

Extraction of the
“Will of Andrew Putman”
Washington County, Maryland

from the book "The Ancestors and Descendants of John Weyandt of Harrison county, Ohio"
written by Eric E. Johnson in January 2001, and privately published

(Andrew Putman was 66 years of age)

In the name of God, Amen, I, Andrew Putman, of Washington County, and Province of Maryland, being sick and weak in body, but of sound mind, memory and understanding, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, viz:

First and punctually I recommend my soul to Almighty God who gave it me, and my body to be buried in decent order at the discretion of my executor hereafter named, and as to the worldly estate it has pleased God to bestow on me, I give and bequeath as follows:

Imprimis: I will that all my just debts and funeral charges be first paid, then, I give and bequeath unto my well beloved wife, Catherine, the use of all my estate, real and personal, for and during her natural life in case she remains a widow, but if she marries I do allow that my estate may be immediately sold to the best advantage (excepting her thirds) and distributing amongst my children in the same manner as is hereinafter mentioned, allowing her, my said wife, fifty pounds good and lawful money of Pennsylvania over and above her thirds if she doth marry.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my son John twenty-five pounds of the above currency, and to my sons Peter and Andrew twenty pounds each, over and above any of the rest of my children.

Item: I also give and bequeath unto my children John, Peter, Elizabeth, Mary, Maryann, Catherine, Susannah, and Andrew all the remainder of my estate, real and personal, to be sold at the death or marriage of my wife Catherine, whichever should happen first, and the money to be equally divided amongst them.

Lastly, I do contribute and appoint my trusty friends, Samuel Baker and Conrad Schnebly, executors of this my last will and testament making void all other wills by me heretofore made. In testimony whereof I, the said Andrew Putman, have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this fourth day of February, in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and seventy-seven.

Signed, sealed and delivered to be the last will and testament of the testator, in presence of us who have signed at the testator's request and in his presence.

Henry Getting
John William Tolts
Peter Shally

Andrew Putman