvel one shilling and no more.
- Item I give to my sone Stephen Marvel<sup>7</sup> one shilling and no more.
- Item I give to my son Elisha Marvel<sup>8</sup> one shilling and no more.
- Item I give to my son Eli Marvel<sup>9</sup> one shilling and no more.
- Then after my debts and funirel charges is paid, the residue of my movable estate I give to be equally divided betwixt three of my children namely, Joseph Marvel, Robert Marvel and Patience Marvel and I do hereby utterly

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<sup>1</sup> Thomas Marvel [6141]

<sup>2</sup> Joseph Marvel [6143]

<sup>3</sup> Parker Marvel [6144]

<sup>4</sup> Robert Marvel [6142]

<sup>5</sup> Patience Marvel [614(10)]

<sup>6</sup> Obadiah Marvel [6146]

<sup>7</sup> Stephen Marvel [614(11)]

<sup>8</sup> Elisha Marvel [6148]

<sup>9</sup> Eli Marvel [6149]

disallow and revoke all and every other Wills and Executors by me before named ratifying and confirming this to be my last Will and Testament. In witness where of I have here unto Set my hand and seal this twenty eight dau of January, in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven --

Signed, sealed, published pronounced and declared, by the said Thomas Marvel of his last will and testament in the presence of us.

His  
Thomas X Marvel  
Mark

X Thomas Marvel  
X William Marvel  
Rachel Marvel

## Will of Joseph Marvel [6143]

Published March 14, 1817

In the name of God Amen

I Joseph Marvel of the County Sussex and State of Delaware being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory Thanks be given unto God: caling unto Mind the mortality of my Bodey, and knowing that it is appointed for all men onst to die, do make and ordain this my last will and Testament, that is to say prenciple and first of all, I give and recommend my Soul into the hand of Almighty God that gave it and my bodey to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian manner at the discretion of my Executors; nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God. And touching such worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life, I give and dispose of the same in the following manner and form:

first I give and bequeath all my lands and mill to my three sons and their heirs forever namely John P. Marvel<sup>1</sup> Job Marvel<sup>2</sup> and Joseph Marvel<sup>3</sup> to be equally divided at the age of twenty one years to my three sons and if any of my sons should deceas not having heirs lawfully begotten of their bodey I devise the above lands and mill to my surviving son or sons and his or their heirs forever, also after my debts and funaral charges is paid I devise all my parciel Estate to my two Daughters namely Lewpinkster Marvel<sup>4</sup> and Susanna Marvel<sup>5</sup> frely to be enjoyed by them also I make and ordain my well beloved wife Mary Marvel<sup>6</sup> sole Executrix of this my last will and testament disanuling all former wills, by me in anywise named; ratifing and confirming this and no other to be my last will and Testament In witness wherof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this fourteenth day of March one thousand Eight hundred and Seventeen

Signed sealed and declared

by the said Joseph Marvel

Joseph Marvel

as his last will and testament

in the presents of Us

X Philip Marvel<sup>7</sup>

X Adam Marvel<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> John Parker Marvel [61434].

<sup>2</sup> Job Marvel [61435].

<sup>3</sup> Joseph Marvel [61431].

<sup>4</sup> Lewpinkster Marvel [61433].

<sup>5</sup> Susanna Marvel [61432].

<sup>6</sup> Mary (Harris) Marvel, she and Joseph had five children.

<sup>7</sup> It is possible that this is cousin Phillip Marvel [6166].

<sup>8</sup> It is possible that this is cousin Adam Marvel [6156].

## Will of Phillip Marvel [615]

Published May 4, 1795

Probated May 12, 1795

In the name of God Amen I Phillip Marvel of Dagsbury Hundred in the county of Sufsex in the State of Deaware Planter, being sick and in low condition but of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof, and being desirous to settle my wordly affairs and thereby be the better prepared to leave this world when it shall please God to call me hence do therefore make and publish this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say.

First and principle I commit my Soul into the hands of Almighty God and my body to the Earth to be decently burried at the direction of my Executors, herein after mentioned, and after my several debts and funeral charges are discharged I dispofe of the residue of my estate as follows.//...//...//

- Item I give and bequeath to my Son Philip Marvel<sup>1</sup>, all that tract of Land with the improvements thereon which I now reside on, with all the rest and other tracts which I have taken up in my own right laying adjacent thereunto, or hold by any other Title whatever (reserving out of the same to my beloved Wife Comfort Marvel<sup>2</sup> during her natural life or widowhood, the free enjoyment of all the Houses & Buildings thereon, Orchards & Gardens & the use of such part of the plantation as she may think proper to till & a liberty to cut timber of the Woodland, for plantation use & firewood during her said widowhood undisturbed by my said Son) I also give to my said Son, one yoke of oxen that he usually calls his, or one out of my Estate, with one plow and harrow, out of such as I may leave with a bed and furniture out of such as I may leave in the House, the whole of these several bequeaths included in this devise, Lands and premises I give to him my said Son Phillip Marvel his Heirs and assigns for ever.//...//...//
- Item I give and bequeath to my Son Thomas Marvel<sup>3</sup> to be payd him by my Executrix hereafter named, out of my Estate five Shillings and no more...
- Item I give and devise to my son William Marvel<sup>4</sup> to be paid him by my Executrix hearafter named oft of my Estate five Shillings and no more...
- Item I give and devise to my Son AARON Marvel<sup>5</sup> to be paid him by my Executrix hearafter named out of my Estate five Shillings and no more...
- Item I give and devise to my daughter Rhoda Butcher<sup>6</sup> to be paid her out of my Estate by my Executrix hereinafter named five shillings and no more....
- Item I give and bequeath the use of my negro girl named Sue, unto my wife Confort Marvel during the term of her natural life, then my will and desire is she should go to and be the property of my daughter Cloe<sup>7</sup>, to her, her Heirs and Assigns for ever...

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<sup>1</sup> Philip Marvel [6158].

<sup>2</sup> Comfort (Rodney) Marvel, she and Philip had eleven children.

<sup>3</sup> Thomas Marvel [6151].

<sup>4</sup> William Marvel [6153].

<sup>5</sup> Aaron Marvel [6154].

<sup>6</sup> Rhoda Marvel [6152] married William Butcher.

<sup>7</sup> Chloe Marvel [6159] married Eli Pepper circa 1800.

Item I give and devise to my beloved wife Comfort Marvel all the use, profits and advantages of all the rest and residue of my personal Estate of what nature and kind it may be of, to be held and enjoyed by her freely, during the term of her widowhood and no longer. Then and after her use of my Personal Estate as aforesaid mentioned and expressed My will and desire in that the whole of my Personal Estate remaining should go to and be equally divided between my four children viz Adam Marvel<sup>8</sup>, David Marvel<sup>9</sup>, Mary Marvel<sup>10</sup> and Chloe Marvel, to them their Heirs and Assigns for ever.//.//.//.//

Item My further Will and desire is that in case my wife should die or marry, before my Son arrived to eighteen years of age, that he should enjoy the Lands herein bequeathed to him at that age, without intervention or interference of any Guardian...  
 And Lastly I do hereby Constitute and appoint my wife Comfort Marvel the whole and Soul Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament; revoking and annulling all former Wills by me heretofore made, ratifying and confirming this and none other to be my Last Will and Testament. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 4th day of May 1795

Signed, Sealed, published and declared by Phillip Marvel the above named testor as of and for his Last Will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto  
 S. Kollock

his  
 Philip P. Marvel  
 wife

her  
 Rachel X Sirman  
 mark

Sufsex County

Memorandum the 12th day of May 1795 before me Phillip Kollock Register appointed for the probate of the Wills and granting Letters of Administration for the County afs appeared, Simon Kollock and Rachel Sirman the subscribing Witnefses to the foregoing Will, who being duly sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, did severally dispose and say, that in their sight, presence and hearing the Testator Phillip Marvel did sign, seal and publish and declare, the same to be his last Will and Testament, and that at the doing thereof he was of a sound and perfect mind, memory and Judgment, and that they severally subscribed the same as Witnesses in the presence of the testator and at his request.

Phillips Kollock, Reg.

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<sup>8</sup> Adam Marvel [6156].

<sup>9</sup> David Marvel [6157].

<sup>10</sup> Mary Marvel [6155].

**Will of Comfort (Rodney) Marvel [615]**

Published September 20, 1800

Probated March 9, 1802

In the name of God Amen I Confort Marvel of the County of fufsex and State of Delaware being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God calling into mind the Mortallity 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 give and recommend my soul into the hand of almighty God that gave it and my Body I recommend to the Earth to be Buried at the discretion of my Executor, nothing doubting but at the resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power if God, and as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life, I give and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.//...//...//...//...

I give and bequeath to my son Phillip Marvel<sup>1</sup> all the Cyder Casks that I have.//...//...

I give and bequeath to my Grand Daughter Elon Brucher<sup>2</sup> my bed and furniture to be in the care of her guardain til she comes at age to receive it, and one pale read Cheast, and after my debts and funeral charges is paid and settled then the residue of my Estate to be equally divided between my two daughters name by Mary Marvel<sup>3</sup> and Chloe Marvel<sup>4</sup> and my Grand Daughter Elon Burcher and if the said Elon Burcher should die under age, then I give the Goods Aloted to her to my Grand Daughter Comfort Burcher<sup>5</sup>.//...//...//

I make and ordain my son Adam Marvel<sup>6</sup> sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have herewith set my hand this twentyeth day of September in the year of Our Lord one Thousand Eight hundred-----

signed, sealed and declared by  
the said Comfort Marvel to be  
her last Will and Testament in  
the presence of us....

her  
Comfort X Marvel  
mark

Thomas Marvel, Aaron Marvel

Sussex County

Memorandum this 9th day of March 1802 Before me Phillips Kollock, Register appointed for the probate of Wills and granting of Letters of Administration for the County afs - appeared Thomas Marvel and Aaron Marvel Witnesses to the within and foregoing Will who being duly sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God did severally depose and say that in their sight, presence and hearing the Testatrix Comfort Marvel did sign, seal publish, pronounce and declare the same to be her last Will and Testament, and that the doing thereof she was of a sound and perfect mind, memory and Judgment, and that they severally subscribed the same as witnesses in the presence of the testatrix an at her request... Phillips Kollock, Reg.

<sup>1</sup> Phillip Marvel [6158].

<sup>2</sup> Daughter of Rhoda Marvel [6152] and William Butcher.

<sup>3</sup> Mary Marvel [6155].

<sup>4</sup> Chole Marvel [6159].

<sup>5</sup> Daughter of Rhoda MArvel [6152] and William Butcher.

<sup>6</sup> Adam Marvel [6156].

## Will of Thomas Marvel [6151]

Published November 8, 1829

Probated September 15, 1836

In the name of God Amem I Thomas Marvel<sup>1</sup> of Broadkiln hundred in Sufsex County and State of Delaware, being in perfect health, mind and memory, thanks be given unto God, but calling unto 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 give and recommend my soul into the hand of Almighty God that gave it and my body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in a decent burial at the discretion of my Executor, nothing doubting but at the General resurrection I shall receive the same again, by the mighty power of God, and touching such wordly Estate wherewith it has please God to bless me in this life, I give, devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

First I give and bequeath unto my son Aaron Marvel<sup>2</sup> all my lands, tenements and appertainences, there unto belonging, frely to be enjoyed by him and his heirs forever.

Also I give unto my beloved wife Andasiah Marvel<sup>3</sup>, an unditurbed right to my Dwelling House where I now live, with sufficient firewood from any part of my land and one third of all the produce raised grown my cleared Land, laying on the west side of the state road leading to Georgetown, during her natural life or widowhood. Also I give to my daughter Eliza Marvel<sup>4</sup> the same right to my Dwelling House and produce jointly with my Wife. that is, one third part for their use, during her single life....

Also I give to my wife my best bead and furniture and one cow and calf.

Also I give and bequeath to my daughter Eliza Marvel my second best bead and furniture and one cow and calf.

And After the death of my wife my will and desire is that the bead and furniture legated to my wife to be property of her Grand Daughter Betsy B. Carroll<sup>5</sup>.

Also My Will and desire is the afs legacies to be delivered over to said Legatees as tho they were no part on my Estate

Also I give and bequeath unto my son Aaron Marvel, whom I likewise Constitute, Make and Ordain the sole Executor of this my last will and testament all and singular the rest and residue of my Estate not before mentioned by him freely to be proposed and enjoyed. And I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke and disannul all and every other will and testament by me before named rattifying and confirming this and no other, to be my last will and testament. I witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this Eighth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine.

Thomas Marvel

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<sup>1</sup> In the Marvel History this is Thomas Marvel [6151] son of Philip and Comfort (Rodney) Marvel.

<sup>2</sup> In the Marvel History this is Aaron Marvel [61519] son of Thomas and Leah (Jones) Marvel.

<sup>3</sup> Andasiah McCalley was the third wife of Thomas Marvel. They were married on October 9, 1808; there was no issue. She had previously been married to Thomas Truitt.

<sup>4</sup> Eliza Marvel [6151(11)] was a daughter, and youngest child, of Thomas and Leah (Jones) Marvel. She died on January 23, 1837.

<sup>5</sup> Unable to identify.

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced and declared by said Thomas Marvel, as the last will and testament, in the presence of us, who in his presence and the presence of each other, have hereunto subscribed our names.

William Jefferson of Job

Robert Jefferson

The State of Delaware, Sufsex County. Be it remembered that on this fifteenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty six before me, David R. Smith, Register for the probate of wills and the granting of letters of administration in and for Sufsex County aforesaid personally appeared the written named William Jefferson (of Job) one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Thomas Marvel late of the county aforesaid deceased and being solmnly sworn on the holy Evangels of Almighty God deposed and saith that he saw the said Thomas Marvel the testator sign the said instrument of writing and also seal the same and heard him publish, pronounce and declare the same as his last will and testament, and at the time of his doing he was of sound and disposing mind and memory and upwards of twenty one years of age and that he attested and subscribed his name as a witness to the said Instrument of writing, at the request and in the presence of the said Thomas Marvel the testator.

David R. Smith, Reg.

**Will of Aaron Marvel [6154]**

Published May 30, 1833

Probated May 7, 1836

In the name of God Amen I Aaron Marvell of Dagsborough hundred in the County of Sufsex and State of Delaware, considering the uncertainty of the mortal life being of sound mind and memory, blessed be Almighty God for the same, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say) First I give and devise unto my son Aaron Burton Marvell<sup>1</sup> all the Tract of Land Whereon I now live with all the Tracts, Piece or parcels of Land that I purchased of the heirs of George McPeck (deceased) Also my Tan yard and Lot that I purchased of Robert Jefferson and Wife with all the appurtences thereunto belonging to hold him the said Aaron B. Marvel his heirs and assigns forever by paying my two daughters Namely Nancy C. Marvel and Lavina E Marvel twenty five dollars each.

Also I give and devise unto my son Nutter Marvel<sup>2</sup> all my Tract peice or parcel of Land called and known by the name of Addition to Pepper's Choice with a Tract peice or parcel of Land I purchased of William Rodney (Jun) with the appertainences thereto belonging to hold unto him the said Nutter Marvel his heirs and assigns forever by paying unto my aforesaid daughters the sum of twenty five dollars each

Also I give and bequeath unto my said son Nutter Marvel one bed and furniture and one horse that I bought of Thomas Jefferson.

Also I give and bequeath unto my well beloved wife<sup>3</sup> my best bed and furniture, my grey horse and gig and her choice of my cows and calves.

Also I give and bequeath unto my daughter Nancy C Marvel<sup>4</sup> one bed and furniture and my weaving lume slays and gears with the appaeatus belonging to said lume.

Also I give and bequeath unto my daughter Lavina E Marvel<sup>5</sup> one bed and furniture and beaurough and one Spinning Wheall.

Also I give and bequeath unto my Son Aaron B. Marvel one bed and my desask.

Also I do hereby appoint my said Son Aaron B. Marvel Sole Executor of my last Will and testament.

And further after all my Just debts and Funeral Expenses are fully settled and paid then all the rest, residue and remainder of my personal estate, good and chattels of what kind and nature soever I give and bequeath unto my four youngest children, namely, Aaron B. Marvell, Nutter Marvel, Nancy C. Marvel and Lavinia E. Marvel by and equal division, rattifying and confirming this to be my last Will and testament, hereby revoking all former Wills by me made at any time. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this thrityeth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three.

Signed, sealed, published and declared  
by the above named, Aaron Marvel, to  
be his last Will and Testament in the  
presence of us who have hereunto  
subscribed our names as witnesses in

Aaron Marvel

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<sup>1</sup> Aaron Burton Marvel [61545]

<sup>2</sup> Nutter Marvel [61546]

<sup>3</sup> Levinia Prettyman daughter of George Prettyman.

<sup>4</sup> Nancy Clemmons Marvel [61547]

<sup>5</sup> Lavina Emelyne Marvel [61548]

the presence of the Testator.

Thomas Marvel, Sen  
Burton H. Marvel

Sufsex Co.

Be it remembered this 7th day of May 1836 before me David R. Smith, Register for the probate of Wills and granting Letters of Admisistration for the County of Sufsex, Thomas Marvel and Burton H. Marvel the two subscribing witnesses to the within and foregoing Will, who being duly sworn on the Holy Avangels of Almighty God did severally despose and say that in their sight, presence and hearing Aaron Marvel the Testator herein did sign, publish, pronounce and declare this Instrument of Writing to be his Last Will and Testament and at the doing thereof he was of sound and disposing mind and memory and that they and each of then severally subscribed the same as witnesses in the presence of said Testator and at his request.

David R. Smith, Reg.

## Will of Robert Marvel [6169]

Published July 17, 1817

Probated February 3, 1824

In the name of God Amen I Robert Marvel<sup>1</sup> Sen of Sufsex County & State of Delare being week and infirm in body but of Perfect mind and memory and preasent thanks bee to God for his mereys to me and Cauling to mind the mortality of the Bodey and nowing that it is appointed for all men onse to die and touching my wordly Estate wherewith it has both Pleased God to blefs me with I do hear by Give and Devise in the manner and form following viz.

I give and bequeath unto Robert Barr<sup>2</sup> all the lands I am Pofsest with to him and his heirs and afsigns for Ever. -----

I also leave my Negro man Robert to bee freed at my death and my Negro woman Mint to bee free at the same time.

I leave my Negro man fisher to be heired out or sold to Som Person in the Neighborhood that will not send him out of the State untell he arrive at the age of twenty Eight years and I also Leave my Negro woman Jane and mingo the same way and all of them to bee free from any further services for my Estate or administration forever and the moneys arising from the hire or sale of the three Negros last named is to go to the Payment of my just debts or they may bee kept by my administrator during the above term if they will Pay my Debts and no longer and all the Residue of my Personal Estate I Leave to my wife<sup>3</sup> at her disposal and I thereby Constitute and appoint my wife and Purnel Tindal my Sole Exector Revoking and annulling all and every other will or wills heretofore by me maid and this to bee taken as my last will and testament and none other as witnefses by my hand this Seveteenth day of July 1817.

Robert Marvel<sup>4</sup>

Test

Kohn Tindal

Miles Tindal

Sufsex County

Memorandum Feb 3, 1824

Before me Nathan Vichars Register appointed for the probate of Wills & granting of letters of adm for said County appeared John Tindal & Miles Tindal the two subscribing witnefses to the Within and fore going Will who being sworn on the Holy Evangals of almighty God do Severally declare and say that Robert Marvel did sign seal publish pronounce the same to be his last will and tesament & at the doing thereof he seemed to be of a Sound \ mind memory and Judgement that they and Each of them and severally subscribe the same as Witnefses of said testator at his request.

Nathan Tindal Regr.

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<sup>1</sup> Believed to be son of Robert and Rachel (Chase) Marvel, but this is based only on dates and location and his leaving his property to (Nephew) Robert Barr.

<sup>2</sup> Believed to be Robert Barr [61611] a son of James and Chole (Marvel) Barr.

<sup>3</sup> According to other records his wife was Mary Smith.

<sup>4</sup> Signature of Robert Marvel, it indicates he was either feeble or with limited writing abilities.

**Estate Accounting, Robert Marvel [6169]**

Approved January 17, 1826

The Account of Robert Barr Adm. of Robert Marvel with copy of will amended \ of Sufsex County dec as will of such and so much of said dec property which came to his hands and pofsefsion as also of his payment out of the same vir

The said accountant charges					The said Accountant crave an		
with all and singular Nir					allowance for his payment vir.		
With amount of Sales	\$310	87			Paid for \ ads Adm. with copy of will	4	57
With cash from Mr Jones / of an exec	15	00			Do Appraisers	3	23
Mr Jones	19	50			Do Burial Expenses	3	00
	345	37			Do Witnesfses for proving will	1	78
Amt. of payments	311	08½	No 1		Do John Martin Acct Prp \ Rect.	6	51
Balance Estate	34	28½	2		Do Peter Carrol do do	1	17
			3		Do Aaron Marshall do do	2	51
			4		Do Thomas Prettyman do do	1	07
			5		Do Aaron Marvel do do	1	63
			6		Do Peter Robinson Judg bond \ do	72	71
			7		Do Brinkley R Johnson Acct do do	2	82
			8		Do Thomas Marvel do do do	5	19½
			9		Do Daniel Hudson do	44	20
			10		Do William Jefferson do	7	06
			11		Do Mitchell Scott for crying vendue	1	50

				12	Do Jake Green Judg note \ \ do	41	00
				13	Do John Harris afsignee of Aaron Marvel note	13	20
				14	Do John Dean Judg. per acct	2	65
				15	Do Caleb & Jos S Slayton \ of Robrt M McCauley	19	15
				16	Do Caleb & Jos Slayton Judg \	10	02
				17	Do John H Harris Clk for \ a \ against Wm Jones Rect.	00	87
				18	Paid Warren Prettyman Judgt \	17	41
				19	Do Ias Mault Shff for \ fees	6	48
				20	Do Betsy Cade for tending as a witnefs in a suit Peggy Yates vs this Accountant		35
					/ out of \$615.52 @ 6p-1	36	93
					paid for stating & preparing	4	00
						311	08½

The above account was exhibited to the Reg.  
17 January 1826 on Oath

By Robert Barr

Nominated allowed and procefsed same day

Nathan Tindal REg.



## Will of Obediah Marvel

Published November 19, 1834

In the name of God Amen I Obediah Marvel of Sufsex County being weak in body but of Sound mind and memmory and Considering the Certainty of Death do therefore feel it my duty to dispose of those things which it has pleased the Almighty to bestow upon me accordingly,-----

Item 1<sup>st</sup> I give and Bequeath unto my son Collins Warfield Marvil all that tract or part of a tract peice and parcel of lands which was formerly the property of my mother Patience, which Said Lands I purchased of the heirs of the Said Patience after her death, Containing the quantity of One hundred Acres more of lefs Situate on the waters of Broad Creek & in Little Creek Hundred & part of a tract of land Called Glafscon. to him and his heirs forever.---

Item 2<sup>nd</sup> I give and bequeath unto my younger Son Levin James Marvil all that tract or part of a tract, piece and parcel of Lands which I purchase of John Allen & James M. Rider & Elizabeth his Wife, being a part of a tract of land called Glasiow and containing the quantity of Seventy four and three quarters Acres of Land more or lefs Situate on the waters of Broad Creek and in Little Creek Hundred to him the said Levin James Marvel and his heirs forever.-----

Item 3<sup>rd</sup> I give unto my daughter Amelia Adrilla Prueline Marvel one hundred dollars to be paid out of any of the moneys now due unto me the said hundred dollars to be paid unto her my said daughter with interest thereon when shall she arrive to the age of Eighteen years.-----

Item 4<sup>th</sup> I will and bequeath unto my beloved wife Charity Marvel all the profit arising or that may arise from the cultivation of the lands bequested unto my two sons Collins Warfield Marvil and Levin James Marvil until they shall arrive to the full age of twenty one years also after my movable Estate such as household and kitchen furniture, farming utensils, cattle, and hogs, corn and forage, and also the money that is due unto me (excepting the one hundred dollars willed to my daughter) to her for her support and for the support and maintenance of the three children above named and after the death of the said Charity Marvil it is my will and desire that any of the property remaining be equally divided between my three children vis; Collins Warfield Marvil, Levin James Marvil and Amelia Adrilla Pureline Marvil.

Item 5<sup>th</sup> I do hereby constitue and appoint my said wife Charity Marvel my sole Executor to this last will and testament hereby revoking, making null and void, all former wills by me made. In testimony whereof I have hereunto my hand and seal this 19<sup>th</sup> day on November in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty four.

his  
Obediah X Marvel  
mark

Signed, sealed published and recorded

to be his last will and testament

In the presence of us

Nathanel Y Corley      Jonanthan Cathell Perry P Moore

**Will of William Marvel {Rachel}**

Published July 26, 1847

Probate February 15, 1848

In the name of God Amen I William Marvel of Broadkiln Hundred Sussex County and State of Delaware being weak of body but of sound, disposing mind, memory and understanding do hereby publish and declare this to be my last will and testament hereby revoking, any, and all other wills by me heretofore made.

Item It is my will and desire, that my just debts and funeral expenses shall be first paid out of my Estate.

Item Second, It is my will and desire after my funeral expenses shall have been paid that all the balance of my personal property of every kind and nature whatsoever including household goods or stock of any and all kinds whatsoever shall belong to my beloved wife Rachel and to her and her heirs and assigns forever.

Lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife Rachel, my Whole and Sole Excutrix of my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this twenty sixth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty seven - 1847.

Signed, sealed published, acknowledged  
and declared by the said testator to  
be his last will and testament in our  
presence who saw him sign his name and  
acknowledge it thereto and we subscribe  
our names in his presences and at his  
request and in the presence of each other.

William Marvel

Jos. S Layton            J, D, Rodney

State of Delaware

Sussex County    Be it remembered that on the 15th day of February in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty eight before Mr. William Dunning, Register for the Probate of wills and granting of Letters of Administration in and for the County aforesaid, appeared Joshua S. Layton, one of the subscribing witnesses to the within and foregoing instrument of writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of William Marvel late of County aforesaid deceased; and being solemnly sworn on the holy Evangels of Almighty God deposed and saith that he saw the said William Marvel the testator sign the said instrument of writing and heard him publish, pronounce and declare the same as and for his last will and testament; that at the doing thereof he was of a sound and disposing mind and memory, and that they severlly subscribed the same as Witnesses in the presence of the testator and at his request.

William Dunning, Reg.

**Will of William Marvel {Sarah}**

Published April 27, 1847

In the name of God, Amen I William Marvel of Broadcreek Hundred, in Sussex County and State of Delaware, farmer, do make and publish this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me at any time heretofore made. After payment of my just debts and charges I dispose of my estate as follows - I give, advise and bequeath unto my wife Sarah Marvel for the term of her natural life, my farm called the Home place, where I now reside, containing about two hundred and twenty acres of land, also I give unto her for the aforesaid term the farm formerly belonging to Manaen Bull containing about two hundred fifty acres of land, adjoining lands of John Moore, Joseph Manaen's heirs and others, also the use of my negroes Andrew and Peter and Henry during her life. Item To my son William J. Marvel I give and bequeath my negro boys Lewis and Minus and Mark and my negro woman Harriet, my mahogany secretary, one farm wagon, one bed and bedstead with the usual covering and bed linen, my old single barrel gun and two the best horses which I shall own at the time of my death to be selected by himself. Item To my daughters Eleanor Marvel and Christina Marvel I give and devise my farm in Broadcreek Hundred formerly belonging to William Moore containig about one hundred fifty acres of land, adjoining lands of Marshall Elliot and Cyrus Ward to be equally divided between them, to them and their heirs and assigns forever, also I give to each of them one good bed and bedstead with the usual covering and bed linen. Item To my grand daughters Margaret W. Wootten, Sarah E. Wootten and Letitia Elder I give the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars to each of them, to be paid to them one year after my decease. Item To my grandson William J. Shiles, I give, devise and bequeath my farm in Broadcreek Hundred formerly in the possession of Thomas Skinner, containing about one hundred acres adjoining the lands of Peggy Elligood and Josiah Neale to him and his heirs and assigns forever. Item To my grandson James K. P, Wootten I give the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars to be paid to him in case he arrives at the age of twenty one years and not otherwise. Item I give and devise and bequeath my farm in Broadcrek Hundred formerly the property of Joseph Ward, containing about one hundred and ninty three acres, adjoining lands of William Giles, Solomon Short and others to my son William J. Marvel and his heirs in trust nevertheless for the uses and purposes following, towit, in trust to receive and pay over to my daughter Sarah Ann Vaughan the rents issues and profits thereof during her natural life for her sole and separate use behoof and benefit and free from the control of her husband or his debts or liabilities and her separate receipt to be a sufficient acquittance and discharge thereof and at her death in trust to convey said farm in fee simple to such child or children of my said daughter as many be then living at the time of her death, then in trust for the use of said William J. Marvel and his heirs forever. Item To my grandson William W. Cooper I give and devise one undivided half part or majority of that portion of my farm in Broadcreek Hundred formerly in the possession of Jonathan Martiman, which is situated on the eastern side of the raod leading from Grace's mill down to Thomas Short, Cyrus Ward and others containing in the whole about one hundred and sixty acres, to him and his heirs and assigns forever and the other half part or majority of the said portion of the said last mentioned farm I give and devise to my grandson William W. Cooper to him and his heirs in Trusts nevertheless for the uses and purposes to wit; to receive and pay over to my daughter Julia Ann Hasty the rents issues and profits thereof farming her natural life for her sole and separate use, behoof and benefit and free from the control of her husband or his debts or his liabilities and her separate receipt to be a sufficient acquittance and discharge thereof and at the death in trust to convey to the child or children of my said daughter Julia Ann as may be then living in fee and simple, and if said daughter should leave no issue living at the time of her death, then in trust for his own use to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

Item To my grandsons William I. Knowles and John Knowles I give devise and bequeath my farm in Broadcreek Hundred formerly the property of Levin Booth containing about one hundred and forty acres of land adjoining the lands of Samuel Taylor, Elias Taylor and others to be equally divided between them and their heirs and assigns forever.....

Item To my grandson William I Knowles I give my new half stocked gun. As my negro man Andrew hath generally served me with great diligence and integrity, my will is that in case my wife Sarah shall survive me he shall serve her, nursing her during her natural life and at her death he be hereby is manumitted and set free and in case my wife should not survive me, then that my executors shall within three months after my death manumit and set free the said Andrew and they are hereby empowered to do so and in case at anytime hereafter the said Andrew shall become unable to support himself I hereby charge whatever to my estate I give to my son William with the sums necessary to defray his expenses. And I give and bequeath unto my son William J. Marvel all the rest and residue of my estate real and personal, which is not hereby before disposed of and I hereby nominate and appoint my son William J. Marvel and my friend George Green of Laurel jointly and severally to be the executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have to wit my will set my hand and seal this twenty-seventh day of April AD 1847.

William Marvel

Signed, sealed and published and declared by the above named William Marvel as and for his last will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence have subscribed our names as witness thereof the word "Marvel" being underlined in the twenty second<sup>1</sup> line from the top of the first page. Nathe O. Harris  
Jas. A. Bayard, Hr.

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<sup>1</sup> This count not valid in this copy.

**Will of John Rogers**

Published October 6, 1794

Probated October 25, 1794

In the name of God Amem, I John Rogers of Sufsex County in the Dellawar State planter being six and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory and knowledge that it is apointed for all men once to die do this sixth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred ninty four make and publish this my Last Will and Testament in the maner following that is to say First I recommend my Soul to God and my body to the Earth from whence it came \\ of a joyful Resurrection through Christ our Lord and as for such Wordly Estate as it has pleased God to blefs me with I dispofts thereof as followeth.///.///.///

First I give and bequeath all my lands to my well beloved wife Confort Rogers to be at her disposal during her life or widowhood and all my moveable Estate during her life and after her deceast all my lands to be equally divided between my two sons George Rogers and John Rogers and the expenses and charges that shall arise for securing and pattenning my new Rites in Land to be equally paid between them.//

I give and bequeath to my Son John Rogers one yoke of oxen which he shall chuse, one plow and one harrow, one Oae and one grubbing Hoe.///.///.///

After hur deceased I give and bequeath to my four well beloved children hereafter named Leah Rogers & John Rogers & Patience Rogers & Eunice Rogers all my movable Estate to be equally divided.///.///.///

And to my well beloved children that are married and left me hereafter mentioned I gave and bequeath each of them one Shilling Starling and no more, that is to say Ann Jones & Comfort Fisher & Rachel Herrin & Polla Bivanes & George Rogers & Leving Marvel & Orpa Marvel.///.///.///

And I do hereby nominate my well beloved wife Comfort Rogers and my Son John Rogers Sole Exettors of this my last Will and Testament hearby revoking all former Will which heartofore have been made or written whereof I have set my hand and Seal the day and year above mentioned.///.///.///

John Rogers

Testis            David X Marver  
                  Thomas Rodney  
                  William Rodney

### Will of Job Jefferson

Published March 20 1819

Probated October 17, 1828

{This will is included because three of the daughters married Marvels. Lovey married Lamuel Marvel [61511] and Elizabeth married Philip Marvel [6158]. The third daughter is named in the will as being married to a Marvel but her husband has not been identified. This was transcribed from a secondary copy.}

In the name of God Amen the twentieth day of March one thousand eight hundred and nineteen I Job Jefferson of Sussex County State and Delaware being very weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God; therefore calling unto mind the mortality of my body. Do make and ordain this my last will and testament; that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it and my body I recommend unto the earth to be buried in Christian burial at the discretion of my executors and as touching worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give and dispose of the same in the following manner and form:

- Item I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Sarah my mannor plantation where I now dwell with the orchards improvements wood lands thereunto belonging during her life or widowhood and one negro woman named Selah during my wife Sarah's natural life and one cow one yoak of oxen and bed and furniture during her widowhood and at the death or marriage of my wife Sarah.
- Item I give and bequeath my mannor plantation aforesaid with the appertanances thereunto belonging also the negro girl Selah bed and furniture and yoak of oxen and cow as above named to my son Robert Jefferson his heirs and assigns forever provided he will pay the appraised value of the negro girl Selah cow yoak of oxen bed and furniture in my estate hereafter to be disposed of and the land and appertanances where the said Robert now lives containing about eighty acres be the same more or less and his heirs forever.
- Item I give and bequeath to my son William Jefferson all the land beginning at a marked red oak South Easterly corner of the poorhouse land at the end of a crost fence thence with the fence Southerly course \ and extending the same course acrost the b\ to William Prittymans line thence with said prittmans line Eli Peppers lines and the lines of the poorhouse land home to the beginning to him and his heirs forever.
- Item I give and bequeath all my personal Estate not allready disposed of that is to say my Negro woman Lydia two children Isaac & Tanner and all the children she may have before my death as well as my stock and personal property of whatsoever kind it may be Except six chairs one pot one Cittle for the use of my wife during her life.

To my five daughters Elon Jones, Elizabeth Marvel, Mary Marvel Margaret Prittyman and Lovey Marvel to be equally divided to them and their heirs forever Except the bay mare I now have my wish and desire is my son Robert Jefferson shall have as his own property

And I do hereby make and ordain my sons William Jefferson & Robert Jefferson my sole Executrix of this my last will and Testament and I do hereby utterly disallow revoke and disanul all and every other former testaments wills by me in any way before named ratifying and confirming this to be my last will and Testament in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and the day and year above written

Job Jefferson