Copy Wills
of
David Cochran, dec.d

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In the name of God Amen. I David Cochran of the Town of New Castle and Parish of St. Paul in y^e County of Hanover being sick & weak of body but of sound mind and memory do make & ordain this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following— First I resign my soul to him that gave it, in humble hopes of future happiness, my body I desire may be decently buried at the discretion of my Exors and as to the worldly Estate w^ch God has been pleased to bless me with I dispose of as follows.

It is my desire & earnest request that all my just debts may be paid by my Exors hereafter named which they must endeavour to do out of the sums owing to me in the books of David Cochran & Company as well as on my private Bonds— I lend to my dear wife Lucy during her life the Lotts whereon I live with the stable Lot & Garden opposite my three Lotts in New Castle. I give to my son William Cochran so soon as he comes of age together with the Lotts I have lent my dear wife, at her decease, the rents that may arise on the renting of them to be applied towards the support of my family and education of my three children, the Land I bought of Mrs Mary Anderson near the Town of New Castle I give to my son William reserving a right to my dear wife of cutting wood to support my Lotts in N. Castle & fire wood for her use. My negroes & all the rest of my Estate not hereafter mentioned, it is my desire may be kept together for the support of my children and dear wife Lucy and when my children Catharine, William & Lucy come of age or marry then & in that case my Exors with the consent of my dear wife, may divide such part of my Estate not already or hereafter mentioned as they think proper. I give to my dear wife Lucy all my household & kitchen furniture, chairs & chairs also all my stocks of horses & cattle together with all my plate during her life or to dispose of as may best please herself— I give to my daughter Catharine a negro woman named Rachel, also to my daughter Lucy a negro girl named Molly, with all their increase—

I give to my son William my gold watch when he comes of age, or sooner if my Exors think it proper— My Lands in Shenandoah I desire may be sold to the best advantage & applied to the payment of my debts, my sloop yorke may be kept or sold this I leave to the discretion of my Exors— As to the residue of my Estate it is my desire & request that after the decease of my dear wife Lucy, it shall be equally divided between my dear children, Catharine, William & Lucy Cochran, share & share alike— Lastly I do constitute and appoint my dear wife Lucy Executrix and my friends, Mr Charles Copland & Frances Irwin Executors of this my last Will and Testament. In Witness of this my earnest desires I have set my hand & affixed my seal—

this 15th. fifteenth day of September in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety two

interlined before signed

David Cochran (Seal)

Signed, sealed & delivered
in the presence of
Saml. Richardson Jr.
Andrew Mitchel
Edwd. Winston

At a Court held for Hanover County, at the Courthouse, on Thursday the 4th of October 1792.

This last Will and Testament of David Cochran deceased, was offered for Proof by Francis Irwin an Executor therein named, and was proved by the oath of Samuel Richardson Junr. Andrew Mitchel and Edward Winston the witnesses thereto, and also by the oath of the said Executor, and was ordered to be Recorded. And at a quarterly Court held for the said County, at the Courthouse, on Thursday the 1st of November following, the said Will was further proved by Lucy Cochran's taking the oath of an Executrix thereof.

Test

William Pollard C.H.C.

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Philip B. Winston C.H.C.

In Hanover County Court October 4th 1792

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A Copy Teste

Philip B. Winston C.H.C.

In Hanover County Court November 1st 1792

On the motion of Lucy Cochran, an Executrix named in the last Will and Testament of David Cochran deceased, heretofore proved and recorded in this Court, a certificate is granted her, for obtaining a Probat of the said Will, she having taken the oath of an Executrix, and with Robert Johnston and William B. Christian her securities, entered into and acknowledged a Bond according to Law, which Bond is ordered to be Recorded.

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Philip B. Winston C.H.C.

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