

William Green's will is dated 11 January 1721/22 and is recorded in Trenton, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, Vol. 23, page 193:

In the name of God. Amen. This eleventh day of January Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and twenty one. - I William Green of Trenton in the County of Hunterdon and province of New Jersey yeoman. Being in perfect mind and memory thanks be given to God but calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament. Viz: Principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God who gave it, and my body I recommend to the dust to be buried in decent Christian burial at the discretion of my executors, nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty powers of God and as touching such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bless in this life, I give, devise, and dispose of the same in the following manner and form: Viz: IMPRIMIS. I give and bequeath unto Joanna, my dearly beloved wife the best room in my now dwelling house, and the closet in the seller [sic], and one third part of the improvable land and tenements belonging to it together with one third of the moveable estate, goods, and chattels during the term of natural life, and in case of her intermarrying during her widowhood. But if she marry again my will is that she have fifty pounds paid her by my executors out of my moveable estate on the day of her marriage and that she then give up the possession of the house and her thirds as aforesaid. ITEM-I give and bequeath unto my well beloved son Richard my dwelling house and plantation that I now live upon excepting that part as is willed to his mother as aforesaid. And the whole of it at her death or intermarrying with all the appurtenances to him and his heirs and assigns forever. ITEM-I give unto my well-beloved sons Joseph and William that house and plantation that I bought of John Severns to them and their heirs and assigns forever, to be equally divided by them, they paying their two sisters, Joanna and Sarah, fifteen pounds apiece when they either of them arrive to the age of eighteen years. ITEM-I give and bequeath to my well beloved sons Benjamin, John, Jeremiah, and Isaac to each forty pounds when they arrive to ye age of twenty one years, to them and their heirs and assigns forever to be paid by my executors out of my moveable estate. ITEM-I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughters Esther and Mary to each fifteen pounds to be paid by my executors out of my moveable estate to them and their heirs forever. ITEM-My will and pleasure is that my four younger sons shall be put out to learn such trades as they shall choose when they shall come to the age of seventeen years and also they be learned to read and write. FURTHERMORE, I constitute, make, and ordain my well beloved sons Richard and Joseph my executors to this my last will and testament. And my will is that after the aforesaid division and payments be made, that all the remaining part of my moveable estate, goods, and chattels be equally divided between my two executors aforesaid it being provided that all the legacies or bequests aforesaid be paid or levied on if the moveable estates, goods, chattels at money price according to nine shillings and two pence p ounce. And I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke, and disannul all and every other former testaments, wills, legacies, and executors by me in any way before this time named, willed, and bequeathed ratifying and confirming this and other to be my last will and testament.

*In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand seal, the day and year above written- Signed, sealed, published, pronounced and declared by the said William Green as his last will and testament. In the presence of- Christopher Howell William Reed David Howell
William Green (Seal) Proved 1 June 1723.*

[Note: January 1721 would be calendar year 1722 by the present Gregorian calendar which was not adopted by England and her colonies until 1752. Thus William Green's will was written approximately six months prior to his death on 16 June 1722]