

Joseph Carter

Will
of
Joseph
Carter

Joseph
Carter's
Will
1724

Be it remembered That I Joseph Carter of the Township of Northampton
 in the County of Bucks a Miller being aged and infirm in Body out of Sight
 and Memory (for which I thank God) Considering the Uncertainty of this life and
 the Inevitability of being Separated in some time of the word for I will do make and
 make this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say
 and Principally I Commend my Soul to the hands of Almighty God my Creator
 the give it hoping his Acceptance only through A Blessed Mediator And my Body
 to the Mother Earth to be therein decently interred at the Discretion of my Executors
 And attending such worldly Estate whereunto I have been blessed I Give and Give
 use thereof after Payment of my just Tolls and several Expenses as follows
 First I Give to my Wife Rachel Carter for her Maintenance during her natural
 life the sole and exclusive use of the smaller part Room of my Dwelling House to
 join with the use of the Iron Stove and Pipe thereunto belonging heronly standing
 in the said Room (and which my said Wife is not to remove there) for the reasonable
 and necessary use of the Kitchen and Cellar and the entire use of the Garden at
 the end of the House I Also Give and Bequeath to my said Wife her Choice of one
 or more of the following viz one Bed with Bedding repairs and sufficient Chair
 or half Dozen Common Chairs together with my large iron Chair containing Glass
 that can take of any thing from a Table one Tea Kettle one Iron Stove and Skillet
 and one Pew Also I Give to my said Wife my Coat of Armour and my Household Lin
 and Dress necessary and convenient All my Iron Table Furniture and all my
 Saws and other double Work Also her shille and Drille with the use of a Horse she
 my her life whom or she shall chuse for own riding the said Horse to be found her
 by my son William Carter and by him or by his Care and Discretion brought to her
 only killed and not that fitting for her use whom she shall desire the Horse to be
 her and I further direct and will that my said son William Carter do keep the
 said Horse for my said Wife in Summer & Winter on sufficient Forage and Hay
 and further Give to my said Wife the Sum of Five hundred Pounds in Gold or Silver
 in full Money of Pennsylvania or formerly accounted to be paid her by my said
 son William Carter out of the Estate hereafter given to him And that in such parts
 portions and at such Time or Times as she may have Occasion for the same Also
 my Will is that my said son William Carter find and procure for my said Wife year
 ly and every year during her natural life sufficient Six hundred Weight of Fine
 or hundred Weight of Silk and fifty weight of Wool all of good quality and in
 super season the flour to be delivered her just at and in such Quantities as she
 shall desire it All which I Give to my said Wife Rachel Carter to Receive and
 accept of as in full Compensation and Fine of Dowry or Share which I therein She
 hath legally Claim or have out of my Estate

Item I Give to my son James Carter all that Myrroge and Duck of land
 shewen he now lives situate in Frederick County Virginia Containing Four hundred
 and fifty six Acres and an half bounded on the south East by Grants late of
 Lewis

doe is that doe and John doe and on the South West by bounds late of the said
 John doe on the South West by land bearing far given to my son Joseph Carter
 and on the North East by land given to my son Benjamin Carter bearing far To
 hold to him my said son James Carter his heirs and assigns forever charged
 nevertheless with the payment of One hundred & fifty pounds lawfull money of
 Virginia in gold or silver to my son John Carter within Twelve month after my decease
 And the sum of Twenty five pounds like money to my grand son Joseph Carter son
 of my said son James Carter within the above said time And likewise the further
 sum of Twenty five pounds like money unto my Grand daughter Katherine the
 Daughter of my son Edward Carter doe? within one year after my decease This
 subject also to the payment of the sum of Twenty six pounds (Virginia currency)
 which he my said son James is indebted to me on Bond dated the Thirtieth day
 of November 1767 Together with all its arrears of Interest Which sum of Twenty
 Six pounds and Interest I give to my Daughter Sarah (late the Wife of William
 Foyhurst)

Now I give and devise to my son Benjamin Carter all that Messuage and
 Part of land whereon he lately lived situate in Frederick County in Virginia
 aforesaid bounded on the South West and West by land given to my son James
 above I recited and the West part of my son Joseph and on the North East by
 land late of the said Lewis Neal doe? and Thomas Withers doe? containing One
 hundred and forty Acres To hold to him my said son Benjamin Carter his
 heirs & assigns forever.

Now I give and devise to my son Joseph Carter all that Messuage & tract
 of land whereon he now lives situate in the said County of Frederick adjoining
 and lying along the North westerly ends of the two above mentioned & recited parts of
 my son James and Benjamin Carter containing Two hundred & twenty five
 Acres and an half To hold to him my said son Joseph Carter his heirs & assigns
 forever — further I think proper here to declare that the several tracts of land
 herein devised to my said son James Benjamin and Joseph Carter respectively
 are given to them according to a survey and Division thereof made between them
 October the Twentieth One thousand Seven hundred & seventy eight by Joseph
 Day Surveyor.

Now Whereas my son Richard Carter owes me on Two Bonds the sum
 of Twenty one pounds twelve Shillings with Interest I hereby remit
 and discharge him from payment thereof And direct that the said Bonds be
 delivered him at my decease (without payment) — And Whereas I have here
 before together with my Wife Sarah by a certain deed or writings of and among
 duly executed granted and conveyed to my said son Richard Carter a certain
 tract or parcel of Two hundred & seventy Acres of land situate on Little Run in
 Frederick County aforesaid to hold to him his heirs & assigns forever But which
 I did not in due form of law acknowledge to be under the same oblig-
 cation of Record Whereupon Inconveniences may arise hereafter to my said son
 Richard his heirs & assigns To avoid which I do hereby further give devise ap-
 point and confirm the said Two hundred and seventy Acres of land with the appurte-
 nances to him my said son Richard Carter his heirs & assigns forever To hold

to have and shew as well in virtue of this my last Will & Testament as in virtue of
the said bequeathed Deed.

Item I Give and bequeath to my Son John Carter my Desk and Book Case.

Item I Give to my Daughter Rachel Carter a Bed Bedstead & Bedding which
is returned here.

Item I Give and devise to my Son William Carter, All that Messuages, Mill
mills, Lands & Hereditaments which I now live situate in Northampton
Township Bucks County aforesaid Together with all and singular the Housses
and Cloths, Jewels, Implements and Utensils whatsoever thereunto belonging To
hold to him my said Son William Carter his Heirs & Assignes forever Subject re-
withstand to the Payment of All my just Debts and funeral expences And
the several Sums of Money or Legacies hereafter mentioned, Two Hundred Pounds
in Gold or Silver to my Wife Rachel Carter in the Manner herein before mentioned,
One Hundred & Fifty Pounds like Money to my Son John Carter within Two
Years after my Decease, and Fifty Pounds like Money to my Daughter Anne Shaw
the Wife of Jonathan Shaw within Two Years after my Decease, And the further
Sum of Fifty Pounds like Money to my Daughter Rachel Carter in two Years after
my Decease, And also Subjected to my said Wife Rachel, Right of Residence
& other her Priviledges hereinbefore I have mentioned I also Give to my said William
Carter the Iron Store & Pipe above mentioned at the Discretion of my said Wife
Rachel Carter. And all the Rest and Residue of my Estate I Give to my said
Son William Carter to Have and to hold to him his Heirs & Assignes forever.

Lastly I Do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my said Son William
Carter to be Executor of this my last Will & Testament And by Annulment and
making void all other Wills or Testaments by me herebefore made Ratifying
and Confirming this and so other to be my last Will and Testament, In Wit-
ness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the sixth Day of
June in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred & Eighty One 1781.

Joseph Carter
Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the said Joseph Carter the Testator as and for his last Will & Testament in the Presence of us Who at
his Request have set our Names as Witnesses therunto. Ezra Crossdale,
Thomas Wilson, Joseph Crossdale.