

PREROGITIVE COURT (Wills, Original) Will of Sarah Gresham, 1756, G no. 71, MdHR 1330-32 [S540-32, 1/12/3/4]

In the Name of God Amen the Third Day of
October In the year of our Lord Seventeen Hundred and ffifty five I Sarah Gresham of
the City of Annapolis Widow being of Sound and perfect mind and memory make
this my last will and Testament Respectfully I recommend my Soul to Almighty God hoping
for Savlation thr'o the merits and Intercession of my Blessed Saviour Jesus Christ and my
Body to the Earth to be buried in a decent manner at the Discretion of my Executor
hereafter named And as for my worldly Goods it hath pleased God of his Great Boutny to
Bestow on me I dispose thereof in manner following FIRST I will and devise that all my
just Debts be honestly paid As soon as possible. ITEM I give and devise Unto my Son
Richard Gresham and his Heirs for ever my House and Land in Gravesend and North fleet
or contiguous thereto in the Kingdom of England with all the Immoveables appurtenances
and Appendages therefrom arising And all moneys due thereon for Rent or otherwise being
and belonging Unto me ITEM I give and bequeath Unto my Three Grand Daughters
Daughters of my Daughter Sarah Wooden Thrity Pounds Currency Each ITEM I give unto my
Grandson John Gresham son of my son John Gresham deceased five Pounds to be paid by my
Executor When he comes of age. ITEM I give unto my Grandson Richard Gresham son of my
aforesaid son John Gresham Twenty Pounds currency to be paid When he arrives at Age by
my Executor ITEM I give Unto my Grand Daughter Mary Daughter of my Son John deceased
Twenty Pounds Currency to be paid As aforesaid ITEM I give Unto my Grandson Thomas
Gresham son of my son John Gresham One Negro Girl named Pole and one Negro Boy named
Bacon to be delivered to him by my Executor whn he arrieves at the age of living ITEM I give
Unto my Son Richard Gresham my Bed that I lay in With all the ffurniture and all the ffurniture
of my Room that I lay in to him and his Heirs AND after the Payment of my Just Debts and
Legacies All the Rest Residue and Remainder of my personal Estate I give to my Son Richard
Gresham and my Daughter Elizabeth Jones to be Equally Divided between them and their Heirs
forever That is to Say my negroes stock plate Household ffurntiture EXCEPT What I have
Given before Also that my Son Richard may have his Choice of three of my Negro fellows if he
if he thinks fit in the Division (Giving his Sister her choice of Three next than he his choice
and so untill All my Negroes are divided between them ITEM my Will is that my Executor shall
not be Obligated to pay any money Legacies mentioned in my Will sooner than Two Years after

my Death and that he may pay them in Gold or Silver at the Common Rates that it passes at, at the Time of my Decease LASTLY I do hereby Constitute and Appoint my son Richard Gresham Whole and Sole Executor of this my last will and Testament hereby Revoking all former wills by me heretofore made and Declare this to be my last Will and Testament Which is Whole in this one sheet of paper IN TESTIMONEY whereof I have hereunto Set my Hand and Seal the Day and year first above Written

Sarah Gresham [seal]

SIGNED SEALED PUBLISHED AND DECLARED }
by the Testator As her last Will and Testament in the }
Presence of Us Who at her Request became Witnesses }
there to (the word five first Interlined) }

Jonas Green
William Rind
Wm Webb
1755

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By this my Codicil Upon the Within Will endorsed I do revoke & make Void the Several Bequests therein mentioned to my Daughter Elizabeth Jone in Case she should ever marry and all and whatsoever I had by the said Will given and bequeathed Unto my said Daughter I do hereby give & bequeath Unto the Children of my said Daughter now living by her Husband Jones Equally to be devided between them the said Will Notwithstanding And Whereas my Executor named in my said Will is now beyond Sea And it is Uncertain to [her?] [illegible] will return I do hereby Constitute and appoint Thomas Smyth of Easton Neck Executor of this my said Will and this my Codicil Untile my said Executor mention in my said Will shall return into this province and take upon himself the Execution of the powers given him And I do hereby desire that my Executors respectivly shall take Care of Such Legacies & bequests as I have here given to such Children of my Said Daughter Jones as are Under age Untill They shall respective arrive at a proper age to receive the Same respectivly

Sarah Gresham [seal]

Signed Sealed published & declared
by they said Tetratrix As her
Codicil to her last Will & Testament
Within [] before Us
Jonas Green
William Rind
Jas Hynson

Ann Arundell County Scet. on the 27th Day of August 1756. Came Jona Green and William Rind Two
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God do Depose and say that they saw the Testatrix Sarah Gresham sign the same Will and heard her Publish and
Declare the same to be her last Will and Testament, that at the time of her do doing she was to the best of
their Apprehension of sound and Disposing mind and memory, and that they Subscribed their names as Witness's
to the said Will on in the Presance of the Testatorix at her Request
Sworn before MMacnamara DComry AA Coty.

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