

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT
OF
DR. WILLIAM LYNN
OF FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA

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In the name of God Amen. I William Lynn of the Town of Fredericksburgh in Virginia Doctor of Physic being now but in a bad state of health but of perfect mind and memory & knowing the uncertainty of life, do make this my last will & testament revoking all other wills by me hereto made, and after committing my soul to God with hopes of a remission of my sins at the general resurrection thr'o my Saviour & Redeemer Jesus Christ, I desire my Execrs. may have my body decently interr'd in my garden at the entrance of the grave yard opening the first grave and I direct that my grave yard be wall'd round with stone or brick eight feet high, with a door & lock [bo't?] at the expense of my estate ~~and~~ Now for settling my affairs & disposing of the personal estate which it hath pleased God to bestow on me in the first place I give to my daughter Ann Dent during her natural life, the use of my dwelling house & kitchen, lot & garden, with their appurtenances, also of my home plantation in Culpepper County, which I bought of William Eddings containing five hundred & ninty nine acres, also of a tract of land thereto adjoining, which I bought of Mr. Alexander Waugh, containing two hundred & thirty acres also of the following negro slaves, Jenny & her three children named Rachel, Harry, & Jacob & their future increase a negro woman named Lucy two negro men named Juba & Boatswain, a negro girl named Nan a negro boy named Max[?], & a negro woman named Sylva, & her son lately born named John also the use of my large two wheeld chairs, one plain gold ring, one large silver tankard, one large silve salver, one silver pint ca_?, a pair of silver salts, one silver pepper box, & one silver tea tongs, & of all my

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household & kitchen furniture except what I shall [xx] herein after particularly dispose of, otherwise, to hold all the said house lot garden land [slaves?] and personal estate, to my said daughter Ann Dent during her natural life, and after her death to be equally divided among the children of my said daughter Ann Dent & their heirs & assigns, but if she shall dye without issue then I give the same to be equally divided among the children of my reputed daughter Mrs Hannah McCauly of her lawfully begotten, & their heirs & assigns forever. I give to my said daughter Ann Dent sixty pounds current money to be paid her as soon as convenient after my death, also one half of all my stock of cattle, horses, hogs, grain & tobacco, to her & her heirs & assigns forever. I give to my said daughter Ann Dent the use of my lot on the hill in Fredericksburgh, during her natural life, in case she shall have male issue within seven years after her marriage, together with the use of my small silver watch, sword, gun, pistoles, silver shoe buckles, gold sleeve buttons, cane, silver spoons, silver snuff box, & silver [footed?] [?], all which are to pass with the sd lott after my said daughter Ann Dent's death to her oldest son & his heirs & assigns forever, but in case my sd daughter Ann Dent should have no male issue within the time aforesaid, then I give the said lot & all and singular the several articles annex'd thereto as above mentioned to the eldest son of Mrs. Hannah McCauly & his heirs & assigns forever, but if the sd Ann Dent & Hannah McCauly should neither of them have male issue within seven years after their respective marriages, then I direct that the said lot & the several articles annex'd thereto as aforesd, be sold by my Executors & the money arising therefrom, I give to be equally divided between my said daughter Ann Dent, & the sd Hannah McCauley or their children respectively, & I direct in case my said daughter Ann Dent or Mrs. McCauly should have a son lawfully begotten that he be named, William Lynn. I give to my reputed daughter Mrs. Hannah McCauly during her natural life the use of my lot tenement houses garden and appurtenances which I now rent out to Mrs. William Houston in Fredericksburgh, also of a lot & grounds I bought of Gibson Berryman and conveyed to me by his Executors, near adjoining [?] of a tract of land in Culpeper County which I bought of William Eddings on the branches of Dark Run of Swift Run containing by the deed five hundred & eighty two acres but by estimation six hundred & twenty two acres, also of the following slaves, a negro woman named Judith

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and her son

^named Jo, a mullato woman named Phebe, & a negro man named Fortune also the use of [two?] silver salts which I bought of Doctor Edward his estate of my large silver watch, my silver punch ladle, two china bowles one plain, the other enameled, my small two wheel chairs & harness, and the bed, bedsted, curtains & other furniture, belonging to the same which stands in my chambers, the six chairs a desk & looking glass & a case of bottles in the same room, also of six large silver spoons, & six teaspoons, which I have sent for to England, to hold the sd lot tenements and lands also the said slaves & personal estate to the said Hannah McCauley during her natural life, & upon her death to be equally divided among her children then living, but if she should dye without issue, then I give the same to be divided among the children of my said daughter Ann Dent, & her heirs & assigns forever, & for want of such issue of my daughter Ann Dent, then to my own right heirs & assigns forever.

I give to the said Hannah McCauly fifty pounds current money to be paid her as soon as convenient after my death, also one-half of my stock of cattle horses hogs grass & tobacco to her & her heirs & assigns forever, I give & devise to Mary McCauly daughter of the before mentioned Hannah McCauly a tract of land in Culpeper County which I hold by a deed from the proprietors of the Northern Neck containing four hundred & twenty five acres lying on or in Dark Run & Beautifull Run also two negro slaves one named [?] the other a negro girl named Lucy, to have & to hold the said land & slaves to the said Mary McCauly & her heirs & assigns forever, [?] my will & meaning is that untill the said Mary McCauly shall arise to the age of twenty one years or marriage, that her mother shall have the use of the said land & slaves, for the better maintaining & supporting her & said daughter.

I give all my books of history & divinity to be divided by my Executors between my daughter Ann Dent & Hannah McCauly [?]

I give to Mrs. Hannah McCauly such part of the goods I have sent for to England when they arrive as are intended for her (viz.) eight yards of chine taffaty [taffeta], a proportionable part of the linnen for shifts, two pair of shoes & two pair of worsted stockings, & two pair of thread stockings & to her daughter Molly, six yds of fine chintz, & two pair of fine stockings & two pair of shoes.

I give to my daughter Ann Dent the other part of my family goods which I have sent for to England when they arrive, [?] what [?] to a [mane? man's?] ware, & negroes cloathing, & [?]

I give to each of the children of my brother Charles in Ireland ten pounds sterling, (except to his eldest son William Lynn, who is heir at law to his father & sufficiently provided for) but in case any of the said children should dye before payment be made by my Executors I direct that the ten pounds intende for such child

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shall be paid to his or her issue, if they have any.

I give to the daughter of my brother Audly Lynn dec'd, named Ann, now living in London with her mother who married Doctor Paul, the sum of fifty pounds sterling, but in case of her death without lawfull issue, before paiment shall be made by my Executors, then I direct the sd fifty pounds sterling to be divided between my daughter [text blacked out] Ann Dent & the aforesaid Hannah McCauly, but if any parties should have any child or children then my will is that the said fifty pounds be given to such child or children.

I give to my sister Elizabeth Hutcherson in Ireland & to her children (except her two oldest David & William who are already provided for) forty pounds sterling to be equally divided among them or the survivors or survivor of them. I give to my kinsman Moses Lynn near Strabane in Ireland ten pounds sterling & five pounds sterling.

I give to his sister Elizabeth who first married one Samuel Cook but in case of their or either of their deaths their share to be given to their lawfull issue respectively.

I give to the children of my kinswoman, Margaret Stuart now living in Augusta County in Virginia which she had by her former husband the Revd Mr. Paul, the sum of twenty pounds to be equally divided between them.

I give to the female issue of Lieut. Matthew Lynn, near Londonderry, in Ireland ten pounds sterling.

I give to the wife & children of Francis Cockland, who is sister to Mrs. Cook in Strabane five pounds sterling.

I give thirty pounds current money to be divided by my Executors between ten poor widows & ten poore orphans of Spotsylvania County.

I give & devise to my friend Mr. Roger Dixon all my xx right & title to the land which I hold in Orange County by virtue of an [?] being upwards of four hundred & seventy acres to himself & his heirs etc.

I give two guineas to purchase two mourning rings for my brother in law Mr. Charles Colhoun & my sister in law, Rebecca Colhoun both of Letterkenny in Ireland.

I give to my sister Lewis, & my nephews Thomas Lewis, Andrew Lewis, William Lewis, & Charles Lewis, & to Mrs. Margaret Long & Mrs. Margaret Stuart all of the County of Augusta, to each of them, a mourning ring with my name engraved as customary.

Lastly for the payment of my debts & legacies, I do hereby empower my Executors or the major part of such of them as will qualify & the survivors or survivor of them to sell & dispose of the following part of my estate viz. three tracts of land in Culpeper County, two of which I hold by a patent from the proprietors of the Northern Neck containing three hundred & twenty acres & three hundred & forety[?] eight acres, the third being a tract I purchased of John J. Soward Daugherty containing by deed four hundred acres but by estimation three hundred & forty six acres, the whole contents one thousand & forty four acres.

Two tracts of land in Prince William County which I lately agreed with [Martin?] Savage of Boston in New England for the purchase of, containing in the whole fifteen hundred & thirty acres.

