

The Last will and Testament of John Tilghman of Queen Anne's County in the State of Maryland made this Eighteenth day of September in the year Eighteen Hundred and Sixty,

I give and bequeath unto my dear daughter Ann Catherine Earle, wife of James F. Earle Esq: the sum of seven thousand dollars current money and the following negro slaves, to wit; negro man Joe, negro woman Beckey and her three children Jane, Tom and William as also any child or children <sup>she</sup> may hereafter have and negro girl Catherine daughter of Fanny, the gift of house hold furniture and glassware heretofore made to her, and which I have placed in her possession I do hereby confirm; and I do further give and bequeath to her my secret box which belonged to her mother, the foregoing bequests are made on condition that my said daughter shall release all claims which she may have against me except my bond to her dated on the twenty third day of June Eighteen Hundred and forty seven for Five Hundred and ninety dollars and forty three cents, which I hereby charge my executor to pay out of my personal estate,

Item: Whereas I have heretofore advanced to my son John F. Tilghman, who is now deceased leaving two daughters, considerable sums of money, and it is my wish to divide my estate equally among all my children, which I cannot do without taking into consideration the sums of money so advanced to my said son; therefore acting on the important principle here indicated, I give and bequeath to my two grand daughters Ann Catherine Tilghman and Octavia Olivia Tilghman daughters of my said son John, each the sum of one thousand (\$1000.00) Dollars current money to be paid to them respectively by my executor on their arrival to the age of eighteen years, the interest on said sums to be paid by my executor annually on the same date to their mother for their support and education

If their said mother should die or be married again before their arrival to the said age, then in either event I direct the said interest to be paid to their lawful guardian or guardians. Should either of my said grand daughters die before her arrival to the age of eighteen years and without leaving issue of her body living at the time of her death the sum bequeathed to the one so dying shall go to and belong to the survivor, and in the event of the death of the survivor, also before her arrival to the age of eighteen and without leaving issue of her body living at the time of her death I do give and bequeath the same so bequeathed to them to my children Ann Catherine Earle, James Tilghman, Matthew W. Tilghman and Lloyd Tilghman to be equally divided between them share and share alike.

I do also give and devise to my said two grand daughters equally in fee, from and after the death of my son Matthew Ward Tilghman, all the real estate which I have herein devised to him for and during his life, but should both of my said grand daughters die before their arrival to the age of twenty one years and without leaving heirs of their body living at the time of their death, then I give and devise said real estate to my children Ann Catherine Earle, James Tilghman and Lloyd Tilghman in fee share and share alike.

Item: I give and devise to my son Matthew Ward Tilghman for and during his life and not longer the farm on which he now resides consisting of the several parcels of land which I purchased of William H. Emory June 18th 1831 the real estate of Thomas Kent deceased, from John Noble, from James Fisher and his wife and from John Perry - I also give and devise to my said son Matthew Ward Tilghman and his heirs in fee simple the lands which I purchased of Alexander Rossville and wife. Also I give and bequeath to my said son Matthew Ward Tilghman following negroes

to wit: my negro boy John, my negro men Dan, Frederick and Stephen, negro boy Steeley, son of Eliza and my negro woman Nell and her child, Fanny & Fanny's child or any other child or children which the said Nell and Fanny may hereafter have.

Item: I give and devise to my son James Tilghman and his heirs in fee simple the farm on which he resides and which I purchased of Charles Co. Tilghman Trustee for the sale of the real estate of Anna Maria Blake deceased. Also I give and bequeath to my said son James the following negroes, to wit: negro man Ned, Nancy daughter of Priscilla, Henrietta daughter of Eliza, negro woman Rachel and the children which she now has, negro woman Mary daughter of Isara and her child Georgeanna and any other child or children which any of the said female slaves may hereafter have - I also give and bequeath to my said son my bureau which formerly belonged to his mother, my shaving table which was the property of my dear deceased father and my secretary which belonged to his great grand father Matthew Tilghman.

Item I give and devise unto my son Lloyd Tilghman and his heirs in fee simple the farm called "Plain Dealing or Fair Deal. ing", which I purchased of Mrs Martha T. Brown also the woodlot which I purchased of Clinton Cook Trustee for the sale of a portion of the real estate of Thomas B. Cook, deceased. I also give and bequeath to my said son Lloyd Tilghman the following negroes to wit: my cook woman Eliza and her daughter Emeline and her son Charles and the children of Emeline and any other child or children which the said Eliza and Emaline may hereafter have, negroes Erin and Charles children of woman Barnett also Tom son of Priscilla, Adam son of Fanny, William Henry, and negro woman Caroline now residing on his farm and any child the said Caroline may have or may hereafter have. I also give and bequeath to my said son Lloyd my Mahogany arm chair and

two sitting chairs which belonged to his great grand father Matthew Tilghman, The single bill held by my said son Lloyd is to be paid out of my estate and not to be considered extinguished by the foregoing bequests and devise, I also give and devise to my said son Lloyd in fee the lot of ground and the improvements thereon in the town of Centerville, which are now in his occupancy, and which I purchased of Rev Richard France, on condition that he pay into my estate the sum of three thousand and fifty dollars, the same price which I paid for said lot and premises, his election to take the same at that sum to be made within fifteen months from and after my death. Should he elect to take the said lot and improvements, I direct that the sum so to be paid by him, shall constitute a portion of the fund which I have herein bequeathed to my daughter Ann Catherine Earle. It is my will that my said son Lloyd shall have five (5) years for the payment of the said purchase money, he paying the interest annually thereon to my said daughter Ann Catherine Earle, If my said son Lloyd shall refuse to take said lot and improvements as herein provided for, then I give and devise the same to my said daughter Ann Catherine Earle provided she would desire to have the same at the aforesaid valuation of three thousand and fifty dollars which is to be considered in part of the sum of seven thousand dollars herein bequeathed to her and if she should refuse to take the same, then I devise that the said lot and improvements be sold by my executor herein after named upon such terms as shall seem proper to him and the purchase money therefor to be a part of the aforesaid sum bequeathed to my said daughter Ann Catherine Earle.

Item: I give and bequeath to my niece Henrietta Tilghman widow of Dr. James Tilghman deceased a pair of large blue mugs and a pair of small cut glass pitchers which formerly belonged

to her father and I direct my executor, at the expenses of my estate in his hands as such to have prepared a gold mourning ring and present the same to my said niece as a memento of my regard for her.

Item: I direct my executor not to bring into my estate any crops that may be growing at the time of my death, on the farms which I have put into the possession of my sons James, Matthew H. and Lloyd, and which they now cultivate for their own exclusive benefit, nor are my said sons to be charged with hire for the servants, that have been in their possession or who may be in their possession at the time of my decease.

Item: I hereby direct and empower my executor to sell all the real estate of which I may be seized or possessed at the time of my death, other than the real estate herein specially devised, at private or public sale for cash or on credit as he may deem proper and to account for the proceeds thereof as a part of my personal estate -

Item: Should it not be necessary for the payment of my debts and pecuniary legacies to sell my servants not herein specially bequeathed, my will and desire is and I hereby direct that they be equally divided between my children the said Ann Catherine Earle, Matthew H. Tilghman, James Tilghman, Lloyd Tilghman and Octavia Olivia Tilghman, my grand children taking but one share between them, the same which their father John H. Tilghman would take if alive, whatever portion of negroes may be allotted to my said grand children under this provision I direct shall be retained by my executor until my said grand children shall arrive to the age of eighteen years, the annual hire to be paid by my said executor in the same manner as I have directed in regard to the interest on the money legacies bequeathed to them; and in the event of the death of either of said grand children my will is that the survivors shall take the share of the one surviving, and in the event of the death of both of said grand children

before their arrival to the age of eighteen years; my will and desire is that the negroes allotted to them be equally divided among my children Ann Catherine Earle, Matthew H., James and Lloyd Tilghman; and it is also my desire, that whatever other surplus there may be of my estate after the payment of debts and legacies, it shall be equally divided among my said children and grand-children share and share alike, my said grand children <sup>representing</sup> ~~representing~~ their father and taking but one share between them; and whatever amount shall be distributed to my said grand children under this provision, I also direct to be paid to them severally as they shall respectively arrive to the age of eighteen years, the interest to be paid by my executor in the same manner as directed in regard to the interest on the money legacies first herein bequeathed to them. Should either of said grand children die before her arrival to the age of eighteen and without issue of her body living at the time of her death, I will and direct the share of the one so dying to be paid to the survivor when she shall arrive to the said age of eighteen years, and in the event of the death of the survivor before eighteen and without heirs of her body living at the time of her death, I will and direct that the whole be divided between my said children Ann C., Matthew H., James, & Lloyd -

Item: If in the settlement of my estate it shall be necessary to sell any of my negroes not herein specially bequeathed, it is my will and I hereby direct my executor to permit, my daughter Ann C. Earle to take in part payment of the aforesaid legacy of seven thousand dollars bequeathed to her, such negroes as may be for sale, or as many as she may desire, at a fair valuation, and if she shall elect to take none, then my executor to sell said negroes to kind and humane masters, living within the State of Maryland.

Item: I will and direct that my old and superannuated negroes shall not be divided among my children, but that they shall be kept together in the new building on the Plain Dealing

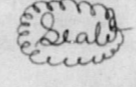
I am and supported at the joint expense of my children Ann b. Earle, Matthew Ward, James, & Lloyd, and I charge my said children to be just and kind to all my servants and especially to those that are aged and infirm-

Item:- I direct that my executor hereinafter named shall receive five per centum on my personal estate and on the proceeds of such of my real estate as he is authorized to sell, for his care and trouble in settling my estate and that in addition to the five per cent he shall be allowed his necessary expenses.

As I am unable to make any provision for my <sup>niece</sup> Susan A. Davis owing to the distribution which I have already made to my aforesaid children, it is my wish and I do request of them, that they will arrange among themselves for her support and comfort and see that she is provided for.

Lastly I do constitute and appoint my son Lloyd Silghman sole executor of this my last will and testament revoking all other wills heretofore made by me, ratifying and confirming this and none other to be my last will and testament.

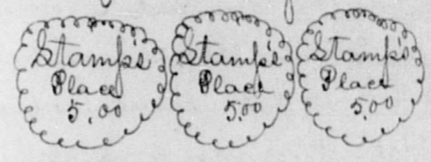
In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal on the day and in the year first herein before written.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by John Silghman  above named testator as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

James H. Thompson  
P. B. Hoopes  
John Palmer

Given under my hand and seal of the County of Queen Anne's, this 27th day of November 1866  
John Silghman  
James H. Thompson, P. B. Hoopes and John Palmer

the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will, and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, that they did see John Silghman, the within named Testator sign his name to the foregoing Will, that they heard him publish, pronounce and declare the same to be his last will and testament, that at the time of so doing he was to the best of their apprehension of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, that they subscribed their names as witnesses to the said will, in the presence of each other, in the presence of the Testator, and at his request:-



W. A. Johnson, Reg. Wills,  
for Queen Anne's County,

in and to the last will and testament of John Silghman of Queen Anne's County in the State of Maryland made and duly executed on the eighteenth day of September in the year Eighteen Hundred and sixty.

I do hereby revoke and annul the devise made to my son James Silghman of the real estate purchased by me of Charles b. Silghman Trustee for the sale of the real estate of Anna Maria Blake deceased as contained in the first item on third page of my said last will and testament, and in lieu thereof, I do give and devise unto my said son James for and during his life and no longer the said real estate.

After his death, should his wife survive him I give and bequeath the said real estate to her for her natural life and no longer provided she remain unmarried, it being my wish that upon her marriage again, it shall descend to the children of my son James who may be living at the time of his death, upon the death of my son James and the death or marriage afterwards of his wife whichever first may happen I give and devise the said real estate in fee to the children of my son James who