

## WILL OF JOHN VAN METRE

In the name of God Amen, the Thirteenth day of August one thousand seven hundred and forty five, I, John Van Metre in Frederick County in the Colony of Virginia being sick in body but of sound mind and Memory praise be given to God for the same and calling to mind the uncertainty of this Transitory Life, am willing through Divine Assistance to settle and Dispose of those Temporal blessings which it hath Pleas'd God beyond my Deserts to bestow upon me and therefore making this my Last Will and Testament Disannulling all other wills and Testaments heretofore made by me, &c. Inprimis, I commend my soul into the hands of God that gave it, hoping thro the merits of the Lord Jesus Christ it will be accepted and my body to be Interred with Deacency at the Discretion of my executors hereafter named, I also will that all my Just Debts and Demands whatsoever in Right of Conscience is Due to any to be Discharged and paid (as also funeral expenses) By my executors and as to my Real and Personal Estate, I Will, Dispose Devise Give and Bequeath it in the manner following, that is to say, First my will is that my well beloved wife Margerat Van Metre Have the third part of my moveable estate, also one room which she likes best, to Dwell in, in my dwelling House, and one third part of the Orchard next the keeping of one Riding Horse and two Milch cows, Linnin and Welling Yarn to be wove her Bed and Bedding the said Room and Liberties to be by her possessed during Her Dureing Life, without controle hinderance or molestation of any person whatever.

Second, Item, I give Will Devise and bequeath unto my son Abraham Van Meter and his Heirs Lawfully Begotten, a Certain Parcel Tract of Land Bought by me of Francis Prichard on Opekan Run against the Land formally Bequeathed to him, said Tract Begins at an Elm Tree being the East corner of the said Tract between a Line Tree Hickory Saplin and aforesaid Elm Saplin By Opekan Run side thence down the Beginning Tree of afsd. Prichards Tract, thence South Fifty five Degrees West, one Hundred and Ten Poles, to the afsd. Beginning Elm Tree, containing by Estimation one hundred acres of land be it more or less. Provided there should be no Heirs Male or Female of my said Son or Sons (Hereafter named) Live to arise to the age of Twenty one Years, that then after the Decease of my s'd son or sons afsd. or their Heirs, that then their part of Land to be equally Divided amongst the rest of that then their part of Land to be equally Divided amongst the rest of my Surviving Devisees 3<sup>d</sup> hereafter mentioned, Furthermore I also give Unto my s'd son Abraham Van Meter on Certain Tract of Land being Situate on Opequon Run in the County afs'd and to his Heirs Lawfully Begotten being part of Four hundred and Seventy five acres of Land Bought of Jost Hite, Beginning at or about two yards below a Pine Tree on a high Bank on Opeckon Run called the Allan Hill, and running thence by a Division Line North Sixty five Degrees East sixty Polls, to a small Hickory thence North Twenty Degrees West Twenty Eight Poles

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Fourth I also Will, Give Devise and Bequeath unto my son Abraham Van Metre and to his lawful Heirs the Southernmost part and half moiety of four hundred acres of land for me and in my name to survey for him his Heirs afrs'd which land I have Jos Hite's Bond for procuring a Patent, which if he shall not obtain the said Patent he is to have the said Bond for Recovering so much as will amount to his share or Proportion according to his dividend of s'd Tract and the same Land to be held and enjoyed by him under the same Restrictions and Limitations as the above mentioned Land Namely the Land Bought of Francis Pricher &c.

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