

William Potts' Sr. Will (1755-1829)

In the name of God amen I William Potts being weak of body but in perfect mind and memory do revoking all other make this my last will and testament.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son William Potts the tract or parcel of land whereon he now lives reaching to the branch west of his house and extending northward until it comes to a gully thence in a northwesterly direction to an oak or until it comes in contact with Mundock (?) or Marshall's line.

Item. I give and bequeath to my executor herein after to be named in trust for the benefit of my son Bailey B. Potts the balance of my land. One half of the negroes of which I may die possessed not otherwise disposed of by this my last will, one half of my stock of horses, cattle, sheep, and hogs together with all my household and kitchen furniture and plantation utensils and one half of the crop growing and all the provisions on hand to be held by my Executor hereafter to be named for the benefit of my said son Bailey B. Potts they permitting him the full use and enjoyment of all the above named property during his life and then upon this further trust that they hand over and deliver the property herein bequeathed to them in trust to the child or children of my said son B. B. Potts if any there be by a lawfully wedded wife to my said son Bailey B. Potts and in default of such children or child that they then deliver the said land and other property to my son William Potts or his legal representatives.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son William Potts one half of the negroes that I may die possessed of and not otherwise disposed of in this my last will and testament.

Item. I give and bequeath to my granddaughter Polly Lunsford my negro woman Eliza and her future increase to her and her heirs forever to be held in trust by my son William Potts for her benefit until she arrive to the age of twenty one years or marry.

Item. I give and bequeath to my grandson William Lunsford fifty dollars to be given to him when he arrives to the age of twenty years upon which sum no interest is to be computed.

Item. I give and bequeath to James Grigsby the sum of thirty dollars.

Item. I give and bequeath to Mary Grigsby during her life part of the point of land lying westward of the land heretofore bequeathed to my son William Potts beginning at a gully in the path thence with the path to William Potts' line thence with his line to the road thence with the road to a gully thence down the gully to the beginning at the path together with the use of the orchard she has raised on the land of bequeathed to my son William. Should Elizabeth Grigsby survive her mother she shall be entitled to the same rights privileges and immunities during her single life provided she behave herself in a virtuous and prudent manner and not otherwise.

Should any dispute hereafter arise between the legatees herein I hereby constitute and appoint my nephew Richard Potts as umpire between them whose decision touching any controversy I hereby make finally binding on the parties.

Lastly I hereby constitute and appoint my son William Potts and my nephew Richard Potts Executors of this my last will and testament.

Witness my hand and seal this 20th of July 1829.

The interlineations on the first page "one half" of the crops growing and all the provisions on hand. On the second page "child or" were made before sealing.

Witness:

Edward Oldham

V. Saunders

S. Oldham

William Potts



At a court held for the King George County the 5th day of November 1829.

The last will and testament of William Potts deceased was this day presented in court proved by the oaths of Samuel Oldham and Edward Oldham two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. Whereupon Richard Potts one of the executors therein named came into court and renounced his right of executorship. And William Potts another of the executors therein named came into court made oath and together with Hezekiah Potts and Richard Potts his securities entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of \$4000 conditioned as the law directs certificate is granted him for obtaining a probate of said will in due form.

Teste

John H. Smith, clerk

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