

Will of Alexander MAGRUDER (1676) ; Maryland

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" WILL OF ALEXANDER MAGRUDER "

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February 12,1676

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In the name of God, Amen, this twelfth day of february in the yeare of our Lord, 1676,

I Alexander Magruder, being in health of body, thanks be to God & calling me to Remembrance, the uncertainty of this transitory life, that all of us must yield unto death when it please God to call. I doe make, constitute ordaine, and--this my last will & testament in manner and for me following, disannuling, pronouncing by this present all testaments & wills heretofore by me made, declared--by word or writing, this only to be taken, my last will & testament & none other. And first being sorrie for my sins, from my heart most humbly desiring forgiveness for the same, I give and commit my Soule unto Almighty God, my Saviour & Redeemer, in whome by the merit of Jesus Christ, I believe assuredly to be saved & to have full remission, forgiveness of all my sinnes, that my Soule with my body at the day of the Resurrection, shall rise againe with joy through the merits of Jesus Christs' death & passion, possess, inherit the Kingdom of Heaven prepared for the Elect Chosen. My body to be buried in some place where it shall please my Executors, hereafter mentioned, to put it.

Now for the temporall estate & such Chattels & debts as it hath pleased God, far above my deserts to bestow upon me, I ord'n & give & dispose the same in manner & forme following, that is to say:

First.--I will that those debts which I owe in Any Right or Conscience to any person or persons, whatsoever, shall well & truly payed in Convenient time after my decease by my well beloved wife, Elizabeth Magruder, James Magruder, & Samuel Magruder, whome I doe leave & appoint & ordaine them my whole Exec'rs over my whole estate.

Item.--I give and bequeath to my loving Wife, her three children, two thirds of my personall estate & the plantation that I now Live on, to my loving Wife, Eliz. Magruder, for her life time & after her decease to my Son, Alexander Magruder, my Son, Nathaniel Magruder to them & their heirs forever. If either of them die without issue, then the longest liver to have it, the said Land doth containe by Pattent & Conveyance, eight Hundred Acres of Land.

Item.--I will, bequeath to my loving son, James Magruder, & John Magruder, Nine Hundred Acres of Land lying in the Westerne Branche of Petuxent River Called, Alexander & Dumblain, to them & their heirs.

Item.--I give, bequeath to my son, Samuel Magruder, five hundred Acres of land lying in the Westerne Branch called, Good Luck, to him and his heires forever. I will if my Son, James, goes upon my Son's Samuells' land, my will is that my Son, Samuells, shall assign my Son, James, when he is minded for to goe upon his owne, that is for to say to Cleare and--build as is done upon Samuells plantation half --.

Item.--I will and bequeath the third part of my personal estate to my three sons, James, Samuells & John Magruder & if either of these my three sons dye without issue, & what doth belong to him that is deceased to be equally divided between them.

The other two they are to have what belongeth to them at the age of twenty yeares, & to my daughter, Elizabeth at the day of her marriage.

I will and bequeath to my daughter, Elizabeth, two hundred Acres of land called by the name, Craignigh, lying in the westerne branch of Petuxent River, adjoining to my Son Samuells' Land, her brother, these, my Sons, shall not buy or sell not above the value of four hundred pounds of tobacco without the Consent of one of these my overseers untill they are at the age of twenty five yeares of age. Of this my last will & testament I request my well beloved ffriends, M'r. Nathaniel Truman, M'r Samuel Taylor, M'r Ninian Beall.

I pronounce this my last will and Test, whereunto etc.,--the day & yeare above written.

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\*\*\*\*\* ALEXANDER MAGRUDER

Witnesses:

James Magruder.

John Lane.

His

John Johnson.

Mark

His

James Soulivant.

Mark

James Gubrey.