

Will of William Magruder Selby, 28 February 1773--21 January 1783
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In the name of God Amen. I, William Magruder Selby of Prince George's Co, in the province of Maryland being in good health and perfect memory, blessed be God, therefore do this twenty eighth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy three make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following. Now I commend my soul unto the hands of Almighty God who gave it me and my body to the earth from whence it came in hopes of a joyful resurrection thru the merits of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and as for that worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with I dispose thereof as follows:

First, I give and bequeath to my son William Wilson Selby all that tract of land called Grubby Thicket to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I give all that parcel of land I had of William Beall to be equally divided between my two sons Samuel Selby and James Wilson Selby to them their heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I give to my son Nathan Selby fifty acres of Chews Folly where he now lives to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I give to my son Joshua Wilson Selby fifty acres of Chews Folly where he now lives to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I give and bequeath the rest of the land called Chews Folly that belongs to me to be equally divided between my two sons Josiah Wilson Selby and Lingan Wilson Selby to them and their heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my wife Martha Selby one Negro girl during her widowhood.

Item: the first child she hath to my son Samuel Selby and his heirs and the second to my son Nathan Selby and his heirs and the third to my son Joshua Wilson Selby and at the expiration of the widow's natural life of my wife the wench and the rest of her increase I give and bequeath to my son William Wilson Selby and heirs forever.

Item: I give all the rest of my estate after my just debts are paid and my wife has her thirds to be equally divided between my son Thomas Selby and my four daughters Martha, Sarah, Elizabeth and Mary and their heirs forever.

Item: I do appoint my loving wife Martha Selby and my son William Wilson Selby full and sole executors of this my last Will and Testament. In testimony whereof I have here into set my hand and seal the day and year within written and sealed, acknowledged and declared in the presence of the under mentioned being requested by this testator as witnesses: William Wilson, James Beall, Jeremiah Fowler. [KR, copy]