



Will of Joseph Leonard

Joseph Leonard's will lists his children, Joseph Leonard, John Leonard, Michael Leonard (deceased) and Ellenor Gordy. Michael Leonard's children, Benjamin Leonard, Betton Leonard, and Nellie Leonard are also listed. The document delineates Joseph Leonard's land holdings. The will was filed in Somerset County, Province of Maryland on 5 May 1767 in Will Book 35, folio 312-314, No. 4, folio 290-291. This copy was made from microfilm at the housed at the Edward H. Nabb Research Center for Delmarva History and Culture, Salisbury University in Salisbury Maryland.

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Will and Testament. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set
my Hand and Seal this nineteenth Day of March Seventeen
Hundred and Sixty Six

John Carnan

signed sealed published and
Declared by the Testator as his
last will and Testament

before us.

Jacob Harper

Robt Story

John Gough

Cecil County ss. on the 1st day of May 1767. Came Jacob
Harper Robert Story and John Gough the three subscribing
witnesses to the within will and made oath on the Holy Evangelists
that they saw John Carnan the Testator sign and seal
the within will and heard him publish pronounce and
declare the same to be his last will and Testament and
that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their
Apprehensions of sound and disposing mind and Memory and
that they severally subscribed their respective names as witnesses
to the said will in the presence of the said Testator and at his
request sworn before —

Andw. Coarce

Deputy County

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ap. 27th 1767. In the name of God Amen I make and
ordain this to be my last will and Testament and as touching
the same worldly Estate as it has pleased God to bestow
upon me I give and dispose of in the manner and form following
to wit my will is that all my Just debts be paid and that in due
Time I do give and Bequeath unto my Son Joseph
Leonard my dwelling plantation whereon I now live containing
Forty Acres called Plumton Salt Ash and Fifty Acres more
adjoyning therunto called Lavin's Chance and also Fifty
(Acres)

unto Edward Cores advice and also Twenty seven acres called
Cordwainers Hall and also I give unto the said Joseph Leonard
one feather bed and furniture and one cow and calf to him and his
heir and assigns forever —

3th I give and bequeath unto my son John Leonard Seventy five
acres of land part of a tract of land called Cores fork and also
sixty five acres of land called Holdens Chance for which two tracts
or parcels of land there is a bond of Ebenezer Handys to John
Trowham which bond is assigned by James Trowham to the
present Testator which bond is recorded in Somerset County records
and also I give unto the said John Leonard one feather bed and
furniture and one cow and calf to him his heirs and assigns
forever — 4th I give and bequeath unto my well beloved wife Sara
Leonard my Negro woman called Debrow during her life and
at her death to be disposed of as she shall think proper Excluding
her Third —

5th My will further is that after my wife
Third and the Legges as above mentioned be just paid that
then the remaining part of my personal estate be equally
divided amongst my four children vizt Michael Leonard
my son who is dead for his three children Benjamin Leonard
& Betton Leonard and Melly Leonard to have one fourth part of
the remainder of my estate divided amongst them and to be paid to
them by one clear as fast as they shall arrive at age which was
the part I did allot for their father and Ellen of my daughter
one fourth part and Joseph Leonard one fourth part and John Leonard one
fourth part to them and their heirs and assigns —

6th My will further is that my well beloved son Joseph Leonard
be and sole Executor of this my last will and Testament and
do hereby disannule and make void all former wills beforesaid or
by me and confirming this to be my last will and Testament in
presence of the witnesses hereunto and signed sealed and published
and pronounced This to be my last will in the presence of
(Joseph Leonard)

Joseph Lugin
William Twilley
mark

Joseph Leonard ^{his} seal
mark

Priscilla ^{her} Lugin
mark

On the fifth day of May one Thousand seven hundred and sixty seven
Came Joseph Leonard Executor of Joseph Leonard and made oath
on the Holy Evangelis of Almighty God that the within Instrument
of Writing is the true and only will and Testament of Joseph Leonard
Late of Somerset County deceased that hath come to his hands
by profession or knowledge and that he did not know or ever heard of
any other _____ Sworn before Tho: Holbrook

Deputy Comissionary of
Somerset County

On the fifth day of May one Thousand seven hundred and sixty seven
Came Joseph Lugin, William Twilley and Priscilla Lugin
the three subscribing Evidence and made oath on the Holy
Evangelis of Almighty God that they did see the Testator
Joseph Leonard ^{Joseph Leonard} sign and seal the aforesaid will and heard
him publish pronounce and declare the same to be his last will
and Testament and that at the time of his so doing he was of the
best of each of their apprehensions of a sound and disposing
mind memory and understand and that they subscribed their
Names as witnesses to the said will in the presence of the said Testator

Sworn before Tho: Holbrook Deputy
Comy of Som: County

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In the Name of God amen I David Dornen
of Somerset County in the province of Maryland being sick and
weak but of sound and disposing mind & Memory Thanks
be to Almighty God do make and ordain this my last will
& Testament in manner and form following — Imprimis Lego
and Bequeath unto my dear wife the Bed and furniture whereas I now
Lye and one Linen wheel to her and mine heirs forever
(Exclusive)