

Will of William Selby, 5 Nov 1698--20 February 1698/9
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In the name of God, Amen. I William Selby of Prince Georges County in the Province of Maryland, planter, being weak in body, but sound and perfect mind and memory, praise be, therefore given to Almighty God do make and ordain this my present last Will and Testament the manner and form following (that is to say) first and principally I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God hoping through the merits death and passion of my Savyour Jesus Christ to have fully and freely pardon and forgiveness of all my sins and to inherit everlasting life, and my body I commit to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executrix hereafter named and as for the disposition of all such temporal estate as it hath pleased God to bestow upon me I give and will thereof as followeth: Imprimus: my Will is that all the debts that I do justly owe to any persons whatsoever of my funeral charges be paid and satisfied without any suite or...law if possible by my Executrix hereafter named;

Secondly, I give and bequeath to my Son in Law Robert Sallers and to Mary his wife, my loving daughter, two hundred acres of land lying next Samuell Magruder in the Western Branch, one hundred of the said two hundred acres of land called Good Luck, the other hundred acres of the said two hundred acres of land called Park Meadow, to them the said Robert and Mary his wife and to their heirs forever.

Thirdly, I give bequeath to my two loving sons William Selby and Charles Selby all them two tracts of land hereafter named (that is to say all that tract of land whereon I now dwell called Leith, containing five hundred and fifty acres, and all that parcel of land which I lately bought of Richard Groomes, containing one hundred and fifty acres, being part of a tract of land called Groomes Lodge, and adjoining upon the aforesaid called Leith) to be divided between them as followeth (that is to say), three hundred and fifty acres of land, part of the said two tracts of land adjoining to the plantation whereon I now dwell, being the lowermost part of the aforesaid land to be divided by a straight line from the river running backwards in the woods to the end of the said land to my loving son William and to his heirs forever, the other three hundred acres of land being the uppermost part up Patuxent River of the aforesaid lands to my loving son Charles and to his heirs forever.

Forthly, I give and bequeath to my loving daughter Susannah Selby one hundred and fifty acres of land, part of a tract of land called Towgood lying backwards in the woods containing three hundred and fifty acres the said one hundred and fifty acres of land to be laid out in the back part of the said land on the other side of a branch, to her the said Susannah Selby and her heirs forever.

Fifthly, I give and bequeath unto my son Samuel Selby all the remaining part of the said land unto him the said Samuel Selby and to his heirs forever.

Sixthly, I give and bequeath to my daughter Amee Hacker all that tract of land called Twyford containing one hundred acres, excepting only one half of the orchard upon the

said land, which my loving wife Mary Selby shall have the benefit of during her life, to the said Amee Hacker and the heirs of her body forever.

Seventhly, I give and bequeath to my loving wife, Mary Selby, one hundred acres of land called the Farme, being part of a tract of land called the Farme, to the said Mary Selby and her heirs forever.

Eightly, I give and bequeath to my daughter Susannah Selby one good feather bed and furniture and one large copper kettle out of my household goods and ten head of cattle out of my stock of cattle to be chosen for her by her mother; the said bed and furniture, kettle and cattle to be delivered to her the said Susannah by my Executrix hereafter named at sixteen years of age or day of marriage which shall first happen.

Ninthly, I give and bequeath to my son William one feather bed and furniture out of my household goods and ten head of cattle out of my stock of cattle, to be chosen for him by his mother; said bed, furniture and cattle to be delivered to him the said William Selby by my Executrix hereafter named when the said William shall arrive to the age of eighteen years.

Tenthly, I give and bequeath to my son Charles ten head of cattle to be chosen by his mother of my stock of cattle, and to be delivered to him the said Charles by my Executrix hereafter named when he shall arrive to the age of eighteen years.

Eleventhly, I give and bequeath to my son Samuell one large iron pot out of my household goods and ten head of cattle to be chosen by his mother out of my stock of cattle, and to be delivered to him by my Executrix hereafter named when he shall arrive to the age of eighteen years.

Twelfthly, I give and bequeath unto my loving wife all the plantation I now dwell on with sufficient land thereunto adjoining with all houses and edifices thereunto belonging to the use of her during her natural life, and in case my said wife should live until my son William shall arrive to the age of eighteen years that then if my said son should have a mind to seate for himself that he may have privilege to seate backwards on his said land...his mother and that after my wife's death the said plantation and edifices whereon I now dwell...to him my son William Selby and his heirs forever.

13th, I likewise do desire that my...

Executrix: Mary Selby

Witnesses: Hugh Tracey, Jeremiah Perdew, John Wheate, and Josh Cecile [KR, copy]