

1756 - Will of John Clare (probated Nov. 17, 1756)

(MD Wills; Liber 30, folio 209 & 210)

In the Name of god Amen I John Clare of Calvert County in the Province of Maryland Planter being in great weakness of Body but perfect sound mind [f.210] and memory, thanks be to almighty God for the same do make this my last will and testament ...viz

Imprimus. I give and bequeath unto my son Issac Clare my new Dwelling Plantation to him my said son and his heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my son John Clare all that tract or parcel of Land which I bought by Richard and Ann Hellen adjoining my dwelling plantation containing about one hundred and twenty acres to him my said Son and the heirs of his body lawfull begotten forever but in case my said son John Clare die without such Issue Then I give the said Land unto my son Issac Clare and his heirs forever.

Item. I will and bequeath unto my sons James and Edmund Clare all that tract or parcel of Land which I lately bought of James and Mary Hooper to them my said Sons and their Lawful heirs forever and in case either of them die without such issue of their body then my will and pleasure is that the other have and possess the whole and in case it should happen that both of my said Sons die without such Issue and then I give the said tract of Land to my Son John Clare then the said Land to Descend to my two Daughters Elizabeth and Hannah Clare to them and their heirs forever furthermore my will and Desire is that the above mentioned Land be divided equally in Quantity with a Straight lining ways through this one and then my son James Clare to have his House--

Item. I give and bequeath unto my said son James Clare a bay mare called Sunday? And a Bay Horse called Sniss? and all my Shoemaking tools and my will & pleasure that my said Son James Clare has fortune paid to him Immediately after my Decease & that he also have Possession at the same time of the Land given him

Item. I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Christiana Sedgwick one Bay horse called Rock to her & her heirs forever

Item. I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth Clare one negro girl named Judah to her and her heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Hannah Clare one negro girl Wendi together with her Increase to her and her heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah Dare one negro girl now in her possession named Nell together with her increase to her and her heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Edmond Clare one negro Boy named mingo to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my Son John Clare all my wearing apparell of what kind Soever Him now Possessed of.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Isaac Clare my Clock now in the House where I Dwell

Item. My will and pleasure is that my wife Betty Clare notwithstanding of the several Bequests here by me devised have her full third part of all my Estate.

Item. And all the rest of my goods and chattels not already Bequeathed I Desire may be Equally divided among all my eight children Vizt. Isaac, John, James, Edmond, Sarah, Christiana, Elizabeth and Hannah ~

Lastly I appoint my son Isaac Clare whole and Sole Executor of this my Lat Will and Testament hereby revoking all other Wills by me made. In Testamonie where I have hereunto set my hand and my seal the on 15th Sept. 1756

Signed sealed Delivered

John Clare

acknowledged in presence of:

Thomas Ireland

Benj^a Elt

Jacob Bourne

At the seal of the foregoing will was the written Viz't

Calvert County Nov. 17 1756 Came Thomas Ireland Benj^a. Elt and Jacob Bourne Subscribing Witnesses to the Foregoing will and being duly and Solemly Sworn

on the Holy Evangelsto almighty God depose and say that they saw the Testator John Clare Sign the foregoing Will and heard him publish and declare the same to be his last will and testament and at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehension of sound disposing mind and memory and that they signed their respective names as witnessess to the said will in the presence of the Testator & at his request.

Sworn before Hen.[?] Smith, Depty comm. Calv^t County