

Timothy Winn

(- 23 Feb 1836)

Winn. Died at his residence near the Navy Yard in this city the 18th instant, Timothy Winn, Esq., Purser in the U.S. Navy. The officers of the Navy and Army, with his friends are respectfully invited to attend his funeral on Saturday morning at 11 o'clock a.m.

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This gentleman was a native of Massachusetts, but was a citizen of Washington and a resident of the Navy Yard section from 1815 up to the date of his death. He entered the United States Navy in 1799, was appointed pursuer in 1815, and was assigned to duty in connection with the Washington Navy Yard and the Marine Barracks, in which position he served continuously until he died. He was a man of considerable scholarship, and possessed elegant taste and many accomplishments; these, however did not prevent him from taking an active interest in the public affairs of his day. Among other things that engaged his business attention was the construction of the bridge across the Anacostia River at the foot of Eleventh Street east, some years after the destruction of the bridge above during the invasion of Washington by the British in 1814. Mr. Winn was one of the incorporators of the company that owned the new bridge. He was quite wealthy, and his house--still standing on the northwest corner of Tenth and I Streets southeast, and in old days one of the finest establishments in Washington--was the home of the most elegant and refined hospitality. Many of the old residents of the Navy Yard section will remember an honored servant of Mr. Winn's--Uncle Grandison as he was usually called--who lived to be nearly a hundred years old, and who in courtliness and kindness and genuine worth was deserving of his name; he was, within the limitation of his opportunities, an exemplar of Richardson's hero, Sir Charles Grandison, the model of a true gentleman.

Will of Timothy Winn, of Washington Co., D.C. (dtd. Oct. 20, 1834, probated Feb. 23, 1836; Book 4, pp. 309-311; O.S. 1850; Box 13)

Sum of \$900 against me as allowance for clerkhire for paying off the superintendents, mechanics and laborers of the Navy Yard, sanctioned by regulation of the Navy Department; my family to petition Congress until relief for my services in receiving and disbursing funds at the Navy Yard, from the second quarter of 1815 to the first quarter of 1829, amounting to upwards of \$1,800,000 and for which I have not received a single cent.

Exrs. To pay debts, and immediately sell my carriage and three horses; take standing credit at Bank of the Metropolis and Patriotic Bank of Washington, or any other banks; sell stock in Franklin Fire Insurance of Washington City, on which \$1,000 has been paid.

Should my wife Rebecca continue in her present unfortunate state of mind, Exrs. To provide her every necessary and possible convenience of comfort; remainder of residue divided equally between my son William Timothy and daughter Mary Louisa.

Dwelling house and servants, with outhouses and gardens, all household and kitchen furniture, to remain in their present situation during life of wife as a place of residence for her and my son and daughter; should wife fortunately recover from her present mental indisposition, then house, gardens, furniture, servants remain for her use during her life.

To son William Timothy all wearing apparel, double cased gold watch, silver spurs; at death of wife, to son all estate in Kent Co., Md., known as "Winn's Resurvey of Howell's Point," the portrait of my father and my large family Bible; the Bible and spurs were bequeathed to me by my grandfather, Timotny Winn, of Middlesex Co., Mass.; servant man Charles Grandison.

To daughter Mary Louisa, \$5,000 of stock in Corporation of Washington, and \$5,000 in capital stock in Patriotic Bank of Washington; two old scripture paintings and my piano forte; servant woman Eliza Savoy.

To granddaughter Rebecca Ellis, \$2,000 in capital stock in Washington Navy Yard Bridge Company; \$2,000 of capital stock in the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company and any stock in the Franklin Fire Insurance Company of Washington City.

Servant man John Douglass shall not be free, nor sold without his own free well and consent; to be held in common by my son and daughter; should both wish to own him Exrs. John Coyle and William Speiden shall determine by lot to which he shall belong; servants Betsy or Eliza Diggs and Juliette Tayloe, with her child, may either be sold or held in common by son and daughter.

To judge Powhatan Ellis, the portrait of my late daughter Mrs. Eliza R. Ellis; he has in his possession two boys Alfred and Edward, sons of my servant woman Lizy Savoy, for whom he holds no bill of sale, should he not return them voluntarily, they are never to be asked or demanded of him. If returned, Alfred to son and Edward to daughter.

To my sister Mrs. Mary Reed of Middlesex Co., Mass., the miniature likeness of my late brother Jonathan Bowers Winn.

To my brother William Winn, of Boston, the Declaration of Independence and Washington's Farewell Address, both set in gilt frames.

To my Exr. John Coyle, my large new map of the U.S. by Mr. Mitchell, with the accompaniment; to Exr. William Speiden, my pair of clothes.

Silverplate to be equally divided between son and daughter; residue of all property between them.

Exrs.: William Timothy Winn, son; John Coyle; William Speiden, all of the City of Washington

Wits.: Edward W. Clark; Richard Barry; A.G. Herold