

John Griggs's Will

In the Name of God Amen. I John Griggs of Northampton County being sick and weak, but of sound mind & memory & Understanding Thanks be to God for the same, and calling to mind the Changes & Chances of this transitory Life, & knowing the Certainty of Death and the Uncertainty of the time thereof, I do make and ordain this my last Will & Testament in Manner & Form following viz. That is to say first & principally I give my Soul to Almighty God who gave it me, and my Body to the Earth to be decently buried at the Discretion of my Executors hereafter named

Imprimis. It is my Will & Desire that all my just Debts & Funeral Expenses be discharged.

Item. I give & bequeath to my Daughter Mary M. Dowal one hundred acres of Land, the upper part of my Land down to the dividing Line, more or less, to her & her Heirs lawfully begotten of her Body, or assigns

Item. I give and bequeath one feather bed and furniture two Cows & Calves, two ewes & Lambs, 2 Sows & pigs, one young mare, one Chest, one pott, to my Daughter Mary M. Dowall, to her & her Heirs lawfully begotten of her Body & assigns.

Item. I give and bequeath to my Son William Griggs the Plantation I now live on, & all the remaining part of my Land to him & his Heirs or assigns forever.

Item. It is my will & Desire that all the remaining part of my Estate of what nature soever, that is not given in my will, to be equally divided between my loving wife Mary Griggs & my son William Griggs, without selling the same

Item. It is my Will & Desire that if either my son William Griggs or my Daughter Mary Maxwell die without Heir that the Land & goods then should return to the other, and in case they both die without Heir then it is my will & Desire that the said Land should be to my Grandson John Griggs son of Joshua Griggs

Lastly, I appoint my loving wife Mary Griggs &c. & my son W^m Griggs &c. of this my last will, and I do hereby revoke and disannul all former wills by me made, ratifying and confirming this and only this to be my last will & Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 11th day of Febr^y 1767.

Test. Tho^s Low
James Macdonell
Mathew Loun

John Griggs in seal

Northampton County of N^o Sept. 6th 1770.
This will of John Griggs dec^d was proved by the Oath of Tho^s Low & Mathew Loun, & Mary Griggs and William Griggs qualified as Exors
Ordered to be certified & recorded;

Test. Wille^m Jones c^t.