

Will Of Samuel Dishman, Sr. (1723-1796)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN, I Samuel Dishman, senior, of the county of King George and Parish of Hanover, being sick and weak of body but of proper sense and memory thanks be to Almighty God for the same, do make and ordain this to be my last Will and testament, revoking all others heretofore made.

- Imprimis I give and bequeath unto my son Samuel Dishman all that Tract or Parcel of land given to me by my Father, to him and his heirs forever together with sundry negroes & their future increase heretofore conveyed by gift to my said son, as will appear by reference to records of the Court of aforesaid county, also all my moveable estate that he my said son has at this time in possession.
- Item My desire is that my son William Dishman shall have during his natural life the full use privilege and enjoyment of my slaves following and their future increase, viz.: Hannah and her children Lidia, Mary, Nat, Reuben, Sampson and Anna, William and Moses, and after the demise of my son William my desire is that the slaves above mentioned together with their increase may descend unto my above named son Samuel Dishman and his heirs forever.
- Item I give and bequeath unto my son James Degge Dishman the tract of land whereon I now live together with my grist mill adjoining the same, however subject to his sisters Frances and Mary, for the use and enjoyment of the dwelling house as a home wherein I live, during their single or unmarried condition, also my slaves following, viz.: Jacob, Harry, Mathew, and boy Cox, Kizia and her children, viz.: George and Henson together with her future increase to him and his heirs forever.
- Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Frances the following slaves, viz.: Joseph, Martha and her child Winney, girl Sarah, and boys Solomon, John, and Joshua, and privilege above mentioned in my dwelling house to be mutually enjoyed with her brother James Diggs Dishman in manner and terms before mentioned.
- Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary the following slaves, viz.: Peter, boy William, girl Peggy, Fanny and her child Leonard, boys David and Thomas, and their future increase to her and her heirs forever, also the privilege before mentioned in my dwelling house to be mutually enjoyed with her brother James Degge Dishman in manner and terms before mentioned, as I have heretofore given unto my daughter Elizabeth dec'd into her actual possession who intermarried with Tho. Muse and equal share of my slaves it is my desire that the said Thomas nor his heirs shall receive any further part of my estate.
- Item I give and bequeath unto my grand daughter Betsy Butler Dishman one negroe girl named Carey and her increase to her and her heirs forever.

All the remaining part of my estate not herein before devised I desire may be equally divided between my son James Degge and daughter Frances, Sarah, and Mary.

I do hereby appoint my sons Samuel and James Degge executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this twenty six day of December One thousand seven hundred and ninety three.

Samuel Dishman



Signed and acknowledged in presence of

C. Edrington, John Lovell, John W. Ashton, James Dishman

At a court held for King George the 5th day of May 1796, the last will and testament Samuel Dishman, deceased, as foregoing, was presented into court, proved by John W. Ashton, one of the witnesses thereto and ordered to be certified and at another court held for the same County the 7th day of July 1796, James Diggs Dishman, one of the Executors therein named made oath thereto according to law and being further proved by the oath of two other of the witnesses thereto is ordered to be recorded and on motion of the said Executors, certificate is granted him for obtaining probate thereof in due form, having first performed what the law in such cases requires,

Law. Berry, CC.

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