

The 3^d Day of September 1745. Sunday

The Inventory of the Estate of Eliza Phipps Deceased was
ventd into Court by William Lloyd Esq Admstr of
the Estate the Estate of the said Deceased which is the

John Woods Elkan

In the Name of God Amen

Augustine Hammond and John Hammond of Chatham County in the Colony of Virginia being of Body and of Sound Mind and Memory praise be given to God for the same, and being bound by the unchangeable and everlasting covenants made by Divine Assistance, to settle & Dispose of these Temporal Blessings which it hath pleased God beyond my Devotion to bestow upon me, and therefore making this my Last Will & Testament Do makeing altogether thus and Testament hitherto made by me.

I therefore made by me. O 1
I therefore, I committed my soul into the hands of God that gave
it. Hoping thro' the Merits of the Lord Jesus Christ it will be accepted
and my Body to be Interred, with Decency at the Discretion of my

Tom Moran
Bill

...and I will Dispose Devise Give and Bequeath it in the manner following That is to say.

1st My Will is that my well Beloved Wife Margaret Van Meter Have the Third part of my Movable Estate, also one Room which she hath been in, in my Dwelling House, and one third part of the Orchard next the River, Together with the Keeping of one ^{Riding} Horse with the Cart, Harness & Hooting Tarn to be worn her Bed & Bedding, she shall have Liberty to be by her self during her Living life, without Controul or hindrance or molestation of any Person whatsoever.

2^d Item I give Will Devise & Bequeath unto my son Aaron Van Meter his heirs Lawfully Begotten, a certain Parcel Tract of land Bought by me of Francis Pritchard on Orchard Run against the state formerly Bequeathed to him, said Tract Begins at an Elm Tree being the East Corner of the said Tract, and Runneth thence South by Degrees Less Twenty Nine Poles, between a line from Hickory Station to the aforesaid Elm Station By Orchard Run side thence down the same to the Beginning Line of the afo^r Pritchards Tract thence South fifty five Degrees West One Hundred and Ten Poles, to the afo^r Beginning Line containing by Estimation one hundred Acres of Land be it more or less Provided that it should be no less than one hundred Acres.

Furthermore I have given unto my
son Abraham Van Meter one certain Tract of land being situate
in Oregon Run within County of ...
Begotten, being part of two hundred and twenty five acres of land
Bought of John Hite, Beginning at corner two rods below where
I am on a high Bank on Oregon Run called the ...
running thence by a Dubious line North thirty five Degrees East thirty
Paces, to a small Hickory, thence North twenty Degrees East thirty
Paces to a Black Oak thence North twenty Degrees West thirty Paces to
North fifteen Degrees East two hundred and thirty Paces to another
corner of the Original Survey, thence North twenty Degrees
West thirty Paces to the first Beginning tree of the Survey of the Original
Tract by Oregon Run ...
up Oregon Run to the Beginning Pine containing by Estimation two
Hundred and thirty five acres of land but I have or hope to have
also gave Devisa Will and Bequeath to him my son Abraham ...
Have Lawfully Begotten, Under the same Restrictions and Limitations
as I have Bequeathed unto him the above mentioned land Bought of
Francis Pincher, also I give and Devisa unto my said son Abraham ...
my Wife after the death of my ...

Devised of if any there be any of all things above
4thly. Fourthly, I also Will Devise Give and Bequeath unto my son
Abraham Van Meter and to his lawful Heirs the Southernmost part &
Half nearly of four Hundred acres of land for me & my heirs to
Survive for him his heirs &c. what Land I have lost His & Bond for
Procuring a Patent, which if he shall not obtain the Patent he shall
have the P. Bond for Recovering so much as will Amount to his share
or Proportion according to his Dividend of said Trust, and the same land to
be held and enjoyed by him & his heirs the same Restrictions and Limita-
tions as the above mentioned Land, & namely the Land Bought of
Thomas Pinckney &c.

5thly. Next, I Devise Give and Bequeath unto my son Isaac Van
Meter and his Heirs Lawfully Begotten one part or Part of land be-
ing part of the Trust of said Isaac Van Meter & Beginning at a
Bounded Shape at the end of Isaac Van Meter in the first Line of the Ori-
ginal Trust Running thence with the said line South thirty Degrees the
Sixty four Perches thence South Eighty one Degrees East one hundred & Eighty
Eight Perches thence North five Degrees East then South thence South Eighty one
Degrees East one hundred & Eighty Perches until it intersects the Line of the
Indian Trust, thence North one hundred Perches to two white Oak a corner
of the Indian Trust thence North fifty Two Degrees West forty Perches to a
Black Oak another Corner of the Indian Trust thence North Eighteen
Perches thence North twenty six Degrees West to the Beginning thence, &c.

Price thereof to two Brothers Jacob and the other three fourths to be so
Applied towards Improving the said town, the said other three fourths
to be used in other Lands and the said Land to be held under the same As
the others and the same to be in those Lands with the said to be
said the same as before mentioned. Also, I give to David and his
children and assigns after my said wife's death of my
said town and lands in said an Equal Proportion of which
said said the same as well of my Land as what are to be disposed
of if any there be as of all other my Moveables &c.

My Sister, I do so Bequeath unto my son Henry
his heirs lawfully Begotten, one Certain Parcel or Tract of Land situated
and lying in Frederick County on Opakeen Run whereon the said Henry
now Dwells Beginning at a Spanish Oak standing by Opakeen at a
Lick in the Branch of S. Run and Running thence unto the Woods, East
Twenty Poles to a Black Oak thence North Eighty three Degrees East thence
two Poles to a white Oak thence East One Hundred and fifty one Poles to a
 Hickory in the line of the Original survey thence down the same to a
that falls into Opakeen Run thence down the same into Opakeen
Run where a spring is at the Mouth thereof then up Opakeen
Run to the Beginning Spanish Oak Containing by Estimation

such as Wife Richard below the Mouth of the said River to get Blaine
and have all the said part of the said Spring at the Mouth of the said
River and to enjoy the said Land under the same Restrictions and
Limitations as my son Abraham who is his Heir and if my said son
should Die before his Wife then my Will is that the said Land
be immediately Disposed of and Expatriated out of the said Land as
Dwelling never to have any Claim Right Title Interest or Demand
on said Land or Dwelling place Least should be and then to
Ruin to the said His Also I give & Devise unto my said son Henry of
his my afore said Wife Third of my Moveable Estate and Legacies are paid
an Equal Proportional Childs part arising therefrom as well of my
Lands which are to be Disposed of if any there be of all else &c
7thly Item, I Will Devise Give & Bequeath unto my son Jacob Ken-
neth and His Heirs Lawfully Begotten or to be gotten from
the time that his Wife first Child was Born not being his, one Piece or
Tract of Land, being part of the Tract whereon I now dwell, Beginning
at a bound Hickory standing at the end of Eighty Poles in the first line
of the Original and Running thence with the said line South thirty De-
grees West fifty Six Poles then South seventy one Degrees East Two hun-
dred & Twenty four Poles then North Sixty Six Degrees East Twenty four
Poles then North Eighty two Degrees East Eighty Poles then North
Sixty six Degrees East One Hundred and Forty Poles then

Terminating thence traversing the several Courses of the said Book's
mine to the Beginning Containing by Estimation Two Hundred and thirty
three Acres of Land with that part of the Plantation whereon now
Dwell together with all the Plant Orchards on the said part of said
of Land, Expressing as before Excepted unto my Wife to hold during the
same under the same Direction and direction as before
unto my son Abraham and his Heirs the Able Sons of the said
the said unto my said son Jacob after my wife's death and my
Month Estate and Legacies are paid an Equal Proportion of the
part among them from amongst all my Lands where are to be Divided
if any there be as of all then be.

My Will I Will Give and Bequeath unto the Heirs Begotten on
the Body of my Daughter Sarah Wife to James Davis one Part or Part of
Land, part of that part of Land whereon I now dwell Beginning for the same
at the first Beginning Tree of the said Part and Running thence
thirty Degrees West sixteen Poles to arrive then North twenty five
Degrees East Two Hundred and thirty two Poles along the bottom of the
said several Courses Ending at Rebecca's Harland to the beginning
Containing by Computation Two hundred & thirty Acres of Land

all the Share of my moveable Estate and Legacies and any
Proportional Child part arising therefrom as well of my lands, which
are to be Disposed of if any there be as of all and sundry Provided and in
my own Intent and imagining that James Davis together with his
Wife Sarah Give Good and sufficient Security unto my Executors, for the
Sum of her Proportional part of my moveable Estate arising to be paid
unto their Heirs, Equally Divided amongst them when they shall come
at the Age of Twenty one Year, and on Default of such Security the
Proportional part so arising to remain in the Hands of my Executors
until the Heirs afo. arrive at Age afo. &c.

9th Item I Will Give and Bequeath unto my Daughter
Mary Wife of Robert Jones and to the Heirs of her Body lawfully
Begotten one certain piece or Tract of Land being part of the Tract
whereon I now Dwell Beginning at a large White Oak by a hole in the
Ground it being a Corner of the Original Survey of the whole Indian
Tract and Running from the said Oak South Twenty one Degrees -
West Two hundred and Eight Poles then South Forty Two Degrees West
Forty Two Poles to a white Oak by a road and a corner of the Original
Tract thence South Forty Two Degrees East Sixty poles thence North
fifty four Degrees East three hundred and forty Poles until it in-
tersect the Line of the Indian Tract then with the said Eighteen
Degrees East thirty five Poles to a Hickory Corner of the Original Tract

Spring it being another Corner of the Original Tract then a North
fifteen Degrees West Seventy Pole thence South Eighty Three Degrees
West Eighty Pole to a Black Oak then South Ten Degrees West fifty six
Pole to a Stake by a Corner of a Tract then East by the said Tract to
another Stake then thirty Degrees then West one hundred thirty four
Pole to another Stake then North West thirty six Pole to the Beginning
Containing by Estimation three hundred & fifty Acres of Land
more or less the same to be had and enjoyed under the same Rights
Privileges and Immunities as are mentioned in the above Bill
I give & devise unto my said Daughter Mary Wife to my said Robert
after my said Wife's Share of my Moveable Estate and Legacies and
equal Proportional Child's Part arising there of one sixth of my said
which are not to be disposed of if any there be as of all the above
and it is my sole Intent and meaning that Robert Jones with his Wife
Mary give Good and Sufficient Security unto my Executors for the sum
of her Proportional part of my moveable Estate arising to be paid
unto their Heirs equally Divided amongst them when they shall arrive
to the Age of Twenty one Years, And on Refusal of such Security the
Proportional part so arising to remain in the hands of my said
executors until the Heirs appear as aforesaid

My wife Rebecca and her heirs lawfully Begotten of her Body and
issue or that of said being part of the tract I now dwell on Beginning at
a corner marked Black Oak the distance most common on the East side of the
Mendocino and Running with the line of the Original Tract North thirty three
Degrees West one hundred and Ten Poles to a Black Oak then South seven
teen Degrees West one hundred and Fifty eight Poles then East along the line
Sixty Degrees West thirty four Poles to a Black Oak then South fifteen Degrees
West one hundred & thirty six Poles and to a corner of the other Tract there
beginning the said Tract North twenty three Degrees East one hundred and
Sixty Poles until it shall intersect the line of the other Tract then with
the same North twenty five Degrees East two hundred and Forty four
Poles to the Beginning Black Oak containing by Estimation two hundred
Acres of land and it is more or less to be held and enjoyed by the
Heirs of the said Solomon and Rebecca lawfully Begotten of her Body
under the same Restrictions and Limitations as is mentioned to Anne
Yannetors Heirs &c. All of which I Give and Give unto my said Daughter
Rebecca after my wife's Wife thirds of my movable Estate & legacies
are paid an Equal Proportional Child's part arising therefrom now or
of my lands which are to be Disposed of if any there be as above
Provided, and it is my sole Intent and meaning that Solomon
Hedges and Rebecca his Wife give good and sufficient Security to my
Executors for the sum of her Proprietary Part of my movable Estate
to be paid unto her Heirs and assigns.

13 My Stern I give Devere and Devere unto my Daughter Deborah
Wife to Thomas the first and to the Heirs of her Body lawfully begotten the
same Tract or Part of Land being part of the tract known as now well
beginning at the South Corner of the same Devere and David Running the
line with the same North by four Degrees East then Round and round
about it shall stand over the line of the same tract then the
course of the line of the same Tract round to the Beginning forming
by computation three hundred and one feet. All to another Part of
said lying situate and being in Prince Georges County in the Province
standing at the upper End of a Tract of Land called the same
Bank of Potomack River containing some thirty Acres or thereabouts
Land according to the Certificate of Survey Under the same Title Restriction
and demarcations as in the aforesaid Devere & Devere unto my son Thomas
Van Meter and his Heirs Also if Robert Jones should be scarce of Water
or his Heirs or any other the Devere or their Heirs into whose Hands the
Land shall come into, then it shall and may be lawful for them to Dig
a Trench to convey the Water from the same into the said Land without
Interruption of him the said Thomas the first or his Heirs after the said
Gift & Devere unto my said Daughter Deborah Wife to Thomas the first

Proportional Share part arising therefrom as well of my Lands which
are to be Disposed of, forthwith to my said Heirs Provided and in
my will I intended and meaning that Thomas my said and eldest son
his Heirs and sufficient Security unto my Executors for the sum of his Pro-
portional part of my Movable Estate arising to be paid: into their Hands
equally Divided amongst them when they shall arrive at the Age of thirty
one Years And on Refusal of such Security the Proportional part arising
to Remain in the Hands of my Executors until the Heirs afo. arrive to the Age
afo. then

I My Item I Give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Magdalena
the sum of Twenty Shillings as her full Legacy whereby when paid or dis-
bursed to her by my Executors is Discharged and fully acquitted from any
Right Title or Interest or in or to my Real or Personal Estate and her
Devise Will and Bequeath unto her Heirs Lawfully Begotten or her
Body a Certain piece or Tract of Land being part of the Tract which
on Snow Dwell Beginning at a marked Red Oak Sapling being also
one of the Original Survey of the Intire Tract and Running thence
North thirty Degrees East Twelve Poles then South seventy one Degrees
East Two hundred and Twenty four Poles then North Sixty five Degrees
East Twenty four Poles then North Eighty Two Degrees East Eighty four
Poles then South Eighty Poles then South Ten Degrees West Fifty Poles then
East Twenty Poles then North West sixty Six Poles to a white Oak by a Hole be-
ing a corner of the Survey of the Intire Tract thence with the line of the same

thence running to a white Oak by a Hole being a corner of the same

and fifty Acres of land be it more or less to be held and enjoyed by the
Heirs of my said Daughter under the Limitations and Restrictions
according to the Devises made to my son Abraham Van Meter & his
Heirs. Also I Give and Devise unto the Heirs of my said Daughter Mary
an equal after any life for Third of my Writable Estate and Legacies a part
an equal Proportional Childs part given in the other Bequests Given, But
still Reserving and it is my Will that the part of my Now be remaining
to remain in the hands of my Executors until her Heirs come to the age
of Twenty one Years & then Equally Divided between them and for want
of such Heirs to be Divided Equally amongst the Other Descendants.

13thly. I Will, Devise and Bequeath unto the Heirs of my Daugh-
ter Rachael Deceased (Viz.) John Laforgue her Executor and his Heirs
containing two Hundred Acres being part of her estate and one half
wherein my son Abraham Van Meter hath Devised to him which two
Hundred Acres of land are to be held and Enjoyed under the same Re-
strictions Limitations and Conditions as afore mentioned. Also
Two Breeding Hairs, and if it so happen that he should Die that
then the said Hairs shall be Given to his two Cousins Namely Johannes
Van Meter Son of Johannes Van Meter Deceased and Joana Daughter
to the P. Jones. Deceased &c.

14thly. I Will, Devise and Bequeath unto my Grandson Johannes
Van Meter Son of my dear son Johannes Van Meter Deceased and

the nearest part of the said four hundred and twenty five acres
wherein I purchased of John Ragsdale at the old Pine Tree house
in the said place of my Deceased Son John Ragsdale but the
of part of the same Tract and during the same with the same Division
line between him and my Son Abraham, North westerly Dares East
Sixty Pole to a small Hickory Sapling standing on the line of the survey
of the whole Inland Tract then with the same South twenty three
pole East Two hundred and fifty seven Pole to a white Oak standing on
a corner of the Inland survey and the upper end corner of the same
mentioned in last Will and then running with the line of the said Deed
to Spickard Run and down the same to the said Pine Tree containing by
Estimation two hundred and thirty eight acres be it more or less Pro-
vided the said Johannes Deliver an equivalent of his Land at Monro-
vise or the Value thereof to his Son Joana Daughter of Joannes Van-
Nester Deceased, then this Land Will and Deed passed to my Grandson
Johannes Van Nester is to be held by him Under the same Restrictions
and Limitations as aforesaid mentioned, in Abraham's Bequest, Also I
Will that my said Grandson Johannes have two Breeding Mares &c.
15. May, I Will that if any Mine or mine of them should at any time hereaf-
ter be discovered on any part of any Lands herein mentioned, Even Mines dis-
covered and Deeded and that the same should arise amount or become of
more value than fifty Pounds that then such mine to be Equally Divided a-
mongst my Devises and every of them to have equal share

relationship with the rest of my Devise &c.

16thly Item I also Will Devise Give and Bequeath the Sum of Ten Pounds
Virginia Money be paid by my Executors to my Grandchildren to be divided
between & to Joana Van Meter the Sum of fifteen Pounds being they arrive
to the Age of Twenty One Years of Age &c.

17thly I Do hereby constitute constitute and appoint my Executors
Thomas Shipstead Abraham Van Meter and Jacob Van Meter my Special
Executors of this my Last Will & Testament Empowering them to do and
perform according to what is contained in every Clause being contained
in this Will of mine Permutting and making void all other Wills and
Testaments by me in any wise made by me heretofore made confirming
this & no other as my Last Will and Testament. In WITNESSE whereof
I have hereunto set my hand and Seal the Day and Year above Written

Signed Sealed Published Pronounced
and Delivered by the said John Van Meter
as his Last Will and Testament in the
Presence of us

John Metor



Edward C. Morgan

Andrew Corn

Joseph Carrol

At a Court held for Frederick County on Tuesday the 3^d Day
of September 1745.

This Last Will & Testament of John Van Meter Deceased was presented
into Court by Abraham Van Meter & Jacob Van Meter two of the Executors
thereunto named, and was proved by the Oaths of Edward Morgan & Andrew
Goring & Joseph Barrioll the Evidence thereon, and the said Executors having
ing made Oath thereto according to Law, the same is admitted to Record.

Exam. 

Test. Wood

Ed. Goring

Abraham Van Meter
Jacob Van Meter
Exam. 

KNOW all Men by these Presents, That we Abraham Van Meter & Jacob
Van Meter, Thos. Swearingen Thos. Sheppard & John Kitzner Kels and
Kendy Bound unto Morgan Morgan Gent. the first Justice in the Com-
mission of the Peace for Frederick County; for and in Behalf, and to the
Sole Use & behoof of the Justice of the said County and their Successors
in the Sum of Two Thousand Pounds Curr. Money. To be paid to the said
Morgan Morgan his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, To the
which Payment well and Truly to be made, we bind our selves, for
every one of us, our and every of our Heirs, Executors, and Administrators,
jointly & severally, firmly, by these Presents. Sealed with our Seals.
Dated this Third Day of September 1745.

The Condition of this Obligation is such, That if the above-said Abraham
Van Meter & Jacob Van Meter Executors of the last Will & Testament of John