

Last Will and Testament of Henry SEWALL (1665); St. Mary's Co., MD

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Henry Sewall (d. 1665)

Will

Patuxent River, Saint Mary's County, Maryland

Maryland Hall of Records

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Proved 19th April 1665

Note: The Will has major holes in it making it impossible to transcribe completely

In the name of God Amen the 2[hole] 1664

I Henry Sewall of Putuxant River [of the pro]vince of Maryland Esq Intending by the Grace of allmight[y God] to make a Voyage out of the province into the Kingdom of [Eng]land in the good Ship (called the Maryland Merchant) this present year and being in good Sound and perfect health both in [mind] and Memory Thanks be to almighty God therefore [hole] calling to mind the uncertain Estate of all Earthly thing[s] in this transitory World and especially of mans Life [with kn]owing that all fflesh must yield to Death when it Shall [please?] God the Creator of all things to Call, Doe make [constit]ute ordaine and declare this my last Will and Testament in Manner and forme following Revokeing and adnulling by these presents all and every Testament and Testaments Will and Wills heretofore by me made and Delivered Either by word or Writing and this is to be only taken for my Last Will and Testament and none other.

And first being penitent for my Sins Past most humbly desireing forgiveness for the same, I give and Committ my Soul into the arms of God my Saviour and Redeemer in whom by the meritts of Jesus Christ, I trust and believe assuredly to be Saved and that my Soul with my body at the generall Day of Resurrecon shall rise with Joy and through the Meritts of Christ Death and Passion Inheritt the Kingdom of Heaven

My body to the Earth from whence it was Created And as Concerning my temporall Estate which it hath pleased God (far above my Deserts) to bestow upon me whereof I am as Steward(?) in this World I doe give and devise in manner and form following That is [to say]

First my Debts and funeral charges being paid then I will and ordaine that my well beloved Wife Jane May if she see Cause Sell alienate or dispose of all the whole or any part or parcell of my Lands Goods or Chattells that is to Say aw well of the Lands that I have already Patteded as also

those that I Claime by Virtue of Certificates already returned together with that two Thousand acres of Land that the Honble Charles Calvert Esq hath promised to de[liver] for(?) a Patten for in my name which said Land lyeth upon the Ridge, all of which after such Legacyes as I shall hereaft[er or]daine then to be disposed of as I shall hereafter mencon [hole] and bequeath to my Brother Samuell Sewall two hundre[d acres] of Land where my good wife Shall think fitt and two Co[ws an]d one Sow and one man Servant for and dureing his [?] Life and afterwards to the heirs of his body Law[fully] begotten or to be begotten, and for want of such Issues then [to ret]urn to the right of my heires.

Item [I g]ive and bequeath to my Cousin Richard Dudly one hund[red a]cres of Land according to my dear Wives good likeing [hole] together with one Cowe and one Sowe to have and to [hole] to him the said Richard and his heires for Ever.

Item I give and bequeath three thousand Pounds of Tobacco to the ffathers now resident in this Province to have my Soul Prayed for the whole and sole remainder of my Estate as well reall as personall

I give and bequeath to my well beloved wife Jane, for and during her naturall life and afterward to be equally divided amongst my dear Children Nicholas Elizabeth Mary and Ann Sewall allwayes provided that the Child or Children that my Dear wife now is Bigg of is to have his her or their Equally proportion and if it shall so happen that any of my said children shall dye before they attaine to Such ages as shall be fitt for them to receive their parts that then I will and ordaine that his or her part soe dying shall be Equally divided amongst the rest.

Item I made and ordaine my well beloved Wife Jane my full whole and sole Executrix of this my Last will and Testament and my dear friend Charles and William Calvert Esqrs my over seers of this my last Will Testament and I give to Either of them twenty(?) Shillings in Silver or Gold to buy them ? Ring In witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand and Seale the day and year above mentioned Henry Sewall (seal)

Test. William Brotton
Edward Savage

19th Aprill 1665

This day came afore me Charles Calvert Esq Lieut and Governor of the province of Maryland William Brotton and Edward Savage and declared upon [oath?] that this Will of Henry Sewall Esq was signed and sealed by him in the view of both these deponents, Declaring withal that it was his last Will and Testament and they further Declare that they know not of any other Will Since made [by him]
Charles Calvert