

Know all men by these presents, that I  
Mary Catharine Goddard of the City & County of Baltimore,  
Spinster, do by this my last Will & Testament  
give and grant to my female slave, Belinda  
Sturling, aged about 26 years, her Freedom  
at my death; and I also give and bequeath  
unto said Belinda Sturling all the property  
of which I may die possessed; all which  
I do to recompense the faithful performance  
of duties to me.

Signed sealed and Delivered in  
presence of three Witnesses, this  
21<sup>st</sup> day of May 1816 Baltimore

Witness  
Richard Leary  
Lester Leary  
Atty S. M. Culloch

Mary C. Goddard  
Baltimore County to wit on the  
31<sup>st</sup> day of August 1816 come Richard Leary one  
of the subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing  
last

last will and Testament of Mary K Goddard late of said County  
Deceased and made Oath on the Holy Evangelly of Almighty God  
that he did see the Testatrix sign and Seal this 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 apprehension of sound disposing mind  
Memory and Understanding and that he together with Lucretia  
Leary of Ably T McSullde the other witnesses thereto subscribed their  
names as Witnesses to this will in her presence at her request and  
in presence of each other sworn to in open Court

Test M<sup>r</sup> Buchanan Reg<sup>r</sup>

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Mary C. Goddard's  
Last will & Testament

Chas. Eng. Esq. Solicitor  
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