

In the Name of God Amen I Nathaniel Whitaker of the County of Elizabeth City & shire of Maryland being of sound and disposing mind and reflecting on the uncertainty of this Life do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following -

I hereby Recommend my Soul into the Hands of almighty God trusting to receive Pardon for my Sins through the merits of his well beloved Son my Saviour and redeemer and my Body to the Earth to be buried in a decent manner

I give and bequeath to my loving Wife Sarah Whitaker all my Estate both real and Personal and of every Nature or Kind soever to her and her Heirs forever

I give and bequeath to my Son Jonathan Whitaker all my Wearing Apparel to his Use forever

I give and bequeath to my loving Wife all my Devine and Moral Books to be disposed of amongst my Children at her discretion and as she thinks fit

I give and bequeath to my Son William Smith Whitaker all my Physical Books -

I give and bequeath to my loving Wife Sarah Whitaker all my outstanding Debts of every kind whatsoever besides including an account against my Son William Smith Whitaker which will appear in a green large Pocket Book which I travelled with in England and which are in my said Son William Smith Whitakers Possession -

I give and bequeath to my Son William Smith Whitaker all my Part of the Debts due to us in consequence of our Partnership as Physicians in Elizabeth City County in Virginia -

It is my further Will and Desire that my loving Wife Sarah Whitaker distribute between my Son Nathaniel Whitaker and my Daughter Sarah Whitaker all or any Part of my Estate left in her Hands at her discretion as she thinks proper to their Use forever

And lastly, I Do Nominate and appoint my loving Wife Sarah Whitaker my whole & Sole - Executor to this my last Will and Testament revoking all other Wills heretofore made by me

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my
 Hand and Affixed my Seal this twentieth
 Day of January in the Year One Thousand
 seven hundred and ninety five

Signed & Sealed by the
 Testator as and for his
 last Will & Testament
 In the Presence of

1795

Nath Whitaker

Benny: van

George Hope

Minson: T. Poby

John Jennings

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Respect

per vouchers &c

Will

Nath Whitaker

Memorandum

It is my desire that Mr. George Hope and
 Mr. Benny: Poby continue a Copy of this Will to
 my Wife Mrs. Sarah Whitaker in Canaan in the State of N.H.
 together with some acct. of her ones & close of my days

The last Will and
 Testament of Nath Whitaker
 Sept. 18 1795 proven by Augustus &
 Samuel & Co. witnesses

Memo.

That it is my intent and meaning that my loving Wife
 Sarah Whitaker would understand I am desirous that my said
 Wife would divide the 1/2 left in her Hands at her Deceth should
 be equally ~~divided~~ ^{proportioned} between Mrs. Sarah Townbridge Widon and
 my Son Nathaniel Whitaker

Teste Benny: Poby, Minson: T. Poby, Nath Whitaker
 George Hope, John Jennings

Whereas my said Husband gave his Daughter ^{supra} Barbara
 five, & Barbara King soon after their marriage & in his life
 time cash & effects to the amount of five Hundred Pounds
 he also gave his daughter Mary Herbert after her marriage
 a Negro Man, & has left her in his Will a part of his land -
 known by the name of ^{Pembroke}, & since his death I have
 paid her Husband Pasco Herbert three Hundred Pounds
 His therefore my will & desire, that at my decease the last
 mentioned Mary Herbert be Valued & if the Valuation of the same
 together with the above mentioned three Hundred Pounds, and
 my Negro Man James, which I would not have valued at more
 than forty Pounds, should not amount to the sum of
 five Hundred Pounds, that the deficiency be made up out
 of the remainder of the Estate

It is my will & desire that at my Decese, that the Land
 given to my Daughters Amelia Jones, Anne Jones &
 Eliza Jones, in their father's Will, be Valued, & the difference
^{whatsoever the}
~~between the~~ valuation may be it shall be made up out of
 the estate five Hundred Pounds to each of them

I give to my son Thomas one Hundred Pounds to be put to
 use or disposed of by his Guardians to the best Advantage
 till he comes to the Age of Twenty years

I also give & bequeath to my afore said son Thomas two young
 cows & one bed & Furniture, ^{or the value thereof} also the small bed & mattress he now
 makes use of

I give & bequeath to my daughters Amelia Jones, & Anne Jones ~~the~~
 & Eliza Jones each a bed & Furniture, ^{it is my desire that} the first that is married
 shall have one of the mahogany Bedsteads & curtains, the other
 single one to have the other & that the youngest single one may have
 the value of the mahogany Bedstead & curtains made up to her in
 Cash or other ways

I also give to my three aforesaid daughters two cows each & silver spoons

It is my will & desire that at my death that piece of land part of the Pembroke plantation given to my daughter Hunter by her Father will, be valued, & after the above mentioned legacies are paid that the the remainder shall be sold or valued which ever may be most agreeable to my children together with whatever cash, loan, office certificates, Bonds, Book debts, Household Furniture, except such as are already mentioned, may be equally divided between my daughters & Hunter Mr Herbert, & James & James & Son, & the value of ~~the~~ the piece of land ~~given above~~ mentioned belonging to Mr Hunter to ~~be~~ ^{his} part of the division

* It is my desire that Negre woman Moll may have the liberty of choosing which of my children she pleases to live with & that they will all endeavor to make the remaining part of her life comfortable

It is my ~~will~~ ^{desire} & desire that if any of my children be under age or without a will that their estate be equally divided amongst the survivors or their representatives

I do hereby appoint my good friends John Hunter, Miles King & Paslow Herbert executors to this my last will & Testament & I beg that none of them may refuse to qualify as their advice & assistance may be of singular service to my ~~unmarried~~ ^{unmarried} children, in particular my son whose time of life requires great attention

It is my will & desire that my executors may be appointed guardians to my son & hope from the Friendship that has always subsisted between them & myself, that they will take the greatest care of his education & Morals, & that they will be with Mr. Davenport as long as he ^{my} thinks he can be of service to him, & then have he taught such branches of learning as may ^{turn over} fit him for Business & Society

& when he arrives at a proper age it is my desire that he may
 be taught the business of a merchant as he will will be better
 • situated for that business than any other, Barbara Jones
 It is my desire that my executor choose the men that are good
 * James to take the lands above mentioned 320 a

Elizabeth City County Court Jan^y 22^d 1795 This Instrument of
 writing purporting to be the last will & Testament of Barbara Jones deceased
 was produced in Court whereupon John Applewhain, Geo. Hope & John
 Banks were severally sworn Examiners & deposed. They verily believe
 the same to be wholly written by the said Barbara Jones & the said
 writing is established as the last will & Testament of the said
 Barbara Jones & ordered to be recorded.

Teste Merritt Moore Clerk

Barbara Jones Will

1795
Jan^y 22^d proved to be true.

Recorded