

WILL OF CAPTAIN WILLIAM DANIEL  
OF  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, VIRGINIA

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In ye name of God Amen. I, Wm. Daniel Senr of the county of Middlesex, being sick and weak of body, but of sound mind and memory, praised be God for the same, but being uncertain how soon it will please God to call me out of this world, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following:

And first, I bequeath my soul into the hands of God who gave it, hoping through the merits of my blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, to obtain perfect remission for all my sins, to be received into his everlasting kingdom, and my body to the earth from whom it was taken to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executrix hereafter named. And for such worldly goods and estate as God hath in his mercy bestowed upon me, I dispose of the same as followeth. Viz:

Item. I give to my son, Wm. Daniel, one hundred and fifty acres of land, on which he now liveth, with all houses and appurtenances belonging to the same, being part of the three hundred acres of land bought by me of Mr. Christ. Robinson, deceased, being the part of the land adjoining upon the land of Daniel Long, to him the heirs of his body lawfully begotten forever, and for want of such heirs to my loving son Robt. Daniel and his heirs forever.

Item. I give to my loving son, William Daniel, all the cattle, horses, hogs, household goods, and one man servant named Wm. Wood the which he is already possessed of, and twenty shillings to buy him a Ring. The before mentioned being in full part of my estate, I intend to my son, Wm. Daniel.

Item. I give and bequeath to my loving son, Robt. Daniel, one hundred and fifty acres of land whereon he now liveth, being the other part of the said three hundred acres of land joining on the Byrd Run and Thos. Cordwell's Line, with all houses and appurtenances belonging to the same, to him and his heirs of his body, lawfully begotten forever, and for want of such heirs to my son, Richard Daniel, and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, and for want of such heirs, to my son, James Daniel, to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten forever, for want of such heirs to my daughters, Agatha, Katherine, Elizabeth and Ann Daniel and their heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son, Robt. Daniel, one negro woman, Jugy, and all other moveables he is possessed of, with twenty shillings to buy him a Ring, which shall be in full part of my estate I intend him.

Item. My will is that my loving wife, Jochabed Daniel shall have the use and benefit of my plantation where I now live, so long as she shall live, my mind and desire being that she shall keep and employ the negroes and servants I am now possessed of, and keep the stock of cattle and horses and hogs, and advance to improve and increase all the same to the joint and common advantage, profit and benefit of herself and our dear children hereafter named in such shares and proportions as hereafter mentioned or expressed. That is to say, one third part of all the said negroes, servants, cattle, horses, and all other

my Personal Estate to be in proper use of my said dear wife, and all the remainder of my said Personal Estate, negroes, servants, cattle, remainder of my said Personal Estate, negroes, servants, cattle, horses, and the due proportionable share of the increase and profit and benefit of the same, I give and bequeath to my loving sons, Richd. and James Daniel, and my loving daughters, Agatha, Katherine, Elizabeth and Ann Daniel, to be equally divided and paid to them as they come to full age or marry; my will and mind being that my said wife at her discretion shall maintain our said dear children out of the profits of my said estate provided and my will and mind is that in case my wife shall marry, then the Personal Estate to be divided as aforesaid; and it is also my further will, and I do hereby bequeath to my said dear wife, a negro woman named Anatto, over and above her said third part of my Personal Estate, she being contented with the use of my plantation as aforesaid in full of her dower or third of all my lands.

Item. I give to my loving son, James Daniel, one tract or dividend of land which I bought of Joseph Gore being one-half of the Land that David Allinson Dyad possessed of in the County of Middlesex, to him and his heirs forever, lawfully begotten of his body and for want of such heirs to my son, Richard Daniel, and to his heirs lawfully begotten forever, and for want of such heirs to my loving daughters, Agatha, Katherine, Elizabeth and Ann Daniel and unto their heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my loving son, Richard Daniel, the plantation where I now live, after my loving wife's decease to him and his heirs lawfully begotten forever, and for want of such heirs to my loving daughters, Agatha, Katherine, Elizabeth, and Ann and to their heirs forever. It is also my will and pleasure that my son, James Daniel, shall live upon the land which I have given by this will to my loving son, Richard Daniel, so long as my loving wife shall live but after her decease to remove to his own.

Item. I give and bequeath to my loving son, Richard Daniel, my saddle, pistols and holsters.

Item. I give and bequeath to my loving son, James Daniel, one cow and calf and a gun over and above his equal part.

Item. I give and bequeath to my two youngest daughters, Elizabeth and Ann, five pounds each over and above their equal share.

Item. I give to Benjm. Thacher ten shillings to buy him a pair of gloves in remembrance of me.

Item. I make and authorize my Dear Wife, Jochabed Daniel, Executrix, and my sons Richard and James Daniel, Executors of this my last Will and Testament, and I do desire my loving friends, Maurice Cock and John Smith Senr. overseers of this my Will and Testament to see it performed: witness my hand seal this eight day of October Anno Dom. 1694.

Sealed and published  
in the presence of us  
William (X his Mark) Sadler  
John (X his Mark) Walker  
Thomas Vaux  
William Downing

WILL DANIEL (SEAL)

The words of James and Richard  
Entered before signed

At a court held for the County of Middlesex 3rd day Oct. 1698, Jno Walker and Wm. Downing declared upon their oaths that they saw William Daniel above

named sign and publish the above written will to be his act and deed and that he was in perfect memory.

Teste.

Edward Thacher, CL. CUR.

Item: It is my will that my son, James Daniel, shall have cypress timber, etc., of my son, Richard Daniel, land for his own to build with.

My loving wife being dead since this said will was made leaving her a negro woman, Anatto, I give and bequeath this said negro to my loving daughter, Katherine Daniel to give her and her heirs, in part of her portion. The ten shillings I gave Benja Thacher, he being dead, I recall back again. I propose my two sons, Will and Ro. Daniel overseers with Mr. John Smith of this my Last Will and Testament witness my hand.

WILL DANIEL

The mark of  
Wm. (X) Brooks  
Wm. (X) Lyall  
Arthur Hancock

At a court held for the County of Middlesex the 3rd day of October 1698, William Brooks, Willm Lyall, Arthur Hancock, upon their oaths say that they saw William Daniel above named sign, seale and declare the Codicil to be his act and deed and that he was in perfect sense and memory.

Edwin Thacher, CL. CUR.

Endorsed on back:

"This is the last Will and Testament of Capt. William Daniel Senr".

Children: 2 - first marriage

- i. William Daniel born 1664 or earlier.
- ii. Robert Daniel born 1666 or earlier.

Children: 8-second marriage

- iii. Mary Daniel died September 12, 1678, unmarried
- iv. Richard Daniel born September 30, 1678
- v. James Daniel born ca 1680
- vi. John Daniel buried September 20, 1686

vii. Agatha Daniel baptized March 6, 1683/4 in Middlesex County, Virginia. Died August 22, 1721, married August 31, 1704, Marvin Moseley, born May 21, 1682, son of Marvell and Sarah Moseley.

viii. Katherine Daniel married March 25, 1706, Robert Perrott, born October 25, 1685, died December 13, 1737, son of Richard Perrott, who was the first male child born of English parents in the Rappahannock River Section of Virginia.

ix. Elizabeth Daniel, died December 10, 1720, married February 6, 1714/5. George Chowning, died January 18, 1726.

x. Ann Daniel died November 16, 1739, married September 3, 1714, Daniel Perrott, born August 19, 1698.