

ALEXANDER CLEVELAND'S LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

Albemarle County, Virginia, 1776

In the name of god above, I, Alexander Cleavland, in St. Anne's Parish in Albemarle County, with the Blessing of god at this time, in Sound mind and Sense and understanding, do make, Cause to make & apoint this my Last will and Testament in the manner following and desire it may be Received by All whom it may concern, as for my worldly Estate I dispose of as follows: Viz. after all my Just Debts & Reasonable Expenses are paid, my Desire is that my beloved wife Margaret Cleavland possess all my Lands & moveable Estate during her natural Life; & after her decease, Item, I give unto my Eldest Son James Cleavland one Shilling Sterling; Item, I give to my Son Oliver Cleavland One tract of Land Containing One hundred and fifty three acres that I bought of David Lewis whereon I now Live, to him & his heirs and assignees and to his Disposal for ever; Item, I give all of the Rest of my Land to my Son William Cleavland after my wife's death nor till he arrives to age of twenty one years to him and his heirs and assignees for ever; Item, after the death of my beloved wife Margaret what Shall be left of my moveable Estate Should be equally divided among my four daughters as follows, Anna, Elizabeth and Milly and Patsy to them and their heirs for Ever; my further desire is, that my Son Oliver pay forty pounds Virginia Currency toward paying my Just Debts. I do appoint my beloved wife Margaret and my Son in Law and My Son Eli Cleavland and Edward Johnson [husband of daughter Mary] my Executors of this my Last will & Testament. In Wittness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand & Seal this 27th day of February in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred & Seventy Six.

his  
Alexander Cleavland Esq.

Eli Cleavland  
Edward Johnson  
Oliver Cleavland

At Albemarle November Court 1776

This will was proved by the Oath of Eli Cleavland & Edward Johnson Witnesses thereto and Ordered to be Recorded

John Nicholas, Clerk

[Note: Cleavland's will was written not by him but by someone else, perhaps by John Nicholas; the witnesses signatures appear to have been written also by someone else, apparently one and the same person, perhaps again John Nicholas.]

Cleveland  
Will

In the name of god Amen, I Alexander Cleveland son of James Cleveland in  
 Allmarle County, this the 25th day of August at this time, in sound mind and  
 sense and understanding, do make this my last will & testament  
 in the manner following and desire it may be proved by all or some of my  
 lawful & reasonable Executors or Administrators as follows viz. after all my just  
 Debts & reasonable Expenses are paid, My Deeds in that behalf made by me  
 Margaret Cleveland first wife all my Lands & moveable Estate bearing here  
 witness alse, I give hereunto Item I give unto my Eldest Son James  
 Cleveland one tract of Land containing one hundred and fifty three Acres that I  
 bought of David Lewis when I was living to him & his heirs and assigns  
 and to his Executors for ever, Item I give all the Rest of my Land to my Son  
 William Cleveland after my wife's death nor till he arrives to age of twenty  
 one years to him & his heirs and assigns forever. Item after the death of  
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 should be Equally divided among my four daughters as follows, Annis  
 Elizabeth and Wille and Polly to them and their heirs for ever my daughter  
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 paying my just Debts, I do appoint my beloved wife Margaret and my  
 Son in Law and my son El Cleveland and Edward Johnson my Executors  
 of this my last will & Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto  
 set my hand & Seal this 25th day of February in the year of our Lord one  
 thousand Seven hundred & Seventy six

Alexander C. Cleveland

Edward Johnson  
 Oliver Cleveland

At Allmarle November Court 1776  
 This will was proved by the Oath of El Cleveland & Edward Johnson  
 Witnesses thereto and Ordered to be Recorded

John Nicholas