

LAST WILL and TESTAMENT of MAREEN DUVALL

In the name of God Amen. I, Mareen Duvall of the county of Ann Arundel in the Province of Maryland, Merchant, whom am at this present of good and perfect memory but weak in body at this time praised be God and knowing the uncertainty of this Mortal Life am willing for the future peace and quietness of all or any person or persons herein concerned to settle that Estate that it hath pleased the Almighty to bless me with all by this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following.

Imprs. First, I bequeath my Soul into the hands of almighty God the Donor of it and my Body to be interred in the ground from whence it was taken and at the discretion of my Exec'x hereafter named in sure and certain hope of the resurrection to Eternal Life through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my well beloved wife Mary Duvall this plantation whereon I now dwell during her natural life without any trouble or molestation of either of my sons or daughters or any other person or persons herein mentioned for them and on their behalf. This said plantation being and appertaining to the one moiety of six hundred acres called the Middle Plantation and that my said wife shall and may such use and benefit of the other moiety of land appertaining to this tract with the plantation thereof as shall seem good unto her or as she shall have occasion for timbers and other necessarys for buildings houses and reparations of buildings of houses cask of the like of any necessarys without waste or impeachment of the same and not otherwise during her natural life.

Item. I give grant and bequeath unto my son Lewis Duvall all that my three hundred acres of land and plantation whereon my eldest son Mareen Duvall now dwelleth it being a moiety lying on the South East part or end of six hundred acres of land called the Middle Plantation and situate in the County of Ann Arundel aforesaid to have and to hold the said plantation and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten forever and for want of such issue then my will is that the same be and go to the next heir or heiress by and from me lawfully and lineally descended.

Item. I give grant and bequeath to my son Lewis Duvall my now dwelling plantation after the decease of my loving wife Mary Duvall with the three hundred acres of land whereon the same is situated it being the other moiety of the aforesaid six hundred acres of land called the Middle Plantation situate in the County of Ann Arundel aforesaid to have and to hold the said plantation and moiety viz: The three hundred acres of land besides the plantation and tract unto him my said son Lewis Duvall and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten forever and in such case of default of such issue then to descend to the next heir or heiress by and from me lawfully and lineally descended.

Item. I give Grant and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Duvall that three hundred seventy five acres of land called and known by the name of Bowdels Choice lying situate in the County of Calvert and adjoining to a place called by the name of Boares Creek to have and to hold the same unto her and the heirs of her body lawfully born and begotten forever and in case of default of such issue then to be and to go to the next heir or heiress of from and by me lawfully and lineally descended.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my son Benjamin Duvall two hundred acres of land it being a moiety or one half part of four hundred acres of land called and known by the name of Howertons Range lying situate and being in the County of Calvert aforesaid and that part or moiety that lyeth on the South side of the said four hundred acres it being equally divided to

have and to hold the same unto him my said son Benjamin and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten forever. And in default of such issue then my will is that the same said moiety or part shall fall or go to the next heir or heiress of or from me legally and lineally descended.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Katherine Duvall two hundred acres of land it being the other half or moiety of that four hundred acres aforesaid called Howertons Range and that half or moiety lying on the North Part or side thereof to have and to hold the same unto her my said daughter Katherine and unto the heirs of her body lawfully begotten and born forever and in default of such issue then my will is that the same part or moiety be and go unto the next heir or heiress of by or from me lineally descended.

Item. I give grant and bequeath unto my son Mareen Duvall the younger born unto me by my late wife Susanna all that my three hundred acres of land called The Plains lying in Calvert County aforesaid to have and to hold the same unto him my said son Mareen the younger as aforesaid and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten forever and in default of such issue then my will is that the same return to the next heir or heiress of by and from me lawfully and lineally descended.

Item. I give grant and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Duvall all that my three hundred and twenty acres of land and plantation called and known by the name of Morleys Grove lying situate in the County of Ann Arundel and also three hundred acres of land called Morleys Lott lying in the said County of Ann Arundel to have and to hold the same two tracts containing six hundred and seventy acres of land to her my said daughter Mary Duvall and the heirs of her body lawfully begotten and born forever and for default of such issue then it is my will that the same be and go to the next heir or heiress of by or from me lawfully and lineally descended.

Item. I give grant and bequeath unto my youngest daughter Johanna Duvall all that my three hundred and eleven acres of land called and known by the name of Larkins Choice lying and being in the county of Ann Arundel aforesaid to have and to hold the same unto her my said daughter Johanna and to the heirs of her body lawfully born and begotten forever and for want of such issue then my will is that the same go be and return to the next heir or heiress of from or by me lawfully and lineally descended.

Item. It is my will and desire if my youngest child or children should die without such heirs or heiresses as before nominated and express so that there will be none under them to succeed and possess the said lands by me bequeathed then in case of default of such issue to fall and go to by descent then my will is that such and so many of them if any should so die as afore that then their said land shall ascend and go back to the first heir or heiress at law and so to be and remain to the rightful heirs and heiresses from and so descended as aforesaid to the longest lived of my posterity.

Item. It is my will and desire that my said children before mentioned be and remain with my wife that now is during their minorities and it is my further will that my sons be free and of capacity to work for themselves when they come to the age of eighteen years and my daughters at the age of sixteen years not questioning but that my said wife will be loving and tender unto them and I do hereby conjoin her to use her endeavor to educate them in that fear of God and obedience to man.

Item. I give and grant unto my daughter Johanna that two hundred acres of land called Duvalls Range lying situate in County of Ann Arundel aforesaid to have and to hold the

same unto her the said Johanna and the heirs of her body begotten forever and in case of default of such issue then to return and ascend the heir male next unto her and preceding her and in default of such heirs then to ascend to the heirs or heiress next lawfully descended from me.

Item. I give grant and bequeath unto my son John Duvall five shillings Sterling money of England to be paid unto him after my decease by my Executrix hereafter named.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Eleanor Roberts the wife of John Roberts five shillings Sterling money of England to be paid unto her after my decease by my Executrix hereafter named.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my son Samuel Duvall five shillings Sterling to be paid by my Executrix as aforesaid unto him after my decease.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Duvall one hundred and fifty pounds Sterling money of England to be paid her by my Executrix hereafter named after my decease when she shall come to the age of sixteen years or day of marriage which shall first happen.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Maren the eldest of that name five shillings Sterling money of England to be paid unto him by my Executrix hereafter named after my decease.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Johanna Duvall one hundred and fifty pounds Sterling money of England to be paid unto her by my Executrix after my decease when she shall come to the age of sixteen years or day of marriage which shall happen first.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Duvall one hundred and fifty pounds Sterling money of England to be paid by my Executrix unto her after my decease when she shall come to the age of sixteen years or at the day of marriage.

Item. I give unto my daughter Katherine Duvall one hundred and fifty pounds Sterling money to be paid unto her by my Executrix after my decease when she shall come to the age of sixteen years or day of marriage which shall first happen.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my son Maren Duvall the younger son of my late wife Susannah one hundred and fifty pounds of good and lawful money of England to be paid unto him after my decease by my Executrix hereafter named when he shall come to be the age of one and twenty years.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Benjamin Duvall one hundred and fifty pounds Sterling money of England to be paid unto him after my decease by my Executrix as hereafter shall be named when he shall come to the age of one and twenty years.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Lewis Duvall one hundred and fifty pounds good and lawful money of England to be paid unto him by my Executrix when he shall come to the age of one and twenty years after my decease.

Item. It is my will and desire that if any of my sons or daughters should decease in the interval before they come to their full age herein specified that then their part or portions being one hundred and fifty pounds Sterling be equally divided so and given to the survivors by equal proportion to say amongst my sons and daughters herein concerned viz; that one hundred and fifty pounds each.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son John Duvall all my wearing apparel and my silver tobacco box to be given unto him by my Executrix after my decease.

Item. It is my desire that all and whatsoever debts I owe to any person whomsoever in right or conscience and property be paid by my Executrix hereafter named.

Last I do make constitute ordain and appoint my trusty and well beloved wife Mary Duvall to be my whole and sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament and in case of mortality or death then it is my will to constitute and appoint my son beloved son John Duvall and my aforesaid son Lewis and my son in law Robert Tyler to be my co-executors to act and do according to the office of executors for the good welfair and benefit of my said children.

Item. I do nominate constitute and appoint that according to my earnest desire and request my trusty and well beloved children and supervisors as well as co-executors in case of my wife's mortality will see this my will and testament duly and truly performed according to the true intent and meaning of it.

And lastly all former wills and Testaments either oral or written I do by these presents make null and void and of no effect and do ratify and confirm this my last Will and Testament and do so publish and declare the same in the presence of the witnesses here after named and for a testimony hereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this second day of August Anno Dom 1694.

Memorand. That I give and bequeath to my daughter Susanna one silver tankard to be given by my Executrix after my decease.

Item. And further my will is that if any of those my heirs as before nominated shall intermarry with any particular person without the knowledge and advice or consent of these my Executors or Executrix as above mentioned that then it shall be left to the discretion of my Executrix or Executors as before mentioned whether to assist them with the aforesaid moneys that is bequeathed and granted to them by this my last Will and Testament and if so be that it shall please this my Executrix and beloved wife Mary Duvall to refuse the management of this my last Will and Testament then she is quietly to possess and enjoy the thirds of my estate and the entire care and management of the rest of my estate to remain in the breasts of my Executors as above named to see that this my last will and desire be duly and truly executed and performed. '

In testimony whereof I have set my hand and sealed it with my seal the day and year first above mentioned

Mareen Duvall (Seal)

This was published and declared to be the last Will and Testament of Mareen Duvall, Merchant in manner and form as above before us.

Testes: William Roper - William Goodman - Richard Chester - Jervis Morgan - Clement Davis.

Under the foregoing Will was subscribed thus viz: This will in common form proved this 13th August, 1694, before me. Henry Boyle - Dep'ty Comm'sy