

Will Of David Dishman, Sr. (1712-1794)

In the name of God, Amen. I, David Dishman of St. Anne Parish, in the county of Essex, being in perfect health, sense and memory, thanks be to God, do make this my last Will and testament as follows:

- Imprimis** I lend unto my two daughters Sarah Dishman and Jenny Dishman my house wherein I now live, together with five acres of land adjoining thereto during the time of a single life.
- Item** I give, devise, and bequeath unto my two sons David Dishman and John Dishman all my land whereon I now live (after reserving one half acre for a burying place, as also the aforesaid loan during the single life of Sarah and Jenny Dishman) to be equally divided between them and their heirs forever.
- Item** I give, devise, and bequeath unto my son Isaac Dishman my right of the land leased of Capt. Henry Garnett, to him and his heirs or assigns during the life of said Garnett.
- Item** All the remainder of my estate I leave to be equally divided amongst those hereafter mentioned, namely, Mary Robenson and Sarah Dishman, each one share. The heirs of Samuel Dishman one share amongst them. David Dishman, John Dishman, Dinah Spearman, Isaac Dishman, Anna Gray and Jenny Dishman, each one share to them and their heirs forever. But if either of two daughters Sarah Dishman or Jenny Dishman shall depart this life without first marrying, in that event, what is given to her shall revert and be divided among my then surviving children.
- Lastly** I do constitute and appoint my three sons David Dishman, John Dishman, and Isaac Dishman, executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 25 day of April in the year of our Lord God 1788.

David Dishman



Signed, sealed in presence of the
Samuel Dishman
John Dishman, Jr.
Obed. Gray

At a court held for Essex County at Tap. On the 25 day of April 1794. This last will and testament of David Dishman deceased was presented into Court by David Dishman, Jno. Dishman and Isaac Dishman the Executors therein named, and proved by Samuel Dishman and Jno. Dishman Junior two of the witnesses thereto and also the oaths of said Executors and ordered to be recorded and a certificate was granted to the said David Dishman, Jno. Dishman and Isaac Dishman for obtaining probate of said testament in due form they having entered into and acknowledged bond according to law, which bond is also ordered to be recorded.

Test.

Clerk

Will Book 15 (1792-1800)
Essex County, Virginia

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