

Bertie County NC Will Van Pelt, John - 1734

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Will of John Van Pelt

In the name of God Amen, I John van Pelt of the City of New York,
marriner, being in perfect health and of sound mind, memory, and
understanding, thanks be to Almighty God for the same, and calling to
remembrance the uncertainty of this life, do make, constitute, ordain,
and
declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following,
revoking and annulling by those present all and every will and wills
heretofore by me made and declared, either by word or in writing, and
this
only to be my last will and testament, and first being heartily sorry
for
my sins past most in humbly desiring forgiveness of the same, I commit
my
soul to Almighty God, trusting to be saved through the merits of Jesus
Christ and my body to the earth to be buried in a Christian-like manner,
where it shall please my executors hereinafter named _____ appoint and
as
to the settling of the temporal estate as it has pleased God to bestow
upon me, I do order, give, and dispose of the same in manner and form
following (that is to say).

Item I will and order that my just debts and legacies and fines or all
charges be first paid and satisfied within convenient time after my
decease.

Item I give and bequeath unto my son John the sum of five pounds current
money of New York in full of his claim or pretense of being my eldest
son
or heir at law and as a barr forever to the same.

Item I give and bequeath unto my said son John all that my plantation in
Bertie Precinct commonly known and distinguished by the name of John
Swang's plantation to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Daniel all that my plantation in
Bertie Precinct commonly known by the name of Chinckapin nearby and John
Wilson's plantation unto him and his heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my daughters Mary and Elshe all those my
five
lots of land in Bath Town to be equally divided between them and to
their
heirs forever.

Item All the rest of my estate both real and personal whatsoever and
wheresoever I give and bequeath unto my said sons and daughters to be
equally divided amongst them share and share alike to them and their and
every of their heirs forever.

Item It is my will notwithstanding the bequests as aforesaid so
bequeathed

that my dear and well beloved wife Mary van Pelt shall have, hold, occupy, possess, and enjoy all the rents, issues, and profits of all and _____ my estate both real and personal whatsoever and wheresoever during her natural life if she so long remains my widow, and further, it is my will and desire that no division be made of my real and personal estate during her widowhood but lie and remain under the command of my said wife Mary whilst sole.

And Lastly, I the said John van Pelt have to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal in New York this 22nd day of November in the eighth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord George II of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King Defender of the Faith in 1734.

Item I so nominate, constitute, and appoint my said loving wife Mary and my said sons John and Daniel executors of this my last will and testament and that the same may be duly and truly be performed.

Signed, sealed, published and declared
by the testator in the presence of us:

Andrew Moor
John Pratt
Henry Demeyer

John van Pelt (SEAL)

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