

In the Attorney Courts June 4th 1807

This Inventory and appraisements of the estate of Benjamin Bridgforth
deceased was returned & ordered to be recorded
Teste

Francis Fitzgerald Clerk

July Court 1807.

In the name of God amen; I Peter Stainback Senr of St. Mary

County being of perfect mind and memory: do make, this my last Will
and Testament in manner and form following Wth Impression

I give to my son Peter Stainback Jr and his heirs forever, all my tract of
land whereon I now live, also two feather beds, with furniture, six

Chairs and a Choice horse, I also give to my beloved daughter, Nancy
my old Doll after paying my last debts to Mr. Englebar and

July 6. 1777

under of my wife's property or her own estate. I have
equally divided them as they come up, that in that manner
with is that the whole of this estate continues together, undivided, until
one or more of them requires a division, its share may and does for
all my daughters to live with my sons, and for all the negroes to be kept
together on the plantation which I have before given to them, together with
the stock, of every kind, household and kitchen furniture, plantation
utensils &c. &c. as my executor hereafter named may think it proper
and prudent. And in order, that my executor may have full power
to act and continue as he may think best, placing the greatest confidence in
his honour and judgment, having not the smallest doubt, but he will do
every thing in his power for his sister's welfare and happiness. I hereby
authorize and empower him, and him only, to act and continue in all
matters and things relative to my estate, as he may think best, keep all
and every part thereof together, to sell either all or part, private, or
public of my estate, at his discretion, also to make any compromise,
which he may deem or think necessary, and in order that my intentions
not be misconstrued and to prevent contentions, with respect to such
estate which I have devised, to be kept together at the discretion
of the executor, I hereby support of my

... my meaning is that all the property before mentioned be
divided between my three daughters in the State of Maryland at the
time a division takes place, whether in a better or worse State without
having respect to its value at the time it falls into the hands of my executor
or considering him responsible for my loss that may happen. I appoint
my son Peter Stainback of my executor to this my last Will and Testament
giving him full power to execute to this my last Will and Testament
his performance. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand &
affixed my seal this third day of November in the year of our Lord one
thousand eight hundred and two.

Peter Stainback

Witness my hand & seal
of Peter Stainback
in presence of
John Thomas
Rev. J. Bailey
Robt. Haffner

July 2nd 1804
In Notaway Court 4th June 1804 This Last Will & Testament of
Peter Stainback sent was offered for proof. sworn by the oath of Robert
Sheffeld which was read to the jury & said in Notaway Court July 3rd 1804
the same was further sworn by the oath of another witness and ordered to be
recorded. And on the motion of Peter Stainback an executor
named in the said Will, a certificate was granted him for obtaining a
probate of the said Will in due form, he having taken the oath, and given
bond according to law and said Will & Test

James Fitzgerald Clerk

In the name of God amen I

John Faulks of the County of Notaway Being of sound mind and memory
I make be to wit for the sake, do make and Ordain this my last Will
and Testament in manner and form following VIZ I give
to my Brother Joseph Faulks six negroes By name Old Harry, Bird