

Last Will and Testament of John BREWER (1690); Anne Arundel Co., MD

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John Brewer (c1665-1690)

Will

Ann Arundel County MD

Maryland Hall of Records, Wills, Liber 2, ff. 202-4

Written 5 April 1690

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN The fifth Day of Aprill in the Year of our Lord God one Thousand Six hundred and Ninety The Last Will and Testament of Jn^o Brewer in the County of Ann Arundell in the Province of Maryland Planter being weak in Body but of Sound mind and Memory Praised be all mightie God for the Same Knowing that I am naturally born and Ordained to Dye and to pass from this Mortall world and Transitory Life being minded to Settle and put in order that Estate wherewith by God's Providence and Care I am Indowed to the End that hereafter after my Decease there should be no Strife for the Same Imp^{es}

I do give and bequeath unto my son John and Eke(?) my first born this plantation whereon I Live Containing Seaven Hundred acres of Land Excepting One hundred and fifty Acres to be taken out of it for that Child that my Wife goes with be it Male or female the Quantity of Land Exempted and afore Specified is to be taken from the Land next adjoining to the Line that is known by the name of Edward Selby's: but in Case the Child should be abortive and Decease before it Comes to Maturity or in his non age Taken it shall return to my Son Joseph:

Item I do give and bequeath unto my Son Joseph Two hundred acres of land known by the name of Brewington it being the half of a Pattennt that Contains four hundred acres of Land.

Item I Do give and bequeath unto my loving and dear Wife Sarah Brewer all my personall Estate and Moveables that God hath Indowed my with and to be Left to her Dispossal as she in her wisdom and Discretion shall think meet and Convenient AND further know all men that upon further and most Serious Considerations that the Land that I have bequeathed and given to Either of my Children above menconed or Specified that it shall Run in a Right Line That is to say not to be sold to any others or that if Either of these my Children above specified Do decease without issue then it Shall return to the next immediate Heir

therefore Giving Thanks to Almighty God for his great benefits I do desire and pray my Children And all others that they would Rest Satisfied with this my Last Will and Testament without any further Molestacon or Trouble and not to add nor get to Diminish anything of this my Will as they will answer itt att the Judgment Seat of God who is the Rewarder of all good persons and Severe Judge and Revenger of all those that do Evil.

ffinally I Constitute and Ordain my Loving ffather Henry Ridgely to be Exec^r of this my Will and Testament and next unto God to Commend the Care of my Wife and Children unto him Requesting him as a Dying Man faithfully to Discharge the Duty of a fath^r as well as Executor.

Item I make and Ordain my said Loveing Wife Sarah Brewer to be my Executrix of this my Last Will and Tesament

IN WITNESS whereof I hereunto Subscribe to this my last Will and Testament with my Own hand and hereunto Sett my Seall Dated the Day and Year above written in the first year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King William V. land in the fourteenth year of the Rreign of the Right Honrble Charles annoq. Dom one Thousand Six hundred and Ninety /s/ John Brewer (Locus Sigille)

Signed Sealed & published as being the Last Will and Testament of John Brewer IN the presence of Each Respective person Specified in the Margin

Clement Davis

Thomas Sutton

Joseph (his mark) Burton

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