

John Pons Will.

In the Name of God, Amen. John Pons of the County of Halifax & State of North Carolina being in a declining State of Health, apprized of the instability of this transitory State of existence & desirous to prepare as much as in my power, for my approaching dissolution, do therefore make & ordain this my last will & Testament as follows, viz: I Impremier. I Surrender my Soul into the hands of its Creator, a mighty God! from whom it originally proceeded, And my Body to be committed, to its Conatural Dust
Then I Give & bequeath, to my Sister in law Eliz^a Silvestar the Sum of one Thousand Dollars to her & her heirs forever
Then I Give & bequeath to my Niece in law Elizabeth Pons Daughter of Francis Pons my Negro Boy named Jacob & my Negro Girl named Penny Sheardman, to her the said Elizabeth Pons & her heirs forever
Then I Give & bequeath to my loving wife Mary Pons my plantation & Land on Concoanary in Halifax County, also that Land of mine called the Perry Wood, my house & lot in the City of Raleigh, my two lots in the Town of Halifax, my two lots in the Town of Edenton, my tract of Land below the Town of Windsor in Bertie County, about two hundred acres of Land in marsh County, which I lately bought of Joseph Stewart, my tract of six hundred & forty acres of Land in the State of Tennessee, which I bought of Hardy Murfree, also my Negroes Free, Harry, Will, Cuff, Nathan, Jim, Jack, Charles, Kate, Hannah, Franky, Bet, Becky, Jimmy, her three boy Children, Lilla & her three Children, Harriet, Mary, & Dick, all their future increase to her the said Mary Pons and her heirs forever
Then My will & desire is that all & every part of the above mentioned Legacy which I hereby Give & bequeath to my said Wife, Mary Pons & her heirs forever, shall be paid for her use & benefit at two Years Credit, the Bond if not punctually paid to carry interest from the Date: Then My desire is that the residue of my Estate, not already mentioned, such as Stock, Goods, debts &c, shall be applied to the discharge of my just debts & the surplus to be divided equally among my

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County, also that land of mine called the Penny Wood, my house & lot in the City of Raleigh, my two lots in the Town of Halifax, my two lots in the Town of Edenburg, my tract of Land below the Town of Windsor in Bertie County, about two hundred acres of Land in Nash County, which I lately bought of Joseph Stuart, my tract of five hundred & forty acres of Land in the State of Tennessee, which I bought of Hardy Massey, also my negroes Free, Harry, Will, Cuff, Nathan, Sam, Jack, Charles, Cal, Hannah, Franky, Bet, Becky, Jimmy, her three boy Children, Ella & her three Children, Harriet, Mary, & Dick, & all their future increase to her the said Mary Penn and her heirs forever.

Then My Will & desire is that all & every part of the above mentioned Legacy which I hereby Give & bequeath to my Fair Wife, Mary Penn & her heirs forever, shall be paid for her use & benefit at two Yearly Cents, the Bond if not punctually paid to carry interest from the Date. Then My desire is that the residue of my Estate, not already mentioned, such as Stock, Goods, debts, &c, shall be applied to the discharge of my just debts, & the overplus, I give & bequeath to my above mentioned wife Mary Penn, to her & her heirs forever. Lastly, I constitute & appoint my nephew Stephen Wright, Carmy & Patrick Dwyer, Joint Executors to this my last Will & Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my Seal the Eighth day of April, in the year of our Lord one Thousand Seven Hundred & ninety five. Signed, Sealed, Published & declared in presence of us. . . .
Mary Penn Burwell Sheldon Jacob Simmons; John Penn

February 1797. Then the Will was exhibited in open Court & duly proved by the oath of Burwell Sheldon one of the Subscribing Witnesses, thereupon Motion ordered to be recorded & thereupon Stephen W. Carmy & Patrick Dwyer the Executors therein named came & were duly qualified there to.

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