

Last Will and Testament for Peter Philip Virtzs (1737-1798) son of Wilhelm and Anna Catharina Wurtz

Will dated January 6, 1798:

"In the Name of God, Amen, I Peter Wirts, Sen. of Loudoun County, state of Virginia, being sick and weak body, but of perfect mind and memory, be given unto God, calling unto mind the mortality of my body, of knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament that is to say principally, first of all I give and recommend my soul into the Hand of Almighty God that gave it and my body, I recommend to the Earth, to be buried in decent Christian Burial at the discretion of my Executors, nothing but at the General resurrection, I shall receive the same the dame again by the mighty power of God, and as touching such worldly Estate, where with it hat pleased God to belfs me in this life, I give and display of the same in the following manner and form, that is to say, I give and bequeath to my beloved son, John, one Bay mare and to my beloved daughter, Christina, I give a roan colt of the same Mare and two cows, a bed and other household furniture, as my other tow daughters have received all ready and to my Dear wife Christina, I give and bequeath of my Estate, real and personal, with land and houses and all whets in and on it with all the creatures, during her natural life, and in case she should get married again, she shall have no more than her third, and the rest shall be equally divided amongst my children, as hereafter their names mentioned as to my beloved son Michael, to my beloved daughter Catharina, to my beloved son William, to my beloved son Jacob (who has received of me, seventy four pound, fourteen shillings, which sum is to be deducted from his share) and to my beloved daughter Anna Mary, and to my beloved son Peter, to my beloved son John and to my beloved daughter Christina, after all debts is paid. But as long as my dear wife Christina is a life and single nothing shall be taken out of her hands and after her natural decease, what is left shall be divided as above mentioned, and my Dar wife Christina and my oldest son, Michael, do I likewise constitute make and ordain the sole Executors of this my Last Will and Testament and I do hereby utterly disallow revoke and siannul all and every other former Testament, Wills, Legacies, bequests and Executors by me in any wise before named Willed, Bequeathed, Ratifying and Confirming, this and not other to be my Last Will and Testament. In Winefs whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this sixth day of January, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety Eight."

Signed by Peter Wirts with his mark 'X'. Will was probaated on September 10, 1798. Charles Binn, clerk.

1804 Nov 8 - Peter Werts list by Jacob Wertz, administrator brought to court Augsut 14, 1811