

In the name of God Amen the fiftenth day of August
Anno Domini 1717 I Ambros Nelson of the County of Baltimore
being in perfect health and of sound Disposing mind and memory -
praise be given to God for the same and knowing the Uncertainty of
this life on Earth and being desirous of settling things in Order -
do make this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form -
following that is to say first and principally I commend my soul to -
Almighty God my Creator assuredly believing that I shall receive -
full pardon and free remission of all my sins and be saved by the -
precious death and merits of my blessed saviour and Redeemer -
Christ Jesus and my body to the Earth to be buried in decent and -
Christian manner as to my Executrix hereafter named shall be thought
fit and convenient and as for my worldly Estate as the Lord in Mercy -
hath sent me I do Order give and dispose the same in Manner & form -
following, and first I do revoke and renounce frustrate and make void
all Wills by me formerly made and declare and appoint this to be my
Last Will and Testament: My Will is that all those Debts as I of
Right or conscience I owe to any person whatsoever be Well and truly

paid in convenient time after my decease by my Executors
 Imp^l - I give and bequeath unto my dear and loving wife Martha Nelson
 my now dwelling plantation called Smiths Range containing two
 hundred acres dureing her Natural except fifty acres hereafter given
 to my Grand son Ambros Johnson -

Item - I Give and bequeath unto my Grandson Ambros Johnson the Quan-
 tity of fifty Acres of Land part of Smiths Range to be laid out for him
 on the other side of a Branch opposite to my dwelling house to him and
 his heirs lawfully begotten of his body but for want of such heirs then
 to my Grand daughter Ruth Johnson and to her heirs for Ever -

Item - I give and bequeath unto my Grandson Ambros Johnson one Cow & Half
 to be delivered to him at the Age of twenty one Years by my Executors -
 Hereafter named -

Item - I Give and bequeath the remaining part of my now dwelling plantation
 called Smiths Range after the decease of my wife to my five Children -
 hereafter named Viz^t to my son Ambros Nelson Richard and John
 Nelsons my daughter Martha Pinkston and Sarah Frisfel to be
 equally divided amongst them and to their heirs for Ever wth the Preference
 of the Choice of the part to be given to Each Child according to their Age -
 so that each part as near as possible be laid out without incomodding
 any of the remaining parts of those whose parts shall be last laid out
 and for avoiding any difference that shall arise concerning the division
 of said Land my Will is if any of my said Children shall not agree with the
 Rest of their brethren in dividing their part of the Land here bequeathed
 then that the same shall be divided by the Judgment of three indifferent
 persons of their own choosing two of whose Judgment given to any con-
 sidered under their hands and seale shall conclude the person aggrieved -
 but if any of my said Children shall not be content with such Judgment so
 given as aforesaid my Will is that such Child shall have no benefit of
 any bequeath in this my ^{W^{ill}} Will or any part or share of any of my Land -
 herein mentioned and that part intended for that Child w^{ch} shall refuse
 to submit to the Judgment of 3^d persons shall be equally divided amongst
 the rest of my Children and their heirs -

Item - I Give and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah Johnson ten shillings
 current -

Sum of Money to be paid by my Executors if she in person demand it.

I give and bequeath unto my deare and loving wife all the Remaining part of my Estate both real and personall - and Lastly I do appoint my dear and Loving wife Martha Nelson my whole and sole Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament.

Ambros A N Nelson ^{his} Seal
Martha

Signed Sealed publish and declared to be the Last Will and Testament of

Ambros Nelson of Baltimore County

in the presence of us

On the back of the foregoing Will

Timothy ^{his} White

Was thus written (Via)

Phillip ^{his} Jennerly
Martha

12th March 1728 Thon same Richard Young

Richard Young Junr

One of the subscribing Witnesses to the within

Will being sworn upon the holy Evangelists of

Almighty deposed as follows (Via) That he this

Deponent having lately seen the same with his the said Deponents name

thereto subscribed as an Evidence as also an Endorsement upon the back

of the said Will in the following words (Via) (Ambrose Nelsons Will)

he the said Deponent declares that he verily believes that his name and the

Endorsement of us his proper hand writing but doth not remember that

he saw the Will of executed nor that he ever saw the other two Evidences

(Via) Timothy White and Phillip Jennerly or either of them subscribe

their Names as Evidences to the same

Edw^d Henry Calvert

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Witness further published sworn to before me
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