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For Caroline County

Date November 3, 1950

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I, Louisa Gibbs of Maryland, Caroline County State of Maryland being of sound and disposing mind and memory but in feeble health, do make and publish this my last will and testament

First and principally I commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God and my body to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my executor hereinafter named

After my debts and funeral charges are paid, I devise and bequeath as follows.

To my daughter Ida Cooper all my real and personal estate conditionally that the said Ida Cooper deed to her brother Fletcher Gibbs two acres of land on the side of the farm toward the town of Maryland also that the said Ida Cooper deed to Gertrude Kackett of Maryland two acres of land on the side of the farm toward Pine Grove.

And the conditions of this will are such that the said Ida Cooper shall hold the balance of the land for life only, and that she shall not place a lien upon it.

At the death of the said Ida Cooper the land to be sold and the proceeds to go to her children, in the event of their death the said proceeds to go to Gertrude Kackett or her heirs.

And I appoint the said Ida Cooper executrix of this my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July in the year 1912

Louisa Gibbs (Real) <sup>her</sup> <sup>mark</sup>  
Signed sealed published and declared by the above named Louisa Gibbs as and for her last will and testament in our presence, who at her request in her presence and in presence of each other, have hereunto set our hands as witnesses hereof

W. E. Shelton, Maryland Notary  
Samuel W. Jackson " "  
J. E. Hutchins " "

Caroline County, Md.  
The 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1913. Then came Spencer Latham, custodian of the foregoing paper writing, purporting to be the last will and Testament of Louisa Gibbs, late of Caroline County, deceased, and made oath in due form of law, that the said paper writing is the true and whole last will and testament of the said Louisa Gibbs, deceased, that has come to his hands or possession; and that he does not know of any other will or codicil to the said will of the said deceased and that the said will was delivered to him at the time of making thereof by the testatrix, and has remained in his keeping until deposited by him with the Register of Wills for Caroline County for probate.

Sworn to in open court

Det: J. Patten Steele  
Register of Wills for Caroline County.

Caroline County, Md.:  
The 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1913. Then came W. E. Shelton one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing last Will and Testament of Louisa Gibbs, late of Caroline County, deceased, and made oath in due form of law that he did see the said Louisa Gibbs sign and seal the said Will; that he heard her publish, pronounce and declare the same to be her last Will and Testament; that at the time of her so doing she was, to the best of his knowledge and apprehension, of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, and capable of executing a valid deed or contract; and that he together with Samuel W. Jackson and J. E. Hutchins, the other subscribing witnesses, respectively subscribed their names as witnesses to the said Will in the presence of the said Testatrix at her request and in the presence of each other.

Sworn to in open court

Det: J. Patten Steele  
Register of Wills for Caroline County

Caroline County, Md.:  
The 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1913. Then came J. E. Hutchins, one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing last Will and Testament of Louisa Gibbs, late of Caroline County, deceased, and made oath in due form of law that he did see the said Louisa Gibbs sign and seal the said Will; that he heard her publish, pronounce and declare the same to be her last Will and Testament; that at the time of her so doing she was, to the best of his knowledge and apprehension, of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding and capable of executing a valid deed or contract; and that he, together with W. E. Shelton and Samuel W. Jackson, the other two subscribing witnesses, respectively subscribed their names as witnesses to the said Will in the presence of the said Testatrix at her request and in the presence of each other.

Sworn to in open court.  
Det: J. Patten Steele, Register of Wills for Caroline County.

Caroline County, Md.:  
The 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1913. Then came into court J. E. Hutchins, a credible and competent witness, who, being sworn in due form of law and looking upon the annexed last Will and Testament of Louisa Gibbs, deceased, and upon the signature of Samuel W. Jackson thereto subscribed, as an attesting witness to the execution thereof, deposes and says: That he is well acquainted with the handwriting and signature of the said Samuel W. Jackson, and that he saw him write it as an attesting witness to the said last Will and Testament of Louisa Gibbs, deceased, and that, as thereto subscribed, it is the true, proper and genuine signature of the said Samuel W. Jackson; and that the said Samuel W. Jackson, to the best of his knowledge and belief, is a non-resident of the State of Maryland, beyond the jurisdiction of this Court to secure his presence in person, at the place of residence is to appear unknown.

Sworn to in open court

Det: J. Patten Steele  
Register of Wills for Caroline County.

Caroline County, Court: }  
The 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1933 }  
Then came into Court here Melcher Gibbs, a  
credible and competent witness, who, after being sworn in due form of law,  
deposes and says: That he is well acquainted with Samuel W. Jackson one  
of the subscribing witnesses to the last Will and Testament of Louisa Gibbs  
deceased; that he is a non-resident of the State of Maryland and beyond the  
jurisdiction of this Court, to-wit, in the State of Virginia, and that his presence  
in person cannot be secured, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Sworn to in a few Court.

Test: J. Patton Clerk, Register of Wills for Caroline County.

In the Orphan's Court for Caroline County;

The foregoing last Will and Testament of Louisa Gibbs, late of Caroline County  
deceased, having been exhibited for probate, and no objections thereto having  
been made, although notice appears to have been given to the next re-  
latives of said deceased, the Court, after having carefully examined the  
said Will and also the evidence adduced as to its validity, orders and  
decrees, this Fifth day of August, 1933, that the same be admitted in this  
Court as the true and genuine last Will and Testament of the said Louisa  
Gibbs, deceased.

J. Alan Colwell

Henry A. Rawlings

S. Lacey Stevens

Judges of the Orphan's Court of Caroline County.

In the name of God Amen.

I, Phebe M. Dunham, of Choptank in the county of Caroline and State  
of Maryland, being of sound mind, memory and understanding, and knowing  
the uncertainty of life, do make, publish and declare this to be my last will  
and testament, namely:

- First: It is my will and I do order all my just debts and funeral expenses to be  
duly paid, as soon as convenient after my death.
- Second: I give, devise and bequeath to my three daughters Hannah D., Anna  
B., Sarah A., my wearing apparel, to be divided between them.
- Third: I bequeath to my son, Alphonso L. Dunham, my family Bible and  
fifty dollars (\$50) in money.
- Fourth: I bequeath to my son, Erskine F. Dunham my large rocking chair  
and fifty dollars (\$50) in money.
- Fifth: I bequeath to my daughter Anna B. Dunham my two breast pins.
- Sixth: I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah A. Shaw my watch and  
fifty dollars (\$50) in money.
- Seventh: My home place, at Choptank Maryland, if not sold previously, shall be  
sold by my executor hereinafter named, and thereof give, devise and be-  
queath the proceeds from said sale to my sons, Alphonso L. and Erskine  
F. Dunham, to be equally divided between them.
- Eighth: I give and bequeath my household goods and all money left to my  
estate, after all bequests are made and carried out, and all debts and

expenses of settlement of my estate are paid, to my four children namely: Hannah  
D. McConnell, Anna B. Dunham Sarah A. Shaw, Alphonso L. Dunham and  
Erskine F. Dunham share and share alike.

Fourth: It is my will, and I hereby order that the sum of seventy-five dollars (\$75)  
advanced by me, to my daughter Hannah D. McConnell, shall not be reckoned  
as a part of my estate effecting her share in the same.

Fifth: It is my will, and I hereby order, that grave stones, similar to my husband's  
shall be erected at my grave.

Lastly: I hereby appoint my friend, Jehu T. Blades, of Choptank, Caroline County, Maryland,  
executor of this, my last will and testament, with power to sell and give deeds, for  
my real estate not herein devised and make deeds therefor, and all my other  
things to carry out this my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal  
this second day of November in the year nineteen hundred and eleven.

Phebe M. Dunham (Test)

Signed, sealed, published and declared, by the said Phebe  
M. Dunham to be her last will and testament, in the presence  
of us, who were present at the same time and subscribed  
our names, as witnesses in the presence of the testator

witnesses: }

Jehu T. Perry

W. E. Sifton

Caroline County, ss: }

The 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1933 }  
Then came Jehu T. Blades, custodian of the  
aforegoing paper-writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of  
Phebe M. Dunham late of Caroline County, deceased, and the executor  
named therein, and made oath in due form of law, that the said paper-  
writing is the true and whole last will and testament of the said Phebe M.  
Dunham, deceased, that has come to his hands or possession; and that  
he does not know of any other Will or codicil to the said Will of the  
said deceased, and that the said Will was delivered to him by the tes-  
tatrix, at the time of the execution thereof, and has remained in his  
keeping until deposited by him with the Register of Wills for Caroline  
County for probate. Sworn to in open Court.

Test: J. Patton Clerk, Register of Wills for Caroline County.

Caroline County, ss: }

The 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1933 }  
Then came Jehu T. Perry and William E. Sifton,  
the two subscribing witnesses to the foregoing last Will and Testament of  
Phebe M. Dunham late of Caroline County, deceased, and made oath in  
due form of law that they did see the said Phebe M. Dunham sign and seal  
the said Will; that they heard her publish, pronounce and declare the same to  
be her last Will and Testament; that at the time of her so doing she was, to the best  
of their knowledge and apprehension, of sound and disposing mind, memory  
and understanding and capable of executing a valid deed or contract; and  
that they respectively subscribed their names as witnesses to the said  
Will in the presence of the Testatrix at her request and in the presence

of each other. Sworn to in open court.

Just. J. Potter Steele, Register of Wills for Caroline County.

In the Orphan's Court of Caroline County:

The foregoing last Will and Testament of Phebe M Dunham late of Caroline County, deceased, having been exhibited for probate and no objection thereto having been made, although notice of probate has been given to the next relations of said deceased; The Court, after having carefully examined the said Will and also, the evidence adduced as to its validity, orders and Decree, this Fifth day of August, 1913, that the same be admitted in this Court as the true and genuine last Will and Testament of the said Phebe M Dunham, deceased

J. Alan Clark  
Henry C. Rawlings  
S. Eacey Stevens

Judges of the Orphan's Court of Caroline County

I, J. W. Kerr of Denton, Caroline County, State of Maryland, by occupation a Nurseryman and Fruit grower, make this my last will:

I give, devise, bequeath my estate and property, real and personal, as follows, that is to say:-

1st My life insurance in the "Independent Order of Knights of the Ku Klux Klan" as set forth in "Certificate" from said order, shall be shared equally by my two daughters, Jessie and Sophie.

2d. All my other property, real and personal, I give, devise and bequeath to my wife, Amanda C. Kerr.

3d. I appoint my wife - Amanda C. Kerr, executrix without bond, of this my will;

In witness whereof, I have signed and sealed and published and declared this instrument as my will, at Denton, Caroline County, Maryland, on January 19th A.D. 1909

J. W. Kerr (and)

The said J. W. Kerr, at said place, - Denton Maryland - on said day - January 19th 1909 - signed and sealed this instrument and published and declared the same as and for his last will in our presence, and we, at his request, and in his presence, and in the presence of each other, have hereunto written our names as subscribing witnesses.

J. Kemp Stevens  
William C. Lednum.

Caroline County, ss:

The 12th day of August, 1913 } Then came Amanda C. Kerr, custodian of the foregoing paper writing, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of J. W. Kerr, late of Caroline County, deceased, and the executor named therein, and made oath in due form of law, that the said paper writing is the true and whole last will and testament of the said J. W. Kerr, de-

ceased, that has come to her hands or possession; and that she does not know of any other Will or codicil to the said Will of the said deceased, and that the said Will was deposited, with her knowledge, among the important papers of the testator, and taken thence by her, after his death, and has remained in her keeping until deposited by her with the Register of Wills for Caroline County for probate.

Sworn to before and certified by

J. Potter Steele, Register of Wills for Caroline County.

Caroline County, ss:

The 12th day of August, 1913 } Then came J. Kemp Stevens and William C. Lednum, the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing last Will and Testament of J. W. Kerr, late of Caroline County, deceased, and made oath in due form of law that they did see the said J. W. Kerr sign and seal the said Will; that they heard him publicly pronounce and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament; that at the time of his so doing he was, to the best of their knowledge and apprehension, of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding and capable of executing a valid deed or contract; and that they respectively subscribed their names as witnesses to the said Will in the presence of the said Testator, at his request, and in the presence of each other.

Sworn to in open court.

Just. J. Potter Steele

Register of Wills for Caroline County.

In the Orphan's Court of Caroline County:

The foregoing last Will and Testament of J. W. Kerr, late of Caroline County, deceased, having been exhibited for probate, and no objection thereto having been made, although notice of probate has been given to the next relations of said deceased; The Court, after having carefully examined the said Will and also, the evidence adduced as to its validity, orders and Decree, this twelfth day of August, 1913, that the same be admitted in this Court as the true and genuine last Will and Testament of the said J. W. Kerr, deceased.

J. Alan Clark  
Henry C. Rawlings  
S. Eacey Stevens

Judges of the Orphan's Court of Caroline County.

Know all men by these presents that I Eliza Elkins, widow of Caroline County make this my last Will - I give, devise, bequeath my estate and property real and personal, as follows, that is to say:

1st. I wish and so direct, that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my decease as convenient.

2d. I give to my son Thomas E. Elkins the sum of ten (10) dollars.

3d. I give to my daughter Margaret Jeff the sum of ten (10) dollars.

4th. I give and bequeath to my Daughter Bedelia Elkins the house and lot of which I am now seized, and occupy as my home, in Fox Run

5th. I constitute and appoint my Daughter Bedelia Elkins the executrix of this my last will and testament, and that she, the said Bedelia Elkins, shall

so act without being required to give any Bond or Security for doing the same. In witness whereof I the above named testator have hereunto set my hand and seal this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1893.

Eliza Collins

Then and there signed, sealed and published by Eliza Collins the testator, as and for her last will and testament, in the presence of each other and at her request, have hereunto set our names as witnesses.

Wm H. Conroy

A. J. Rich

Caroline County, ss: }  
The 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1913

Then came Betiea Collins, custodian of the foregoing paper writing, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Eliza Collins, late of Caroline County, deceased, and the executrix named therein, and made oath in due form of law that the said paper writing is the true and whole last will and testament of the said Eliza Collins, deceased, that has come to her hands or possession; and that she does not know of any other Will or codicil to the said Will of the said deceased, and that the said will was found by her among the important papers of said testatrix, a few days after her death, and has remained in her keeping until deposited by her with the Register of Wills for Caroline County for probate.

Sworn to before and certified by

J. Allen Stacy, Register of Wills for Caroline County.

Caroline County, ss: }  
The 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1913

Then came A. J. Rich one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing last Will and Testament of Eliza Collins, late of Caroline County, deceased, and made oath in due form of law that he did see the said Eliza Collins sign and seal the said Will; that he heard her publish, pronounce and declare the same to be her last Will and Testament; that at the time of her so doing she was, to the best of his knowledge and apprehension, of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding and capable of executing a valid deed or contract; and that he and Wm H. Conroy (the other subscribing witness) respectively subscribed their names as witnesses to the said Will in the presence of the testatrix, at her request, and in the presence of each other.

Sworn to before and certified by

J. Allen Stacy, Register of Wills for Caroline County.

Caroline County, ss: }  
The 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1913

Then came Mrs. Nellie Conroy Taylor and Mrs. Effie Leane Conroy Van Sant, credible and competent witnesses, who, after being sworn in due form of law, and looking upon the annexed paper writing, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Eliza Collins, deceased, and upon the signature of Wm H. Conroy endorsed thereon as an attesting witness to the execution thereof, depose and say: That the said Wm H. Conroy was the father of affiant and has departed this life; that they are well acquainted with the handwriting and signature of the said attesting witness, having seen him write it on several times, and that the name of Wm H. Conroy endorsed on said paper writing as an

attesting witness to the execution thereof, was written by and is the true, proper and genuine signature of the said Wm H. Conroy, to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Sworn to before and certified by

J. Allen Stacy, Register of Wills for Caroline County.

In the Orphans' Court of Caroline County:

The foregoing last Will and Testament of Eliza Collins, late of Caroline County, deceased, having been exhibited for probate, and no objection thereto having been made, the Court, after having carefully examined the said Will and also the evidence adduced as to its validity, Advers and Decrees, this nineteenth day of August, 1913, that the same be admitted in this Court as the true and genuine last Will and Testament of the said Eliza Collins, deceased.

J. Alan Leach

Henry E. Rawling

S. Percy Steves

Judges of the Orphans' Court of Caroline County.

I, Victoria R. Covert, wife of Amos Covert, of Caroline County and State of Maryland, make this my last will and testament.

I give, devise and bequeath all my estate and property as follows viz:

I order and direct that my body be interred in a mausoleum in keeping with my habits of life, and that my personal debts and funeral expenses be paid by my executor as soon as may be after my decease.

Item: To my daughter Mary Effie Covert, I give, and devise all my estate and property, consisting of household goods, money in bank and two cows; one calf, and family pictures, in addition to my clothing, and personal belongings, except my watch and gold ring.

Item: To my son, Clarence B. Covert, I give and devise my watch and my ring mentioned in the foregoing item of this my will.

Item: I am not unmindful of, nor unfeeling toward my husband nor my other children, but I deem it best that my daughter should be thus favored by me; she being less able to provide for herself than are my sons.

I nominate, constitute and appoint my husband, Amos Covert, executor of this my will.

Signed, sealed and published and declared by me as my last will at my home in Caroline County, State of Maryland, this thirteenth day of August in the year four thousand, nine hundred and thirteen.

Victoria R. Covert

Signed, sealed, and published and declared by Victoria R. Covert, as and for her last will and testament at her home in Caroline County, State of Maryland, this thirteenth day of August in the year four thousand nine hundred and thirteen, and we, at her request and in her presence and in the presence of each other have written our names as subscribing witnesses:

Paula H. Pratt  
John D. Rawkins



Caroline County, ss: 3  
The 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1913, Then came Amos Everett, custodian of the afore-  
going paper writing, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Victorium R.  
Everett, late of Caroline County, deceased, and made oath in due form of  
law, that the said paper writing is the true and whole last will and testa-  
ment of the said Victorium R. Everett, deceased, that has come to his hands or  
possession; and that he does not know of any other Will or codicil to  
the said Will of the said deceased, and that the said Will was delivered  
to him by the testatrix at the time of the execution thereof and has re-  
mained in his keeping until deposited by him with the Register of Wills for  
Caroline County for probate.

Sworn to in open Court.

Test: J. Potter Steele

Register of Wills for Caroline County.

Caroline County ss: 3  
The 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1913, Then came Beulah H. Pratt and John D. Hawkins,  
the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing last Will and Testament of Victorium R.  
Everett, late of Caroline County, deceased, and made oath in due form of law  
that they did see the said Victorium R. Everett sign and seal the said Will,  
that they heard her publish, pronounce and declare the same to be her last  
Will and Testament; that at the time of her so doing she was, to the best of  
their knowledge and apprehension of sound and disposing mind,  
memory and understanding and capable of executing a valid deed or  
contract; and that they respectively subscribed their names as witnesses  
to the said Will in the presence of the said Testatrix, at her request, and  
in the presence of each other.

Sworn to in open Court

Test: J. Potter Steele

Register of Wills for Caroline County.

In the Orphan's Court of Caroline County:

The foregoing last Will and Testament of Victorium R. Everett, late of  
Caroline County, deceased, having been exhibited for probate, and no  
objection thereto having been made, although notice appears to have been  
given to the next relations of said deceased; the Court, after having carefully  
examined the said Will and also the evidence adduced as to its validity,  
Orders and Decrees, this seventh day of October, 1913, that the same be ad-  
mitted in this Court as the true and genuine last Will and Testament of the  
said Victorium R. Everett, deceased.

J. Alan Lebeck

Henry G. Rawlings

E. Lacey Stearns

Judges of the Orphan's Court of Caroline County.

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I, Robert M. Messick, of Caroline County, State of Maryland, being of sound  
mind, memory and understanding, and desiring to settle my worldly affairs and thereby  
be the better prepared to leave this world when it shall please God to call me  
hence, do therefore make and publish this, my last Will and Testament, as follows:-

After my just debts and funeral charges are paid, which I desire shall  
be done promptly, I give bequeath and devise absolutely to my dear wife,  
Lawlene S. Messick, all the property and estate, of every kind, nature and de-  
scription, of which I may be seized and possessed.

And I hereby constitute and appoint my son, Arthur J. Messick, to be  
sole executor of this, my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and an-  
nulling all former Wills and Codicils by me made, and ratifying and con-  
firming this and none other to be my last Will and Testament. And I do hereby  
expressly request the Orphan's Court to excuse my said executor from giving  
any bond for the faithful performance of his duties.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 2nd day  
of March, in the year nineteen hundred and ten.

Robert M. Messick (read)

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the above named  
Robert M. Messick, as and for his last Will and Testa-  
ment in our presence, who, at his request, in his pres-  
ence, and in presence of each other, have hereunto set our  
hands as witnesses hereto.

W. P. Lednum

Geo R. Christopher

Caroline County ss: 3  
The 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1913, Then came Arthur J. Messick, custodian of the  
aforegoing paper writing, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of  
Robert M. Messick, late of Caroline County, deceased, and the executor  
named therein, and made oath in due form of law that the said  
paper writing is the true and whole last Will and Testament of the said  
Robert M. Messick, deceased, that has come to his hands or possession;  
and that he does not know of any other Will or codicil to the said  
Will of the said deceased, and that the said Will was found, after the  
decease of testator, in the iron safe where testator kept his important  
papers, and has remained in his keeping until deposited by him with  
the Register of Wills for Caroline County for probate.

Sworn to in open Court

Test: J. Potter Steele

Register of Wills for Caroline County.

Caroline County ss: 3  
The 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1913, Then came James R. Christopher, one of the sub-  
scribing witnesses to the foregoing last Will and Testament of Robert M.  
Messick, late of Caroline County, deceased, and made oath in due form of  
law that he did see the said Robert M. Messick sign and seal the said Will,  
that he heard him publish, pronounce and declare the same to be his last Will  
and Testament; that at the time of his so doing he was, to the best of his

Knowledge and apprehension of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding and capable of executing a valid deed or contract; and that he and N. P. Sedman, the other subscribing witness, respectively subscribed their names as witnesses to the said Will in the presence of the Testator, at his request, and in the presence of each other

Sworn to before and certified by  
J. Patton Steele, Register of Wills for Caroline County.

Caroline County ss:  
The 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1913, Then came N. P. Sedman, one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing last Will and Testament of Robert M. Messick, late of Caroline County, deceased, and made oath in due form of law that he did see the said Robert M. Messick sign and seal the said will; that he heard him publish, pronounce and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament; that at the time of his so doing he was, to the best of his knowledge and apprehension, of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding and capable of executing a valid deed or contract; and that he and James N. Christy, the other subscribing witness, respectively subscribed their names as witnesses to the said Will in the presence of the Testator, at his request, and in the presence of each other.

Sworn to before and certified by  
J. Patton Steele, Register of Wills for Caroline County.

In the Orphan's Court of Caroline County:

The foregoing last Will and Testament of Robert M. Messick, late of Caroline County, deceased, having been exhibited for probate in this Court and the affidavit of the clerk thereof taken in open Court, and the affidavits of the subscribing witnesses thereto having been taken before me, as Register of Wills, in the absence of the Court, and after having carefully examined the said Will and the evidence adduced as to its validity, I do hereby, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, admit the same in this Court as the true and genuine last Will and Testament of the said Robert M. Messick, late of Caroline County, deceased.

J. Patton Steele  
Register of Wills for Caroline County.

In the name of God, Amen.

I Roxanna A. Plummer of Greensboro, Caroline County, Maryland, being of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding and being desirous of arranging my worldly affairs, while I have time and opportunity to make, publish and declare this, this my last Will and Testament, in manner and form as follows, to wit:

I am prime. After my just debts and burial expenses are all paid, by my executor, hereinafter named, I give, devise and bequeath as follows:

Item I. I give and devise to Clarence Plummer, my adopted son, Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) and no more of my estate, the same to be paid to

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him by my executor hereinafter named, as soon as practical after my decease.

Item II. I give and devise to Howard Jester, the "Home Boy," Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to be paid to him on March 24<sup>th</sup> Nineteen Hundred and Nineteen, at which time he will be twenty five years old, by my executor hereinafter named. I direct that the money for Howard Jester be deposited in the Caroline County Bank of Greensboro, Maryland, and the amount from the same be paid him each year, and should he die before March 24<sup>th</sup>, 1919, I direct that his funeral expenses be paid and the balance, if any, be given to his wife, if he is married; if he is not married, then the balance, after paying his funeral expenses, shall be equally divided between my Brothers and Sisters, by my executor hereinafter named.

Item III. I give and devise to Octavia & Patsy, my sister, Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to be paid to her by my executor hereinafter named. I direct, if she will not accept this, that my executor distribute this equally between my Brother, Brothers and Sister, and Brother-in-law named in and under Item four.

Item IV. I give and devise and bequeath all the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, real, personal, and mixed, and wherever ever situated or located, and what so ever character, kind or description, to and unto my Mother, Mrs. Eliza Jane Hobbs, of Greensboro, Maryland, my Brother Martin E. Hobbs, of Wilmington, Delaware, my Brother Bert Hobbs, of Greensboro, Maryland, my Sister, Fama F. Schuchel, of Greensboro, Maryland, my Brother Elias S. Hobbs, of Denton, Md., and my Brother-in-law, Eric A. Plummer of Aldersa, Delaware, all to share and share alike.

Item V. I hereby constitute, nominate and appoint my Brother Bert Hobbs, of Greensboro, Maryland to be the executor of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all other Wills by me heretofore made and publishing and declaring this, and this only as and for my last Will and Testament.

In testifying whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the Twenty-seventh day of October, Nineteen Hundred and thirteen

Roxanna A. Plummer (Red)

Signed, sealed, published and declared by Roxanna A. Plummer the testator, as and for her last Will and Testament, in our presence, who in her presence, and in the presence of each other, and at her request, have signed our names as witnesses hereto

George W. Elson  
L. Aaron Jones.

Caroline County, ss:

The 11<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1913, Then came Delbert Horsey, custodian of the foregoing paper writing, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Roxanna A. Plummer, late of Caroline County, deceased, and made oath in due form of law that the said paper writing is the true and whole last will and testament of the said Roxanna A. Plummer, deceased, that has come to his hands or possession; and that he does not know of any other Will or codicil to the said Will, since said deceased, and that the said Will was delivered to him by the testatrix immediately after the execution thereof, and has remained in his keeping until deposited by him with the Register of Wills for Caroline County, for probate.

Sworn to in open court

Not: J. Patton Steele, Register of Wills for Caroline County.

In the Orphan's Court of Caroline County.

The foregoing last Will and Testament of Roxana G. Plummer late of Caroline County deceased, having been exhibited for probate, and no objection thereto having been made, although notice appears to be given to the next relatives of said deceased;

The Court, after having carefully examined the said Will and also the evidence adduced as to its validity, Order and Decree this eleventh day of November, 1913, that the same be admitted in this Court as the true and genuine last Will and Testament of the said Roxana G. Plummer, deceased.

J. Allan Leake  
Henry G. Rawlings  
J. Cacey Stearns

Judges of the Orphan's Court for Caroline County.

Know all men by these Presents: That I, Lorrina Drake, near Denton, in the County of Caroline, and State of Maryland, considering the uncertainty of this life, and being of sound mind and memory, do make, and declare, and publish, this my last will and testament.

First. I give and bequeath unto my niece, Cleonora Snowden the sum of Twenty one hundred (\$2100.00) Dollars, to be paid by my executors, herein after named, as near three months, as it is possible for my said executors to arrange, after my decease.

Second. I make no further distribution, in this my last will and testament, than that already named.

Third. I do nominate and appoint my husband, Belmont Drake, and Alder D. F. Inler, to be the executors of this, my last will and testament.

Fourth. In testimony whereof, I hereunto set my hand and seal, and publish, and decree this to be my last will and testament, in the presence of the witnesses named below, this Thirteenth day of September, in the year four Lord, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen.

Lorrina Drake (Real)  
Signed, sealed, declared and published by the said Lorrina Drake as and for her last will and testament, in presence of us, who, at her request and in her presence, and in the presence of each other, have subscribed our names as witnesses hereto.

Almeri Blades, Denton, Maryland  
Nighman F. Taylor " Maryland  
Michael Latham Ridgely, Maryland

Caroline County Court.

The 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1913. Then came (Res) D. F. Inler, custodian of the foregoing paper writing, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Lorrina Drake, late of Caroline County, deceased and one of the executors named therein, and made affirmation in due form of law, that the said paper writing is the true and whole last will and testament of the said Lorrina Drake, deceased, that has come to his hands or possession; and that he does not know of any other Will or

codicil to the said Will of the said deceased, and that the said Will was delivered to him by the testatrix immediately after the execution thereof and has remained in his keeping until deposited by him with the Register of Wills for Caroline County for probate.

Sworn to before and certified by

J. Patton Steele, Register of Wills for Caroline County.

Caroline County, 2013.

The 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1913. Then came Almeri Blades, Nighman F. Taylor and Michael Latham, the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing last Will and Testament of Lorrina Drake, late of Caroline County, deceased, and made oath in due form of law that they did see the said Lorrina Drake, sign and seal the said Will; that they heard her publicly pronounce and declare the same to be her last Will and Testament; that at the time of her so doing she was, to the best of their knowledge and apprehension, of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding and capable of executing a valid deed or contract; and that they respectively subscribed their names as witnesses to the said Will in the presence of the testatrix, at her request, and in the presence of each other.

Sworn to in open court.

Not: J. Patton Steele, Register of Wills for Caroline County.

In the Orphan's Court of Caroline County.

The foregoing last Will and Testament of Lorrina Drake, late of Caroline County, deceased, having been exhibited for probate, and no objection thereto having been made, although notice appears to have been given to the next relatives of said deceased;

The Court, after having carefully examined the said Will and also the evidence adduced as to its validity, Order and Decree, this eighteenth day of November, 1913, that the same be admitted in this Court as the true and genuine last Will and Testament of the said Lorrina Drake, deceased.

J. Allan Leake  
J. Cacey Stearns

Judges of the Orphan's Court of Caroline County.

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I Rebecca Porter of Demplerville Caroline County and State of Maryland aged about sixty six years but of sound disposing mind memory and understanding—calling to mind the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof do make and publish this my last will and testament—intending thereby to dispose of such worldly estate as I may have and possess at the time of my death. That is to say—I will and direct my Executor hereinafter to be named to dispose of my worldly estate that I may have and possess at the time of my death in the following manner:

I will and direct my Executor aforesaid to equally divide what household goods I may have and possess at the time of my death between my son Washington D. Bowen and my daughter Laura U. Bowen which division I desire that they shall make between themselves and as near equity as their own judgment may determine.

2nd. I will and direct that my Executor as aforesaid shall pay to my son William J. Bowen five dollars in lawful money of the United States and which I declare to be all I desire or intend to will him under this my last will and testament.

3rd. I will and bequeath to my son Washington N. Bowen and to my daughter Laura V. Bowen all my lands and real estate that I may own and possess at the time of my death, to be equally divided between them.

4th. I declare this to be my last will and testament and I do hereby revoke all former or previous will made by me.

5th. I nominate and appoint my son Washington N. Bowen executor of this my last will and testament.

I witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal on the seventeenth day of May in the year A D 1883.

Rebecca Baxter

Signed and sealed in the presence first and in the presence of each other on the day and year above named and in the presence of the testator and at her request

Wm Perkins Wm C. Ross Frank N. Smith

Caroline County ss:

The 15th day of November 1883 } Then came Mr. Nathaniel Bowen, custodian of the aforesaid paper writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of Rebecca Baxter, late of Caroline County, deceased, and the executor named therein, and made oath in due form of law that the said paper writing is the true and whole last will and testament of the said Rebecca Baxter, deceased, that has come to his hands or possession; and that he does not know of any other will or codicil to the said will of the said deceased, and that the said will was delivered to him by the testatrix immediately after the execution thereof, and has remained in his keeping until deposited by him with the Register of Wills for Caroline County for probate.

Sworn to in open court.

Deot: J. Patton Steele, Register of Wills for Caroline County.

Caroline County, Court:

The 18th day of November, 1883 } Then came Harry S. Sibley, a credible and competent witness, and after being sworn in due form of law, and looking upon the annexed paper writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of Rebecca Baxter, late of Caroline County, deceased, and upon the signatures of Wm Perkins and Wm C. Ross endorsed thereon as attesting witnesses to the execution thereof, deposes and says: That he was well acquainted with the said Wm Perkins and Wm C. Ross, and that they have departed this life; that he is well acquainted with the hand-writing and signatures of the said attesting witnesses, and that the names of Wm Perkins and Wm C. Ross endorsed on said paper-writing as attesting witnesses to the execution thereof, were written by and are the true, proper and genuine signatures of the said Wm Perkins and Wm C. Ross,

to the best of his knowledge and belief  
Sworn to in open court

Deot: J. Patton Steele, Register of Wills for Caroline County.

Caroline County, Court:

The 15th day of November, 1883 } Then came James Dimple, a credible and competent witness, and after being sworn in due form of law, and looking upon the annexed paper-writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of Rebecca Baxter, late of Caroline County, deceased, and upon the signatures of Wm Perkins and Frank N. Smith endorsed thereon as attesting witnesses to the execution thereof, deposes and says: That he was well acquainted with the said Wm Perkins and Frank N. Smith, and that they have departed this life; that he is well acquainted with the hand-writing and signatures of the said attesting witnesses, and that the names of Wm Perkins and Frank N. Smith endorsed on said paper-writing as attesting witnesses to the execution thereof, were written by and are the true, proper and genuine signatures of the said Wm Perkins and Frank N. Smith, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Sworn to in open court

Deot: J. Patton Steele, Register of Wills for Caroline County.

In the Orphans Court of Caroline County:

The foregoing last will and testament of Rebecca Baxter, late of Caroline County, deceased, having been exhibited for probate, and no objection thereto having been made, although notice appears to have been given to the next relations of said deceased,

The Court, after having carefully examined the said will and also the evidence adduced as to its validity, orders and decrees, this eighteenth day of November, 1883, that the same be admitted in this Court as the true and genuine last will and testament of the said Rebecca Baxter deceased

J. A. Law Clerk  
G. Lacey Steeles

Judges of the Orphans Court of Caroline County.

I, William T. Harvey of Brunswick Caroline County and State of Maryland do hereby make my last will and testament. After all necessary expenses are paid including tombs to my grave and also to my first Wifes grave similar to those at James Staffords grave and also all debts if I should be owing any are paid, I give devise and bequeath to my wife Rachel all of my property both real and personal absolutely and in fee simple. Excepting fifty Dollars which I wish to rest upon the land for ever the interest of which I wish to be used annually to help keep the Cemetery at Union M. P. Church in good order.

So witness my hand and seal this the fourth day of February 1899  
William T. Harvey

Signed sealed published and declared by the above named testator as being his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request in his presence and the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses

Geo. Sealsbury M. D.  
A. D. Partel  
L. W. Stokes

Caroline County, ss: }  
 The 2<sup>d</sup> day of December, 1913 }  
 Then came Rachel Harvey, custodian of the foregoing paper writing, purporting to be the last will and Testament of William T. Harvey, late of Caroline County, deceased, and made oath in due form of law, that the said paper writing is the true and whole last will and Testament of the said William T. Harvey, deceased, that has come to her hands or possession; and that she does not know of any other will or codicil to the said Will of the said deceased and that the said Will was delivered to her by the testator shortly after the execution thereof and has remained in her keeping until deposited by her with the Register of Wills for Caroline County, for probate.

Sworn to in open Court  
 J. Patton Steele, Register of Wills for Caroline County.

Caroline County, ss: }  
 The 2<sup>d</sup> day of December, 1913 }  
 Then came Charles M. Stokes, one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing last Will and Testament of William T. Harvey, late of Caroline County, deceased, and made oath in due form of law that he did see the said William T. Harvey sign and seal the said Will; that he heard him publish, pronounce and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament; that at the time of his so doing he was, to the best of his knowledge and apprehension, of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding and capable of executing a valid deed or contract; and that he and A. T. Porter and Thos. Saulsbury M.D., (the other subscribing witnesses) respectively subscribed their names as witnesses to the said Will in the presence of the said Testator, at his request, and in the presence of each other.

Sworn to in open Court  
 J. Patton Steele, Register of Wills for Caroline County.

Caroline County, Court: }  
 The 2<sup>d</sup> day of December, 1913 }  
 Then came into Court here Charles M. Stokes and J. Humphreys, credible and competent witnesses, who, after being sworn in due form of law, and looking upon the annexed paper-writing, purporting to be the last will and Testament of William T. Harvey, late of Caroline County, deceased, and upon the signature of Thos. Saulsbury M.D. and A. T. Porter endorsed thereon as attesting witnesses to the execution thereof, depose and say: That A. T. Porter, one of the attesting witnesses, is beyond the jurisdiction of this Court, being a resident of the State of Delaware, and that Thos. Saulsbury, also an attesting witness to the execution of said paper-writing, has departed this life; that they are each well acquainted with the handwriting of the said attesting witnesses, having seen them write many times, and that the names of A. T. Porter and Thos. Saulsbury M.D., endorsed on said paper-writing as attesting witnesses to the execution thereof, are respectively written by and are the true, proper and genuine signatures of the said A. T. Porter and Thos. Saulsbury M.D., to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Sworn to in open Court  
 J. Patton Steele, Register of Wills for Caroline County.

In the Orphans Court of Caroline County.  
 The foregoing last Will and Testament of William T. Harvey, late of Caroline County, deceased, having been exhibited for probate, and no objection thereto having been made, although notice appears to have been given to the next relatives of said deceased.  
 The Court, after having carefully examined the said Will and also the evidence adduced as to its validity. Orders and Decrees, this second day of December, 1913, that the same be admitted in this Court as the true and genuine last Will and Testament of the said William T. Harvey, deceased.

J. Allen Clark  
 Henry C. Rawlings  
 S. Lucy Stearns,  
 Judges of the Orphans Court of Caroline County.

Caroline County, Court: }  
 The 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1913 }  
 Then came A. T. Porter, one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing last Will and Testament of William T. Harvey, late of Caroline County, deceased, and made oath in due form of law that he did see the said William T. Harvey sign and seal the said Will; that he heard him publish, pronounce and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament; that at the time of his so doing he was, to the best of his knowledge and apprehension, of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding and capable of executing a valid deed or contract; and that he and Charles M. Stokes and Thos. Saulsbury M.D., (the other subscribing witnesses) respectively subscribed their names as witnesses to the said Will in the presence of the said Testator, at his request, and in the presence of each other.

Sworn to and certified by  
 (557) J. Patton Steele, Register of Wills for Caroline County.

I, Robert D. Dodd, of Caroline County in the State of Maryland, desiring to settle my worldly affairs and thereby be the better prepared to leave this world when it shall please God to call me home, do therefore make and publish this, my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following:-  
 Item I. After my just debts and funeral charges are paid, which I desire shall be done promptly, I give and bequeath absolutely to my wife, Amanda D. Dodd, all my personal property and estate, of every kind, nature and description.  
 Item II. I also give and devise to my said wife, Amanda D. Dodd, for the term of her natural life only, all my real estate, consisting of two parcels, namely: - my home property, situated in Smithson, Caroline County, Maryland, containing one and one-half Acres, and being the same land first claimed by me from Thos. C. Molloughly and wife, and the lot purchased by me from my father, Purnell Dodd, and wife, adjoining the lands of Abe Powers and others, and containing two and one-half Acres of land, more or less.  
 Item III. From and after the death of my said wife, I give and devise the above described real estate to my five children, namely: Charles R. Dodd, Alice D. Dodd, Arthur Nolan Dodd, Katie B. (Dodd) Maultsers and Bernard Dodd, share and share alike.  
 And lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my wife, Amanda D.

Dodd, sole executrix of the, my last will and Testament, and I request the Orphan's Court to excuse her from giving bond for the faithful performance of her duties, as my executrix

Substantively whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this tenth day of November, nineteen hundred and thirteen.

Robert D. Dodd (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the above named } Robert D. Dodd as and for his last will and Testament, in the } presence of us, who, at his request, in his presence, and in } presence of each here subscribed our names as } witnesses here to

Caroline County, ss: } This 2nd day of December, 1913 } Then came Charles B. Harrison custodian of the foregoing paper writing, purporting to be the last will and Testament of Robert D. Dodd, late of Caroline County, deceased, and made oath in due form of law, that the said paper writing is the true and whole last will and Testament of the said Robert D. Dodd, deceased, that has come into his hands or possession; and that he does not know of any other will or codicil to the said will of the said deceased, and that the said will was delivered to him by the testator immediately after the execution thereof and has remained in his keeping until deposited by him with the Register of Wills for Caroline County for probate.

Sworn to in open Court

J. Patton Steele, Register of Wills for Caroline County.

Caroline County, ss: } This 2nd day of December, 1913 } Then came Charles B. Harrison, one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing last will and Testament of Robert D. Dodd, late of Caroline County, deceased, and made oath in due form of law that he did see the said Robert D. Dodd sign and seal the said will; that he heard him publish, pronounce and declare the same to be his last will and Testament; that at the time of his so doing he was, to the best of his knowledge and apprehension of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding and capable of executing a valid deed or contract; and that he and Enoch George (the other subscribing witness) respectively subscribed their names as witnesses to the said will in the presence of the testator, at his request, and in the presence of each other.

Sworn to in open Court

J. Patton Steele, Register of Wills for Caroline County.

Caroline County, ss: } This 5th day of December, 1913 } Then came Enoch George, one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing last will and Testament of Robert D. Dodd, late of Caroline County, deceased, and made oath in due form of law, that he did see the said Robert D. Dodd sign and seal the said will; that he heard him publish, pronounce and declare the same to be his last will and Testament; that at the time of his so doing he was, to the best of his knowledge and apprehension, of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding and capable of executing a valid deed or contract; and that he and Charles B.

Harrison, (the other subscribing witness,) respectively subscribed their names as witnesses to the said will in the presence of the testator, at his request, and in the presence of each other.

Sworn before and certified by

J. Patton Steele, Register of Wills for Caroline County.

In the Orphan's Court of Caroline County;

The foregoing last will and Testament of Robert D. Dodd, late of Caroline County, deceased, having been exhibited for probate, and no objection thereto having been made, although notice appears to have been given to the next of kin of said deceased;

The Court, after having carefully examined the said will and also the evidence adduced as to its validity, Orders and Decrees, this ninth day of December, 1913, that the same be admitted in this Court as the true and genuine last will and Testament of the said Robert D. Dodd, deceased

J. Alan Glade

Henry C. Karolung

W. Lacey Stearns

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Judges of the Orphan's Court of Caroline County.

I James R. Bordley of Maryland Caroline County and State of Maryland being of sound and disposing mind and memory, but in feeble health do make and publish this my last will and Testament.

First: I direct that after my debts and funeral expenses are paid, that the net and residue of my estate, shall go to my wife, Ellen Bordley, conditionally that she shall hold the same in trust, and use the same for her maintenance, by my son Frank Bordley - That the said Frank Bordley shall take care of his mother during the remainder of her life, and that any residue of my estate remaining after my wife Ellen Bordley's death shall go to the said Frank Bordley my son.

Witness my hand and seal this ninth day of January in the year A. D. 1914.

James R. Bordley (Seal)

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of James R. Bordley who declared the above to be his last will and Testament, in the presence of each other as subscribing witnesses we have affixed our names

J. Spencer Lopham

Frank Henry

Caroline County, ss: } This 27th day of January, 1914 } Then came J. Spencer Lopham, custodian of the foregoing paper writing, purporting to be the last will and Testament of James R. Bordley, late of Caroline County, deceased, and made oath in due form of law that the said paper writing is the true and whole last will and Testament of the said James R. Bordley, deceased, that has come to his hands or possession; and that he does not know of any other will or codicil to the said will of the said deceased, and that the said will was delivered to him immediately after the execution thereof by the testator and has remained in his keeping until deposited by him with the Register of Wills for Caroline County for probate. Sworn to in open Court.

J. Patton Steele, Register of Wills for Caroline County.

Caroline County, D.C. }  
 The 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1914 } Then came J. Spencer Lapham, one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing last will and Testament of James R. Bordley, late of Caroline County, deceased, and made oath in due form of law that he did see the said James R. Bordley sign and seal the said will; that he heard him publish, pronounce and declare the same to be his last will and Testament; that at the time of his so doing he was, to the best of his knowledge and apprehension, of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding and capable of executing a valid deed or contract; and that he and Frank Henry, the other subscribing witness, respectively subscribed their names as witnesses to the said will in the presence of the said testator at his request, and in the presence of each other. Sworn to in open court.

Not: J. Patton Stutz, Register of Wills for Caroline County.

Caroline County, D.C. }  
 The 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 1914 } Then came Paul Henry, one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing last will and Testament of James R. Bordley, late of Caroline County, deceased, and made oath in due form of law that he did see the said James R. Bordley sign and seal the said will; that he heard him publish, pronounce and declare the same to be his last will and Testament; that at the time of his so doing he was, to the best of his knowledge and apprehension, of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding and capable of executing a valid deed or contract; and that he and J. Spencer Lapham, the other subscribing witness, respectively subscribed their names as witnesses to the said will in the presence of the said testator, at his request, and in the presence of each other.

Sworn to before and certified by

J. Patton Stutz, Register of Wills for Caroline County

In the Orphan's Court of Caroline County.

The foregoing last will and Testament of James R. Bordley, late of Caroline County, deceased, having been exhibited for Probate, and no objection thereto having been made, although notice appears to have been given to the next relatives of said deceased.

The Court, after having carefully examined the said will, and also the evidence adduced as to its validity, Orders and Decrees, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1914, that the same be admitted in this Court as the true and genuine last will and Testament of the said James R. Bordley, deceased.

J. Alan C. Cade  
 Henry C. Rawlings  
 G. Lacey Stearns

Judges of the Orphan's Court of Caroline County.

I, Charles H. Aday of Federalburg, Md. make this my last will and Testament, in manner following. That is to say:-

I order and direct that all my just debts shall be paid with convenient speed I hereby authorize and empower whoever shall assume the execution of this will,

to make sale and convey the tract of land located on the North side of Federalburg and Bridgville County Road and adjoining the lands of J. D. Chambers, Howard Hubbard and others containing thirty six acres more or less, also a building lot fifty by one hundred and twenty feet located on the west side of a bridge that is Road and adjoining the lot on which my home is located in the town of Federalburg, Md. for the purpose of raising money to pay my debts and maintain my wife. Such sales may be either public or private as my executor may direct.

It is my will that the principal but no interest accrued or that may accrue shall be collected on a note of Ninety Dollars I hold against my son-in-law Joe Whalley.

Seeing my wife Rhoda K. Aday may need for her maintenance all of the residue of my estate, and believing she will at her death give to our children any and every part or amounts in her possession at such time I therefore give to my wife Rhoda K. Aday all the residue of my estate real, personal and mixed, wherever it may be found and whatever it may consist to hold, to her and her heirs for ever.

I appoint Edward C. Nuttle of Federalburg Md. executor of this my will.

In witness whereof I have signed and sealed and published and declared this instrument as my last will this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 1913.

Not: John A. Smith Charles H. Aday (Seal)

Then and there signed, and sealed, and published by Charles H. Aday the testator, as and for his last will, in the presence of us, who at his request, in his presence and in the presence of each other, have hereunto set our names as witnesses.

John A. Smith  
 W. F. Andrews  
 John R. Young

Caroline County, D.C. }  
 The 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1914 } Then came Edward C. Nuttle, custodian of the foregoing paper writing, purporting to be the last will and Testament of Charles H. Aday, late of Caroline County, deceased, and the executor named therein, and made oath in due form of law that the said paper writing is the true and whole last will and Testament of the said Charles H. Aday, deceased, that has come to his hands or possession; and that he does not know of any other will or codicil to the said will of said deceased, and that the said will was delivered to him by the testator at the time of the execution thereof and has remained in his keeping until deposited by him with the Register of Wills for Caroline County, for probate.

Sworn to in open court.

Not: J. Patton Stutz, Register of Wills for Caroline County.

Caroline County, D.C. }  
 The 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1914 } Then came John A. Smith, W. F. Andrews and John R. Young, the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing last will and Testament of Charles H. Aday, late of Caroline County, deceased, and made oath in due form of law that they did see the said Charles H. Aday sign and seal the said will; that they heard him publish, pronounce and declare the same to be his last will and Testament; that at the time of his so doing he was, to the best of their knowledge and apprehension

of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding and capable of executing a valid deed or contract; and that they respectively subscribed their names as witnesses to the said Will in the presence of the testatrix, at his request and in the presence of each other. Sworn to in open court.

Not: J. Patten Steele, Register of Wills for Caroline County.

In the Orphans' Court of Caroline County.

The foregoing Last Will and Testament of Charles H. Odoy, late of Caroline County, deceased, having been exhibited for probate, and no objection thereto having been made, although notice appears to have been given to the next relations of said deceased,

The court, after having carefully examined the said will and also the evidence adduced as to its validity, orders and decrees, this third day of February, 1944, that the same be admitted in this court as the true and genuine last will and Testament of the said Charles H. Odoy, deceased.

J. A. Lee, Clerk

Henry A. Knorship

E. Cacy Stearns

Judges of the Orphans' Court of Caroline County.

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I Margaret Rich of Caroline County, State of Maryland do hereby make, Publish and declare this to be my last will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say

After the payment full my just debts and Funeral expenses; I give devise and bequeath my Estate as follows. I give and bequeath to Harry Cochran and Emmett Russell my two sons-in-law each \$50.00 in money, and all the rest residue and remainder of my Estate real personal and mixed of every kind and description and wheresoever situated; I give devise and bequeath equally to my sons Samuel Rich - Charles Rich and to my Grand son Paul Rich and to my daughters Mamie Sapp, Katie Cochran and Annie C. Russell - absolutely and I constitute and appoint my Harry Cochran my son in Law to be Executor of the my last will and Testament hereby revoking all other wills and Codicils by me heretofore made.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year nineteen hundred and ~~thirteen~~.

Margaret Rich (Seal)

Signed sealed published and declared by the above named Testatrix as and for her last will and Testament in the presence of us who at her request and in her presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses.

E. H. Maloy

A. C. Shockley

Mary J. Maloy

Caroline County, S.S:

The 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 1943 I then came T. Clayton Honey, custodian of the foregoing paper writing, purporting to be the last will and Testament of Margaret Rich, late of Caroline County, deceased, and made oath in due form of law that the said paper writing is the true and whole last will and Testament of the said Margaret Rich, deceased, that has come to his hands or possession; and that he does not know of any other will, or codicil to the said will of the said deceased, and that the said will was delivered to him by the testatrix shortly after the execution thereof and remained in his keeping until delivered by him to Henry M. Cochran, the executor named therein, after the death of the testatrix.

Sworn to in open court.

Not: J. Patten Steele, Register of Wills for Caroline County.

Caroline County, S.S:

The 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 1943 I then came Henry M. Cochran, custodian of the foregoing paper writing, purporting to be the last will and Testament of Margaret Rich, late of Caroline County, deceased, and the executor named therein, and made oath in due form of law that the said paper writing is the true and whole last will and Testament of the said Margaret Rich, deceased, that has come to his hands or possession; and that he does not know of any other will, or codicil to the said will of the said deceased, and that the said will was delivered to him by T. Clayton Honey, the custodian, after the death of the testatrix, and has remained in his keeping until departed by him with the Register of Wills for Caroline County for probate.

Sworn to in open court.

Not: J. Patten Steele, Register of Wills for Caroline County.

Caroline County, S.S:

The 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 1943, then came A. C. Shockley one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing last will and Testament of Margaret Rich, late of Caroline County, deceased, and made oath in due form of law that she did see the said Margaret Rich sign and seal the said Will; that she heard her publish, pronounce and declare the same to be her last will and Testament; that at the time of her so doing she was, to the best of her knowledge and apprehension, of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding and capable of executing a valid deed or contract; and that she and E. H. Maloy and Mary Maloy, the other subscribing witnesses, respectively subscribed their names as witnesses to the said Will in the presence of the said Testatrix, at her request, and in the presence of each other.

Sworn to in open court.

Not: J. Patten Steele, Register of Wills for Caroline County.

Caroline County, S.S:

The 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 1943 I then came into court here T. Clayton Honey, a credible and competent witness, who, after being sworn in due form of law, and looking upon the annexed paper-writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Margaret Rich, late of Caroline County, deceased, and upon the sig-



names of E. H. Maloy and Mary J. Maloy, endorsed thereon as attesting witnesses to the execution thereof, appears and says: That E. H. Maloy and Mary J. Maloy, the said attesting witnesses, are beyond the jurisdiction of this Court and their attendance cannot be had - the said E. H. Maloy being a resident of the State of Florida, and the said Mary J. Maloy, to the best of deponent's knowledge, a resident of the State of New Jersey; that he is well acquainted with the handwriting of said E. H. Maloy, having had business connection with him for several years, and that the name of E. H. Maloy endorsed on said paper writing as an attesting witness to the execution thereof, was written by and is the true, proper and genuine signature of the said E. H. Maloy, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Done in an open Court.

Dist. of North State, Register of Wills for Caroline County.

In the Orphan's Court of Caroline County.

The foregoing last Will and Testament of Margaret Rich, late of Caroline County, deceased, having been exhibited for Probate, and no objections thereto having been made, although notice appears to have been given to the next relations of said decedent;

The Court, after having carefully examined the said will and also the evidence adduced as to its validity.

Orders and Decrees, this third day of February, 1914, that the same be admitted in this Court as the true and genuine last Will and Testament of the said Margaret Rich, deceased.

J. Alan Clark  
Henry C. Rawlings  
J. H. Day, Clerk

Judges of the Orphan's Court of Caroline County.

February 23-1915

In the name of God Men.

I, Byard Ricketts of the County of Caroline in the State of Maryland; farmer, being of strong body and of a sound mind, memory and understanding; but considering the uncertainty of this transitory life, do make and publish this my last will and testament, in the manner and form following to-wit:

To my wife Annis I devise and bequeath all my personal and real property of which I am possessed.

All that house and lands where I now live, and that which I bought of the James Rickett estate consisting of three separate pieces as follows

Three and one half acres more or less lying to the north of Jerry Ricketts and one and a half acres lying on the opposite of the said Jerry Ricketts and four acres more or less lying between Mrs. Laura Wright and Mrs. Miller's Meads running to and adjoining Charles Prather and

If I become possessed of any other lands or personal property, I do likewise give and bequeath the same to my wife Annis Ricketts.

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Witness my hand and seal

Byard x Ricketts

Witnesses: } R. M. Cooper  
                  } T. W. Cooper.

Caroline County, Md.

The 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1914 } Then came George Ricketts, executor of the foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Byard Ricketts, late of Caroline County, deceased, and made oath in due form of law that the said paper writing is the true and whole last Will and Testament of the said Byard Ricketts, deceased, that has come to his hands or possession; and that he has not known of any other will, or any codicil to the said will of the said decedent, and that the said will was delivered to him, (being found in his presence, in a trunk where testator kept his important papers) a few days after testator's death, and has remained in his keeping until deposited by him with the Register of Wills for Caroline County for probate.

Done in an open Court.

Dist. of North State  
Register of Wills for Caroline County.

Caroline County, Md.

The 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1914 } Then came T. W. Cooper, one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing last Will and Testament of Byard Ricketts, late of Caroline County, deceased, and made oath in due form of law that he did see the said Byard Ricketts sign and seal the said will; that he heard him pronounce and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament; that at the time of his so doing he was, to the best of his knowledge and apprehension, of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding and capable of executing a valid deed or contract; and that he and R. M. Cooper, the other subscribing witness, respectively subscribed their names as witnesses to the said will in the presence of the said testator, at his request, and in the presence of each other.

Done in an open Court.  
Dist. of North State, Register of Wills for Caroline County.

Caroline County, Md.

The 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1914 } Then came into Court here R. M. Cooper, a credible and competent witness, who, after being sworn in due form of law, and looking upon the annexed paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Byard Ricketts, late of Caroline County, deceased, and after the signature of R. M. Cooper endorsed thereon as an attesting witness to the execution thereof, appears and says: That R. M. Cooper, one of the attesting witnesses to the execution of the said paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of said Byard Ricketts, deceased, was his wife and has departed this life; that he is well acquainted with the handwriting of the said attesting witness, and saw her write her name as an attesting witness to the execution of the said paper writing, in the presence of said testator; and that the name of R. M. Cooper endorsed on said paper writing is the true, proper and genuine signature of the said R. M. Cooper.

Done in an open Court

Dist. of North State  
Register of Wills for Caroline County.

In the Orphans Court of Caroline County

The foregoing last Will and Testament of Byrd Ricketts, late of Caroline County, deceased, having been exhibited for probate, and no objection thereto having been made, although notice appears to have been given to the next relations of said deceased.

The Court, after having carefully examined the said Will, and also the evidence adduced as to its validity,

Orders and shows, this seventeenth day of March, 1914, that the same be admitted in this Court as the true and genuine last Will and Testament of the said Byrd Ricketts, deceased.

J. Alan Leland  
Henry C. Rawlings  
J. Stacy Hoover,

Judges of the Orphans Court of Caroline County.

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I, Edward C. Loelin of Caroline County, Maryland, do make this my last will and testament in manner following, that is to say:

After the payment of all my just debts and funeral expenses and the cost and expense of the execution of this my last will and testament, I give, devise and bequeath my estate as follows:-

Item First: I give and bequeath unto my cousin Herbert Loelin, son of Thomas H. Loelin, late of Dorchester County, Maryland, deceased, my library, book-cases, filing-cabinet and such contents of said cabinet as my Executor may elect; also my gold watch presented to me by the members of the Maryland House of Delegates Session of 1877; also my wearing apparel, canes, razors and such family portraits as he may desire.

Item Second: I give and bequeath to the following named persons to-wit:

- Lucie Loelin, wife of William R. Loelin
- Herbert Loelin, son of Thomas H. Loelin, deceased
- Rosannah J. Davis,
- Katie Stevens, daughter of Thomas H. Loelin, deceased
- Nancy Dorsey, daughter of Nellie Dorsey and Frank S. Dorsey
- William R. Dorsey, son " " " " " " " "

Maggie Harper, my housekeeper, each one-twelfth of my furniture and personal effects now in the home in the town of Federalburg, in said County and State, wherein I now reside and on the premises of said homestead, the same to be selected by the above named parties, and the value to be ascertained by the appraisement made by the appraisers appointed after my death to appraise my property in the administration of my estate. And I will and direct that in the selection of said furniture and personal effects bequeathed as aforesaid the priority so to select shall be given in the order above named. This item is intended to avoid any public sale whatsoever of any of my personal effects.

Item Third: All the rest and residue of my estate, real, personal and mixed I give and devise unto the following named persons, share and share alike,

- Lucie Loelin, wife of William R. Loelin
- Herbert Loelin, son of Thomas H. Loelin, late of Dorchester County, Maryland.
- Katie Stevens, daughter of Thomas H. Loelin, late of Dorchester County, Maryland.
- Rosannah J. Davis,

Nancy Dorsey, daughter of Nellie Dorsey and Frank S. Dorsey.

William R. Dorsey, son of Nellie Dorsey and Frank S. Dorsey.

Margaret Powers Davidson, daughter of Samuel D. Powers, late of Dorchester Co., Md.

Maggie Harper, my housekeeper, - and in furtherance of this end and object, I do authorize, empower and direct my executor hereinafter named to pay over with reasonable diligence, the money which I may have in hand at the time of my death, to collect all my accounts, notes, bonds, securities and shares in action, and to sell and dispose of all my estate, real, personal and mixed, that I may have at the time of my death, saving and excepting so much of said estate as I have hereinbefore bequeathed and paid out of the money so in hand and collected as aforesaid and the proceeds of the sale of said estate so made as aforesaid, I authorize, empower and direct my executor hereinafter named, first, to pay all of my said just debts and funeral expenses and the cost and expense of the execution of this my last will and testament, and second, I authorize, empower and direct my said executor, hereinafter named to pay over with reasonable diligence, the balance of said money, being the rest and residue of my estate as aforesaid, unto the eight (8) persons named at the beginning of this plan Third, share and share alike, for the use and benefit of said persons, and if for any reason my said executor hereinafter named shall not qualify or act as such, or if after qualifying and beginning to act as such, they shall not wholly complete the duties and trusts imposed in them, I authorize, empower and direct my administrators or administrators, with the will annexed, to fulfill and perform, in all respects, such duties and trusts.

Lastly, I constitute and appoint Edward C. Nuttle, of Caroline County, Maryland and Isabelle D. Purpuri, of Dorchester County, Executor of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all other wills be me heretofore made.

In testimony whereof I have hereto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this ninth day of February, A.D. 1914.

Edward C. Loelin, (Seal)

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

E. J. Hammond  
Nancy H. B. Mahan  
Philippa Jefferson.

Caroline County, D.C. 3

The 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1914. Then came Edward C. Nuttle, the custodian of the foregoing paper writing, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Edward C. Loelin, late of Caroline County, deceased, and made oath in due form of law that the said paper writing is the true and whole last Will and Testament of the said Edward C. Loelin, deceased, that has come to his hands or possession; and that he does not know of any other will, or any codicil to the said Will of the said deceased, and that the said Will was found by him, as per oral directions given him by the testator in his lifetime, in the iron safe of said testator in his dwelling house (immediately after the funeral) in a sealed envelope endorsed to the executors named in said will - Edward C. Nuttle and Isabelle D. Purpuri - and has remained in his keeping until deposited by him with the Register of

Wills for Caroline County for probate.

Sworn to in open court.

Test: J. Patton Stuley, Register of Wills for Caroline County.

Caroline County, ss: }  
The 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1943

Then came E. J. Stammers, Henry S. McLaughan and Charles Jefferson, the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing last will and Testament of Edward E. Eastin, late of Caroline County, deceased, and made oath in due form of law that they did see the said Edward E. Eastin sign and seal the said will; that they heard him publicly pronounce and declare the same to be his last will and Testament; that at the time of his so doing he was, to the best of their knowledge and apprehension, of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding and capable of executing a valid deed or contract; and that they respectively subscribed their names as witnesses to the said will in the presence of the said Testator at his request, and in the presence of each other.

Sworn to in open court.

Test: J. Patton Stuley, Register of Wills for Caroline County.

In the Orphan's Court of Caroline County.

The foregoing last will and Testament of Edward E. Eastin, late of Caroline County, deceased, having been exhibited for probate, and no objection thereto having been made, although notice appears to have been given to the next relations of said deceased.

The Court, after having carefully examined the said will, and also the evidence adduced as to its validity,

Orders and Decrees, this twenty-fourth day of March, 1944, that the same be admitted in this Court as the true and genuine last will and Testament of the said Edward E. Eastin, deceased.

J. Alan Black  
Henry L. Rawlings  
J. Percy Thomas

Judges of the Orphan's Court for Caroline County.

I, Amanda B. Moore, of Caroline County in the State of Maryland, do make and publish this my last will and Testament, in manner and form following, to wit:

First, I direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses shall be paid without unnecessary delay, out of my personal estate.

Second, I give and devise unto my husband, Edward B. Moore his heirs and assigns forever, my undivided one half interest in and to the house and lot, situate on Railroad Avenue in the town of Preston, Md., where I now reside, - this devise to be in lieu of my said husband's dower at law in and to all my real estate.

Third, I give and devise unto my daughter Effie Moore, her heirs and assigns forever, my undivided one half interest in and to the farm owned jointly by Annie Wright and myself, situate on the road leading from Hygrove to Federalburg; and I further give, devise and bequeath unto the said Effie all the rest and residue of whatever estate, real personal and mixed, I may die seized and possessed - provided no other child or children be born to me. If other child or children be born to me, I give, devise and bequeath the one half interest in the aforesaid farm, together with the rest and residue of whatever estate,

real, personal and mixed, I may die seized and possessed, unto the said Effie and the said other child or children, their heirs and assigns forever, share and share alike.

And lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my husband, the aforesaid Edward, Executor of my last will and Testament.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal, this eighteenth day of May, in the year nineteen hundred and four.

Amanda B. Moore (Read)

signed, sealed, published and declared by the above named Amanda B. Moore as and for her last will and Testament, in our presence, who, at her request, and in her presence, and in the presence of each other, have hereunto set our hands as witnesses hereto.

Jerse J. Dennis  
Alex. Noble

Caroline County, ss: }  
The 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1943

Then came Charles B. Harrison, custodian of the foregoing paper writing, purporting to be the last will and Testament of Amanda B. Moore, late of Caroline County, deceased, and made oath in due form of law that the said paper writing is the true and whole last will and Testament of the said Amanda B. Moore, deceased, that has come to his hands or possession; and that he does not know of any other will or any codicil to the said will of the said deceased, and that the said will was delivered to him by the Testatrix at the time of the execution thereof and has remained in his keeping until deposited by him with the Register of Wills for Caroline County for probate.

Sworn to before and certified by

J. Patton Stuley, Register of Wills for Caroline County.

Caroline County, ss: }  
The 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 1943

Then came Alex. Noble and Jerse J. Dennis, the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing last will and Testament of Amanda B. Moore, late of Caroline County, deceased, and made oath in due form of law that they did see the said Amanda B. Moore sign and seal the said will; that they heard her publicly pronounce and declare the same to be her last will and Testament; that at the time of her so doing she was, to the best of their knowledge and apprehension, of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding and capable of executing a valid deed or contract; and that they respectively subscribed their names as witnesses to the said will in the presence of the said Testatrix, at her request, and in the presence of each other.

Sworn to in open court

Test: J. Patton Stuley, Register of Wills for Caroline County.

In the Orphan's Court of Caroline County.

The foregoing last will and Testament of Amanda B. Moore, late of Caroline County, deceased, having been exhibited for probate, and no objection thereto having been made, although notice appears to have been given to the next relations of said deceased, the Court, after having carefully examined the said will and also the evidence adduced as to its validity, Orders and Decrees, this seventh day of April, 1944, that the same be admitted in this Court as the true and genuine last will and Testament of the said Amanda B. Moore, deceased.

J. Alan Black, Henry L. Rawlings, J. Percy Thomas  
Judges of the Orphan's Court of Caroline County.

I A. J. Gottwals, of Caroline County, State of Maryland, do make publick and declare this my last will and testament.

After all my just debts, funeral expenses and doctor's bills are paid I do give and devise as follows,

Item 1. I give and devise to my good wife Maria H. Gottwals the sum of Eight Hundred Dollars lawful money of the United States of America in fee simple.

Item 2. I give and devise unto my lawful heirs the balance of my estate to be divided equally, after payment of all expenses.

Item 3. I hereby constitute and appoint George W. Gottwals as executor of my estate.

Witness my hand and seal this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June 1912.

A. J. Gottwals (Seal)

Signs sealed published and declared by A. J. Gottwals the within named testator as and for his last will and testament in our presence who at his request, in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto

J. Clayton Horrey  
George W. Richard

Caroline County ss: }

The 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 1914 } Then came J. Clayton Horrey, the custodian of the foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Abraham J. Gottwals, late of Caroline County, deceased, and made oath in due form of law that the said paper writing is the true and whole last will and testament of the said Abraham J. Gottwals, deceased, that has come to his hands or possession; and that he does not know of any other will, or any codicil to the said will of the said deceased, and that the said will was delivered to him by the testator immediately after the execution thereof and has remained in his keeping until deposited by him with the Register of Wills for Caroline County for probate.

Sworn to in open court

Dest. J. Patton Steele, Register of Wills for Caroline County.

Caroline County, ss: }

The 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1914 } Then came J. Clayton Horrey and George W. Richard, the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing last will and testament of the said Abraham J. Gottwals, late of Caroline County, deceased, and made oath in due form of law that they did see the said Abraham J. Gottwals sign and seal the said will; that they heard him publicly pronounce and declare the same to be his last will and testament; that at the time of his so doing he was, to the best of their knowledge and apprehension, of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding and capable of executing a valid deed or contract; and that they respectively subscribed their names as witnesses to the said will in the presence of the testator, at his request, and in the presence of each other.

Sworn to in open court

Dest. J. Patton Steele

Register of Wills for Caroline County.

In the Orphans Court of Caroline County.

The foregoing last will and testament of Abraham J. Gottwals, late of Caroline County, deceased, having been exhibited for Probate, and no objection thereto having been made, although notice appears to have been given to the next relatives of said deceased, the Court, after having carefully examined the said will and also the evidence adduced as to its validity, Orders and Decrees, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1914, that the same be admitted in this Court as the true and genuine last will and testament of the said Abraham J. Gottwals, deceased.

J. Alan Clark  
Henry L. Rawling  
J. Cacy Stearns

Judges of the Orphans Court of Caroline County

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