

Last Will and Testament of James GRENEF (1694); Anne Arundel Co., MD

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## **James Grenef (d1694)**

**Prerogative Court Wills**

**Anne Arundel County MD**

**Maryland Hall of Records**

**Liber 11, folio 115 (Microfilm SR 4405-1)**

**Written 21 February 1686/7 - 20 January 1690**

**Proved 26 September 1694**

**And**

**Further Probate**

**Anne Arundel County MD**

**Maryland Hall of Records**

**Liber 11, folio 161 (Microfilm 4405-1)**

**15 January 1701**

I James Grenef being sick and weak in body but still in sound and perfect mind and memory. I make this my last Will and Testament. I give and bequeath my Soul to my Lord and maker and my body to the earth from whence it came.

I do leave ordaine and Constitute my loveing wife Ann Grenef to be my Sole and whole Executrix

Item I give to my Son John Grenef this my now dwelling Plantation with all the Lands thereunto belonging for ever

Item I do give and bequeath unto my son James Grenef that Plantation I am now a settling of and halfe the Land that belongs to that neck that is from the bound Trees to a Cove that goes by the name of Gallaway's Cove in patapsco river for ever.

Item I do give and bequeath unto my Son Samuel Grenef the other halfe of the above written neck and percell of Land in the aforesaid River for ever.

Item I do give and bequeath unto my Daughter Hannah Grenef the remainder of the said Land from the North side of Gallaways Cove to the upper most bounded Trees for ever.

I do give and bequeath all the rest of my Land to be divided amongst my above written four Children to them and their Heirs for ever

Item I do give and bequeath unto M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Linfoot(?) five acres of Land joyning to his intended Mill

Item I do give and bequeath unto Thomas Taylor one young Heiffer and her encrease.

Item I do give and bequeath unto my Brother John Howard one Small Gun.

Item it is my desire and request to leave ordaine and constitute my two loveing friends my Brother Samuel Howard and M<sup>r</sup> Andrew Norwood to be so much my loveing friends to see this above written Will fulfilled and to be a Tutor over my Children if that any occasions should serve and if that death should parte either of my two above friends, I leave my friend Abraham Child to see after the above written promises and further my desire is that if my loveing Wife should dye my desire is to leave my two Sons John and James Grenef to my loving friend M<sup>r</sup> Andrew Norward and my Son Samuel to my brother Samuel Howard and not to be for themselves not until That they are One and Twenty years of age and for their Lands not be bought nor sold out of the name of the said Grenef nor any bargaines between them about any parts or parcel of the Land not until they come to be thrity years of age In Witness whereof I have hereunto interchangeably sett my hand and Seal the twenty first day of February 1686/7

Ja: Grenef (Seal)

Tes<sup>t</sup> p Us

Andrew Norwood

Jno (his JN mark) North(?)

Thus Endorst on the back

Item I give and bequeath ten hhds and Six HH:<sup>ds</sup> of Tobacco to purchase them Land and the Land equally to be devided between my three Sons

Item I give and bequeath unto my Son John my Sadle Horse

Item I give and bequeath unto my Son James my Sorrell mare now at Severne

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Samuel a black Mare with a Crop and brand IS(?)

Item I give and bequeath unto my Sister Catherine a Gold ring of Twenty Shillings

To confirmeing this with the other side I acknowledge it to be my last Will and Testament whereunto I have sett my hand and Seale this twentieth day of January One Thousand six hundred and ninety

Jame Grenef (Seal)

In witness hereof we have hereunto Sett our hands

Jn<sup>o</sup> Willimott

Jo<sup>s</sup> Packer

This Will proved in common forme by the Oaths of Joseph Packer and the oath of John Willimott September ye 26<sup>th</sup> 1694

Likewise endorsed

To y virture of a Comission directed to me from the Honourable Comisary's Court Authorizing and empowering and to call before me the Witnesses or so many of them as could be found of the last Will and Testament of James Grenef lately deceased These are therefore in humble manner to certifie that I have called before me M<sup>r</sup> Andrew Norwood who made Oath that He saw James Grenef Signe Seal deliver and publickly declare this to be his last Will and Testament and that he was at the doing thereof of sound and perfect memory and mind and also the Oath of M<sup>r</sup> Abraham Child who swears that the within will the Will of the said Grenef and that at the same time he saw the said Grenef Signe Seale deliver and publickly declare this to be his last Will and Testament and that he was at the doing thereof in sound and perfect memory and mind and doth further declare that John North was a Witness to this Will and that he with his name to his marke through his request this prooffe being made before me this thirtieth day of October Anno Domini One Thousand Severn hundred and One As Witness my hand and Seale  
Jno Howard (Seale)

See the further Probat of this will in fol<sup>o</sup> 165 (marked through) in this book  
The further probat is in folo 161

### **Further Probate**

The Will is recorded in fol<sup>o</sup> 115 of this Book [in left margin of page]

The further probat of the Last Will and Testament of James Grineff Recorded in folio 122 followeth in these words viz

By virtue of a commission directed to me from the Honble Comisary's Court authorizing and Impowering me to call before me the witnesses of the Last will and Testament of James Grineff lately deced or See many of them as could be found these are therefore in humble manner to Certifie That I have a accordingly called before me John Willmont who did declare on his Test that he Saw James Grineff Signe Seale and publish deliver and publickly declare this to be his Last will and Testament and that he was att the time of doing thereof in Sound and perfect mind and memory and doth further declare that he did once give his Test before Thomas Slalon(?) in the year of our Lord one thousand Six hundred ninety Seven when Joseph Peak(?) was Sworn as witness to the said will this prooffe made before me this Fifteenth day of January one thousand Seven hundred and one  
John Howard (Seal)