

## APPENDIX IX.

### RICHARD STOCKTON'S WILL.

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*Last Will of Richard Stockton the 1st :*

In the name of God, Amen :

I, Richard Stockton, being sick and weak of body but sound of memory, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and for me following :

First, I bequeath my soule into the hands of Almighty God and my body to be buried at the discretion of my executors hereafter named, in hopes through the merrits of Jesus Christ to obtain a joyfull resurrection.

Item, I give to my son Richard after the decease of my wife four hundred ackers of land to him and to his heires and assignes forever.

Item, I give to my son Job my plantation and all the improvements with four hundred ackers of land to him and to his heires and assignes forever, not to possess it till the decease of my wife ; only in consideration of the said improvements my said son Job shall pay to Abigall the daughter of my son Richard Ridgeway the sum of ten pounds within a year after he enjoys the said plantation, and if uppon a re-survey of the whole twelve hundred ackers there happen to be any overplus, my will is that my son John shall have one third part thereof joyning on his four hundred acres which I formerly gave him, and the other two thirds to be equally parted between my said sons Richard and Job.

Item, I give to my dear wife Abigall all my personall estate with the use of my plantation during her life, and after her decease the said personall estate to be equally divided between my five daughters, Abigall, Mary, Sarah, Hannah, and Elizabeth ; and I do make and Constitute my said wife Abigall my sole Executrix of this my last will and testament, revoking all other wills and testaments