

Will of Francis HAYWARD (1757); Dorchester Co., MD

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Francis Hayward (d1757)

Will

Dorchester County MD

Maryland Hall of Records

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Written 19 December 1756

Proved 11 November 1757

In the Name of God Amen the 17th day of December 1756 I Francis Hayward of the County of Dorchester being weak in Body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given to God therefore calling to mind the Mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed for all men to die to make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament Viz^t

Principally and first of all I give and recommend my Soul unto the hands of almighty God that gave it and my Body I recommend to the earth to be Buried in a Christian manner nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection Shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God to bless me in this Life of the same in ye following manner ? ?

First I leave to my well beloved wife Mary who I Constitute make and ordain my Sole Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament and also my Dwelling plantation during her widowhood

Item I give and bequeath unto my Loving son Francis Hayward one hundred and eighty acres of Land to be made up with my Dwelling Plantation being the lower most Part of a Tract of land called Utopia to him and his heirs forever

Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved Son Thomas Hayward two hundred acres of Land to be made up with a plantation on the mouth of Glad Stone Creek being the upper most of the afd Tract Utopia to him and his Heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath my beloved Daughter Hayward Mary Hayward Sixty two and a half acres of land being the half of a Tract called Isaac's Virtue to her and her heirs forever and do hereby utterly disallow Revoake and disannul all and every former Testament Wills Legacies Bequests and Executor by me in my wishes before named will and bequeathed ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and

Testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand y^c Day and year above written Francis (his mark) Hayward

Thomas Huffington Thomas Kilbert(?) Beuchamp Turpin

On the Back of the foregoing Will was thus written Viz

On the 10th Day of November anno Dom 1757 Mary Hayward made oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that to the best of her knowledge the foregoing Will is the Last Will and Testament of Francis Hayward Deceased and that she does not know nor every heard of any other Will and Testament made by the said Deceased subsequent to the publishing and pronouncing this as his Last Will & Testament

Certified Jam Auld D. Comry D County

On the 11th Day of November Anno Dom 1757 Thomas Kilbert(?) Buchamp Turpin two of the subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing Will being duly & Solemnly Sworn on the Hold Evangels of almighty God did depose and Say that they saw the Testator Francis Hayward sign the foregoing Will and heard him publish and declaim the same to be his Last Will and Testament that at the Time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehension of Sound & deposing mind and memory and that they together with Thomas Huffinton the other Witness of the said Will subscribed their names respectively as Witnesses thereto in the presence of the said Testator and at his request. Certified p Jam^s Auld D Comry D County

Mem^d(?) November 11th 1757 The widow Mary Hayward Executrix of the within Will refuses to Stand and abide by the said Will with what is bequeathed to her herein but renounces the same before Jams Auld D Comry D County

Mem^d(?) ? this will annexed to be ? Testamentary