

Casparus Garretson Will

The following passage appears to be the last will of Casparus Garretson written in his own handwriting on Dec. 3, 1726, from a photocopy of the original document. It contains the same spelling as was used and as some of the words are hard to make out it may contain a few guesses. Any guesses are followed by a (?)

"In the name of God amen the third day of the twelfth month in the yeare of our Lord 1726 I Casparus Garretson of Cristiana Creek in the County of New Castle yoaman being sick weak in body but of perfect mind and memory. thanks be given unto God therefore calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die doe make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to say principally and (?) first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it and for my body I recommend it to the earth to be buried in a Christian like and decent manner at the discretion of my executors nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I that receive the same again by the mighty power of God and as touching (?) such worldly estate where will (?) it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

Item: I give and bequeath to ann my dearly beloved wife whom I likewise constitute make and ordain my onely and sole executor of this my last will and testament all and singular my estate boath real and personal untill such time as my sons come to the age of twenty and one yeares then my eldest son John shall have my home plantation and land belonging there unto and my other two sons that is william and Josep shall have that parsel or piece of land lying on the Lime kiln Road william shall have that half of the (?) Land which is now Improved and Josep the other half they onely paying unto my daughters the sum of thirty pounds Courent money when thy shall come to age then they to (?) the afore said Land (?) freely enjoy the same they their heirs and assigns for ever

and it is my will also that John and william shall build an house for Joseph and cleare one acre of Land and plant one hundred aple trees there on

and it is my will that my sons and daughters shall each of them have an equal share or (?) of my moveable estate and I doe hereby latterly (?) disalow revoke and disanul all and every other former testaments wills legacies and execute by me in any wise before this time named will and bequeathed ratifying & confirming this & no other to be my last will and testament in witness(?) where of I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written

(signed) Casparus Garretson

Signed sealed published pronounced and declared by ye I Casparus Garretson as his last will and testament in the presence us the subscribers

(signed) Garrett Garretson, unknown signature,
Edward Blake, unknown signature

Casparus Garretson and his wife lived at Mill Creek Hundred, New Castle, De. He was appointed overseer of the New Castle (Quaker) Friends' Meeting May 2, 1726.