

In the name of God, Amen, I, John Gregory, Jun^r., of Charles City and Parish of Westover, being of sound perfect sense and memory, but calling to mind the mortality of man, do make this to be my last Will and Testament in manner and form as is hereafter directed. Imprimis, my will and desire is that all my just debts and funeral Charges be paid, thereafter the residue I give and dispose of in manner and form as is hereafter directed. Item, I give and bequeath unto my loving wife, Martha Gregory, during her life or widowhood, one-half of my whole estate, and the other half to go to the maintenance of my Children, Richmond Gregory and John Munford Gregory. Should there be any more than to maintain them, to be equally divided between them, and if my wife should be now pregnant, for the child to share equally with the others, and at my wife's decease for my whole estate to be equally divided amongst them, to them and their heirs forever. Lastly, I appoint my wife, Martha Gregory, Executrix, William Greene Munford, Richmond Terrell, William Gregory, my Brother, and William Terrell Executors of this my Last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this third day of December, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six.

JOHN GREGORY, JR. (Seal).

Signed, sealed & delivered

in the presence of

her

Mary X Shennan,

mark

her

Sarah X Clarke.

mark.

At a Court held for Charles City County, Wednesday, the 3^d day of September, 1777, The aforewritten Last Will and Testament of John Gregory, Jun^r., deceased, was presented in Court by Col. William Greene Munford and Richmond Terrell, two of the Executors therein named, and being proved by the oath of Mary Shennan, one of the Witnesses thereto, is admitted to record; Martha Gregory, widow and Relict of the said John, and Executrix named in the Said Will, appeared, and refused to take upon herself the Executrixship thereof, as also renounced all benefit she might claim therefrom. And on the above said Executrix, making Oath according to Law Certificate is granted them for obtaining a Probate thereof in due form, they giving Security, whereupon they, together with William Christian and John Gregory, their Securities, entered into and acknowledged their Bond in the penalty of two thousand pounds Current Money, with Condition according to Law. Liberty is reserved to William Terrell, the Other Executor named in the said Will, to join in the Probate thereof, when he arrives to the age of twenty-one years, if he shall think fit.

Test, Mordecai Debnam, C. C. C.

A Copy. Teste, Edmund Christian, D. C. C.

Endorsed: "John Gregory's Will. A Copy for John M. Gregory. Gregory. Died in 1776. In April, 1778, 1000 & odd pounds in hand. Only 200 & odd pounds paid. Sell slaves."

The following letter * attests the gallantry of John Gregory, Jr.:

Greenway, Nov^r. 17th, 1811.

I do certify that Wm. Gregory went into the continental service early in the Revolutionary War, I believe, as Ensign, and was promoted to y^e Staff department as also in the Line he was rais'd to the office of Lieut^t. and died in the Service. I knew him well, as he was in my Volunteer Company before any Regular Troops were rais'd, and was an Excellent soldier, and was brother to Jno. Gregory, who was killed in the service. And who when his men endeavored to take him from the field, while the enemy were pushing their victory over his small party, desired them to take care of themselves, that he could not survive, exhorted them to continue bravely to defend their Liberties and only lamented "that he cou'd not die again to serve his country."

I also knew John Bell, he was adjt. for our C^y City volunteers, and went into our service an officer, fought many Battles and received a

wound in the Brandy Wine action. When he left the service, he married in my neighborhood, and dyed as he lived a very respectable man, whose certificate may be relied on. John M. Gregory is the nephew of Wm. Gregory and his heir at Law.

Given under my hand & seal this day and year above mention'd.

JOHN TYLER.

LWT OF JOHN GREGORY, CHARLES CITY CO., VA. WILLS