

Last Will and Testament of Richard SHIPLEY (1725); Baltimore Co., MD

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Richard Shipley (d1725)
Will Prerogative Court
Baltimore County, Maryland
Maryland Hall of Records
Liber 18, folio 397 (Microfilm SR 4412)
Written 5 October 1724
Proved 24 August 1725

In the Name of God Amen I Richard Shipley of Baltimore County in the province of Maryland planter being weak of body but of sound and perfect mind & memory thanks be to Almighty God for the same but calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing the uncertainty of this present Life doe Make and Ordain this my Last Will and Testament In Manner and form following

First and principally I commit my Soul unto the hands of Almighty God who gave itt me my body to the Earth from whence itt came to be Buryed in decent Christian manner as my Ext^{ns} hereafter named shall think fitt Nothing doubting but att the Generall resurrection I shall Receive the same again by the Mighty Power of God – And as touching such worldly Estate wherewith itt hath pleased Almighty God to bless me with in this Life.

I give and bequeath and Dispose the same in manner and forme following:

Item: I Give and Bequeath unto my four sons namely Adam, Richard, Samuel and Peter Shipley and their Heirs for Ever my plantation being part of a Tract called Adam the first to be Equally devided between my four said sons after their Mothers decease when the first comes to the Age of Twenty one years And that they shall be obliged to dispose of their parts to their 3 brothers if itt should not consist with Either of their Inclinations to Reside thereon and to noe other person whatsoever And in case of my said sons should Depart this life before they come to the Age of twenty one years then my said Lands to be Equally devided between the surviving brothers for those of them and their Heirs for Ever

Item: I Give and Bequeath unto my daughter Louis Shipley and her Heirs for Ever twenty five acres of Land out of my part of a tract of Land called the Brothers partnership to be Laid out on that part next to the Horse head of Talbotts Resolution Manner within these Courses of the partnership N d/5 ? S d/4 ? S d/14 ? to be laid out by a strait line

Drawn to Give the Quantity of twenty five Acres of Land and three head of Cattle out of my stock of my Mark as to say One Cow One two year old Heifer and one year old Heifer another increase:

And I doe Leave my two friends as Namely my Brother Robert Shipley and Benjamin Stevens trustees to Assist my said sons in case of any difference should Arise or in any other case –

And I doe hereby constitute and Appoint my Loveing Wife Susannah Shipley and my friend Benjamin Stevens Executors of my personall Estate wheresoever the same shall be found and Nominate and Appoint my said Loving Wife and my friend Benjamin Stevens my whole and sole Executors of this my Last Will and Testament hereby Revoaking Disanulling and making void all Will or Wills heretofore by me made and Declaring this to be my Last Will and Testament In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seale this fifth day of October Anno Dom 1724

Richard Shipley (seal)

Sealed Signed Published and Declaared in the presence of Us:

John Dorsey son of E Dorsey

Robert (his R mark) Shipley

Josh^a Dorsey

On the Back of the Aforegoing Will was thus Written Viz

Maryland August the 24th 1725

Then came John Dorsey, Robert Shipley and Joshua Dorsey Subscribing Witnesses to the wthin Will and made Oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty that they saw the Testator Richard Shipley signe seale and heard him publish and Declare the same as his Last Will and Testament and that att the time of soe doing he was to the best of their knowledge & apprehension of sound and disposing mind and memory and that they subscribed the said Will in the presence of the said Testator Sworn to Before me

Tho: Sheredine D Com^{ry}

Balt: County