

Will, DE, Sussex, Andrew Collings 1773

In the name of God Amen.

I, **ANDREW COLLINGS**, of Worcester County in the province of Maryland, Yeoman, being in a sick and low state of health as to body, yet, of perfect and sound mind and memory, blessed be God, to make this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say.

I RESIGN my soul to God in full hopes of eternal salvation only through and in the merits of our blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and my body to the dust thereunto be interred at the discretion of my executors hereafter named.

IMPRIMIS I do order that my funeral charges and all my other just debts shall be discharged and paid out of my personal estate.

ITEM I give devise and bequeath to my son **ANDREW COLLINGS** and to his heirs and assigns forever all that tract of land which I formerly purchased of **WILLIAM PETTYJOHN** lying in the county of Sussex and which my said son **ANDREW** is now in possession of and all that tract of land adjoining the same which I lately purchased of **JOHN [CLOWER] CLOWES** and which is not yet to us conveyed and also 50 acres of Maryland survey adjoining on the north side of subtract last mentioned.

Also I give devise and bequeath to my son **ANDREW COLLINGS** and his heirs and assigns forever a tract of land lying and being westerly of my mills which I purchased of **WILLIAM COLLINGS** containing 100 acres more or less Pennsylvania right and also 150 acres adjoining the same, be the same more or less, Maryland title, also I give to my said son **ANDREW** and to his heirs and assigns as aforesaid my negro man named **FRANK** and my negro woman named **JENNY** and all the goods and utensils that he my said Son now have in his possession.

ITEM I give and devise on to my son **JOHN COLLINGS** and to his heirs and assigns forever my Manor Plantation and all the lands thereunto belonging containing 150 acres in two surveys be the same more or less.

Also the plantation where on I now live called **SAMUEL's** adventure and also 50 acres of land adjoining thereto called Long Acre and all my Pennsylvania surveys adjoining the aforesaid two tracts of land and the land and plantation former **THOMAS WILLINGS** which I purchased of **JONATHAN VAUGHN** and all my lands adjoining the same.

Also I give to my said son **JOHN** and to his heirs and assigns my negro woman named **SARAH** and my negro man named **KINNER** and all the goods and utensils that he my son said son herewith hath or is in his possession.

ITEM I give him devise and bequeath to my two sons **ANDREW** and **JOHN** aforesaid and to their heirs and assigns forever my saw mill and grist mill equally to be divided between them and their heirs and assigns forever, share and share alike.

ITEM I give unto my daughter **MARY [COLLINGS] TRUITT** and to her heirs lawfully begotten of her body and to their heirs and assigns forever my negro woman called **SABINA** and all the children she now has or hereafter may have.

Also my negro boy called **TOBEY** and also one half part of the money arising from the sale of my parcel of 150 acres of land that I purchased of **WILLIAM BRADLEY** and now not in partnership with Vaughn and Company and also the one half of the money arising from the sale of 50 acres of land lying in ??? swamp and now under lease to

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THOMAS INGRAHAM which two tracts of land I do hereby order sold and the other half of the money arising from or by such sale I give and bequeath to my daughter **ELIZABETH [COLLINGS] BRADLEY**.

ITEM I give to my daughter **ELIZABETH BRADLEY** the service of three negro boys viz **PETER, GEORGE, and JACK** who came of my negro woman **MIREAH** during my son said daughter **ELIZABETH** natural life and after her decease I give, devise and bequeath the said negro boys to the heirs of her body lawfully begotten and to their heirs and assigns forever. And in case my said daughter **ELIZABETH** should have no lawful issue of her body, then my will is and I do hereby give, devise, and bequeath the said Negroes to my other three children viz **ANDREW, JOHN, and MARY** and to their heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my grandson **COLLINS [COLLINGS] TRUITT** and to his heirs and assigns forever two hundred acres of land called "Allen" Designer, Maryland right, and 80 acres more or less Pennsylvania write adjoining on Mirery Galley and 50 acres of Maryland right which I purchased old **THOMAS EVANS** and 10 acres of land adjoining the same that I purchased lately of **JOHN CLOWES** not yet conveyed and also my negro girl named **PHYLLIS**, and one bed with the common furniture, two cows and calves, five ewes, one horse bridle and saddle, to the value of 12 pounds Pennsylvania currency and also one negro boy named **LONDON** son of old **BECKS**.

ITEM I give to my granddaughter **ELIZABETH TRUITT** daughter of **SAMUEL TRUITT** and to her heirs and assigns forever my negro girl named **JENNY**, daughter of old **BECKS**.

ITEM I give to my grandson **JOHN TRUITT** son of **SAMUEL TRUITT** and to his heirs and assigns forever my negro boy named **BOSE** son of old **BECKS**.

ITEM and also the remainder and residue of my estate of what nature or kind soever or whatsoever wheresoever that I have not heretofore given away my will and desire is that it shall be divided and distributed in the manner and form following, that is to say: one equal fourth part thereof to my son **JOHN COLLINGS** his heirs and assigns; one equal fourth parts thereof to my son **ANDREW COLLINGS** and his heirs and assigns; and one equal fourth part thereof to my daughter **MARY TRUITT** and the heirs of her body lawfully begotten, and to The heirs and assigns and the other fourth part thereof unto the heirs and lawfully begotten the heirs lawfully begotten of the body of my daughter **ELIZABETH BRADLEY**, and in case my said daughter **ELIZABETH** should not have such issue or heirs then my will is that the aforesaid remaining fourth part shall be equally divided between my other children viz **ANDREW, JOHN, MARY** and their heirs and assigns, share and share alike.

AND LASTLY I do hereby nominate and appoint my two sons **ANDREW COLLINGS** and **JOHN COLLINGS** [executors] of this my said will to execute.

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In witness whereof I have hereunto signed my name and seal I affixed this 15th day of May 1773.

Note one line Anne ELIZABETH BRADLEY's Legacy erased before signed and the word them interlined

ANDREW COLLINGS {seal, his AnColl mark}

Signed sealed as his last will and testament pronounced and declared in the presence of

SAMUEL HAND
LALATHIEL COLLINS
PHILLIP TRUITT
JOHN CLOWES

June 18th 1773

Then came **SAMUEL HAND** who being one of the people called Quakers and a subscribing witness to the foregoing will did solemnly affirm and declare and **PHILLIP TRUITT** another subscribing witness to the for going well and made a oath on the holy evangelist of almighty God that they saw **ANDREW COLLINGS**, the testator, sign, seal, and heard him publish, pronounce, and declare the same to be his last will and testament and that at the time of his doing so he was to the best of their apprehension of a sound and disposing, mind and memory and that they subscribed their names as witnesses to the said will in the presence of the testator and at his request and also that they saw **LALATHIEL COLLINS** and **JOHN CLOWES** the other subscribing witnesses sign their names as witnesses to the said will in the presence of the testator and at his request.

Sworn before **BENTON HARRIS** deputy Commissary of Worcester County

In testimony that the within and foregoing is a true copy of the original will of **ANDREW COLLINGS** deceased ??? the original papers received from the late testator ??? office that I hereunto set my hand and affix the Seal of office this 26th day of July Anno Domini 1786

JOHN WISE, Register

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