

Last Will and Testament

Will of John Henry Thomas, husband of Catharina Wurtz, dated August 17, 1804, proved March 5, 1805, Frederick County, Maryland Wills, Liber GM-RB #1, pages 93-95.

"In the Name of God Amen. I John Thomas of Frederick County and State of Maryland being weak of body but of perfect mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and Testament. First I give and bequeath unto my Eldest Son Joseph Thomas all that part of my land which lies North East of the Lane which divides my dwelling plantation from William Johnson's and by a line in the direction of the said lane to strike the nearest corner of a tract of land called Mountain Field and containing the following tracts (to wit) par of a tract called Burgesses Lott about eleven acres a part of Delashmutts Folly about sixty acres a part of another tract called Long Hope about fifteen acres and that tract called Mountain which was conveyed to my Father by a certain Thomas Duckett all the said tracts or parcels of land I give unto my said son Joseph Thomas his heirs and assigns forever as also one man slaved named John and one boy slave named Isaac I give the said slaves to him and his heirs forever. Secondly I give and bequeath unto my son Jacob Thomas his heirs and assigns forever all the residue and remaining part of my real estate as also one female slave named Susanna and her son named Stephen to him and his heirs, and it is my will that my said Son Jacob shall pay into his elder brother Joseph the sum of Two Hundred Pounds Current Money over and above what I have before given him on account of his Land being unimproved and it is my will that the said Sum of Two Hundred pounds be paid to my said Son Joseph or his Legal representatives in eight equal annual payments, my will further is that all the rest and remaining part of my personal Estate shall be sold by my Executors to Interest and both principal and interest to be paid to my said Sons of their legal representatives in Equal proportion when they respectively shall arrive to the age of Twenty one years. And I do hereby appoint Conrad Young and John Ramsburgh Junr. executors to this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all other wills made by me."