

Will, MD, Worcester, Jeremiah Poynter 1720

In the name of God Amen.

I, **JEREMIAH POYNTER**, being at present weak, sick and in low condition to my bodily health but of sound and perfect memory for which I praise the Lord and taking into my serious consideration the frailty and mortality of my natural nature, and the uncertainty of my life here upon earth to make this my last will here by revoking, annulling, all former wills and Testaments by me made to constitute this to be my last will and testament viz.

IN THE FIRST PLACE I bequeath my soul to God my blessed and merciful creator begging from and looking to him for the salvation of the same by the merits and redemption of Jesus Christ my blessed redeemer, and my body to the earth from which it was taken by faith expecting the resurrection of the same and as to that worldly estate or goods the Lord has been pleased to bless me with my will concerning the same is as followeth:

I LEAVE AND BEQUEATH to my eldest son **JEREMIAH POYNTER** the housing, orchards and other conveniences belonging to the plantation where I now there continuing to be understood of my real not personal estate with 200 acres of land, convenient or in joining to the same to be enjoyed and possessed by him and his heirs forever.

ITEM I BEQUEATH to my daughter **MARY POYNTER** XXX 200 acres of land adjoining to Z's 200 acres bequeathed to my son **JEREMIAH** as aforesaid and running up toward the old plantation. I bequeath the same to her and to her heirs forever the 200 acres to be laid out upon the eastern-most side of the plantation where I know live and adjoining upon the line of **JEREMIAH TOWNSEND**.

ITEM I BEQUEATH to my son **JOHN POYNTER** and to his heirs forever two hundred acres of land adjoining to the land already bequeathed to my son **JEREMIAH** and daughter **MARY** the same to be in the same to include the orchard belonging to the old plantation

ITEM I BEQUEATH to my son **NEHEMIAH [POYNTER]** 100 acres of land adjoining and binding upon the 200 acres bequeathed to **JOHN** the same and 100 acres of land my will is that it return to **JOHN POYNTER** my son and his heirs forever after the death of my son **NEHEMIAH**.

ITEM TO MY BELOVED wife **HELENOR [POYNTER]** I leave and bequeath the possession, improvements, and benefit of the plantation where I now live until such time as my son **JEREMIAH** comes to the age of 21 years.

ITEM MY WILL IS that my personal estate be divided in three equal parts my wife to enjoy one third part and the other two to be divided equally an equal portions to my four children already mentioned.

ITEM I DO by this my last will and testament appoint and constitute my beloved wife **HELENOR** to be the executrix of the same requesting that my loving friend **ABRAHAM SMITH** may take care to oversee the execution of this my will and be as intent to my executrix in confirmation of all which I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 27th day of January Anno Domini 1720.

JEREMIAH POYNTER {seal}

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Signed, sealed, and published in the presence of us as witnesses

SAMUEL DAVIS

JEREMIAH TOWNSEND {his J mark}

ABRAHAM SMITH

On the back of the foregoing will is this endorse viz.

April the 20th 1721

Came before me the within named **JEREMIAH TOWNSEND** and **ABRAHAM SMITH** in their proper person and made oath upon the holy evangelist that they saw the within mentioned testator sign in to clear the within instrument as his last will and testament and that he published, pronounce, and declared the same so to be and that at the time of his so doing he was of sound and perfect mind and memory to the best of their knowledge.

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SAMUEL HOPKINS, Deputy Commissioner

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