

Last Will and Testament of George Musick, Sr.

From his will, recorded in March 1754, we learn that George Musick, Sr., and his wife, Ann, were the parents of six sons: Abraham; Ambrose; Daniel; Electious [Elexious]; Ephraim, George Jr.; and three daughters: Agnes; Elizabeth; and Kezia. The will is also evidence that Ann and the named children were living at the time George made his will. The maiden name of Ann is unknown. It is also possible that Ann was not her first name but, instead, her middle name. Because of George's association with Thomas Allen and owning land next to him, many speculate that Ann's maiden name was Allen. At least one researcher believes her maiden name was Barth. Regardless, unless and until proof is found, Ann's maiden name and full given name remain a source of speculation.

Transcribed, with original spelling and punctuation, bracketed information added for clarity, Will of George Musick, Senior, found in Will Book B, Part I, page 181, of the Spotsylvania County, Virginia, Court Records:

Will of George Musick, Senior

"In the name of God Amen, I, George Musick, Senior in the County of Spotsylvania, St. George's Parish being in good and perfect memory, thanks be to God, do make [and] ordain this my last will and Testament in the manner and form following. That is to say, first I commend my Sole [soul] into the hands of God my maker hoping assuredly through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Saviour, to be made partaker of life Everlasting and as Touching the Disposall of my Estate I give and dispose of as Follows:

Item - I give to my son Ambrose Music one shilling.

Item - I give to my son George Musick one shilling.

Item - I give to my son Abraham Musick one shilling.

Item - I give to my daughter Elizabeth Trustey one shilling.

Item - I give to my daughter Agnes Lynes fifty acres of land Joyning William Trustey belonging to the old patton [patent].

Item - I give and bequeath to my son Electious [Elexious] Musick one hundred Acres of Land more or less being of the old patton [patent] Land where my plantation now is.

Item - I give to my daughter Agnes Lynes fifty acres Joyning Daniel Musick of the new patton [patent] Land.

Item - I give and bequeath to my daughter Kezia Musick fifty acres of land more or less Joyning Grave's line.

Item - I give to Ann Musick my wife all movable Estate during her life and then to [be] Equally Divided between Electious [Elexious] Musick, my son and Kezia Musick my daughter.

Item - I give to my son Ephraim Musick one shilling.

I likewise Constitute and Ordain my Dearly beloved wife Ann Musick and Electious [Elexious] Musick my son to be my Executor and Executrix of this my last will and Testament in the presence of Henry Chiles, Henry Marsh, Heze. Chiles.

(X) [His mark]

/S/ George MC Musick"

"At a court held for Spottsylvania County on Tuesday March ye 5th 1754, the last will and Testament of George Musick, Dec'd, being Exhibited and sworn to in Court by Ann Musick and Electious [Elexious] Musick Executors therein named and was proved by the oaths of Henry Chiles, Henry Marsh and Hezekiah Chiles witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded."

"Teste: W. Waller Cl. Cr Teste: Margarite M. Cook, Deputy Clerk, a true copy"