

Will of Nicholas Gentry II  
*Dated February 27, 1777*

In the name of GOD, Amen; I Nicholas Gentry of Albemarle County, VA do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament.

Imprimis: My desire is that my well beloved wife, Jane Gentry, remain in possession and enjoyment of my whole estate both real and personal during her life and after decease I give and bequeath to my son Martin, a Negro girl, Milly and likewise a Negro boy, Charles and Anna, children of the said Milly, with all her future increase to him, his heirs and assigns forever, provided my son Martin Gentry, his heirs, executors and administrators, pay to my son Nathan Gentry the sum of fifteen pounds to him, his heirs and assigns, to be payed yearly five pounds till payed. I likewise give to my son Martin Gentry, my copper still and my gun to him, his heirs and assigns forever.

I give and bequeath to my Grandson Bartlet Gentry, son of Martin Gentry, one Negro boy named Patrick and to his sister Patty, my granddaughter, I give one Negro girl named Miny, to them, their heirs and assigns forever. But, if either of my grandchildren Bartlet or Patty Gentry die without issue, then the said Negroes, Patrick and Miny desend to my son Martin Gentry, his heirs and assigns forever.

And further my will and desire is that my sons Moses, David and Nicholas Gentry and my daughter Mary have twenty shillings a piece and no more, to be raised out of my estate and that they nor any of them shall enjoy anymore, unless the laws of this country should entitle them to a greater sum, in that case my desire is that they shall not inherit nor enjoy any more than the law entitles disinherited children to; further my desire that after my will as above, desire shall be executed the remaining part of my estate shall be equally divided between my sons Robert, Jane Timberlake and Ann Jinkins, which two last, Timberlake and Jinkins, shall have half as much as my son Robert shall have and no more; and Ann Jinkins shall have as much as Jane Timberlake and no more.

My desire is that my estate be appraised and lastly, I appoint my well beloved wife, Jane Gentry and my sons Martin and David Gentry, executors of this my last will and testament and I do here by disannual and revoke all former wills by me made, and declare this to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have here unto set my hand and affixed my seal this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Seven.

Nicholas Gentry (Seal)

Signed, Seal'd and Delivered  
In the presence of  
Bezaleel Brown  
Benajah Brown

At Albemarle April Court 1779

This Will was proved by the oath of Bezaleal Brown and Benajah Brown, Witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded and upon the motion of Martin Gentry an Executer obtaining a probate in due form, whereupon he gave bond with Bezaleel Brown and Benajah Brown his securities and they acknowledged the same accordingly.

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A Copy Tests: Eva W. Maupin, Clerk

Teste: John Nicholas, CLK.

Nicholas Gentry