State of Maryland being in a sickly weak State of Body but of a perfect sound disposing mind and Memory calling to mind the Mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in the Manner and the form following.

First I give and bequeath to my well beloved Wife Sarah Melvin all my Estate or Property that I possess both real and movable during her natural Life with the free and uninterrupted Privilege of all the appertainances thereunto belonging requesting her to carefully to manage the same and not to let Timber nor any Thing else thus left her during her natural Life to be wasted more than she can possible help.

Item. I give and bequeath to my Son Jonathan Melvin all my wearing apparel to be delivered to him as soon as my movable Estate shall be practical also my Will and desire is that my Son Jonathan Melvin should have the use of my Land and Plantation after the Death of my Wife during his mortal Life upon his paying fifty pounds a year annually to my grand Son Jonathan Benson.

Item. I give and bequeath to my grand Son Jonathan Benson all my real Estate consisting of Seventy Acres of Land more or less being the Place whereon I now live with all the appertainances thereunto belonging after the Death of my Wife and my Son Jonathan Melvin as above stated to belong to him my sd. grand Son and his Heirs forever.

Take Notice My Will and desire is that my Negro Man Levin should continue to stay on my the Plantation whereon I now live during his natural life

Mind this. My Will and desire further is respecting my Wife that the one half of my movable Estate shall be at the disposal of my sd. Wife at her decease also that the Negro Children Elisa & Michala together with any further or more Children that the Negro Woman Lisha may have during the life of my Wife shall be all free at the Death of my sd. Wife

Item. I give and bequeath the other half of my movable Estate after my just Debts is discharged not left to the disposal of my Wife at her Death to be equally devided amongst all my grand Children ~~except~~ except Jonathan Benson after the Death of my Wife and to belong to them & their Heirs forever.

Lastly. I nominate appoint constitute and ordain my well beloved Wife Sarah Melvin the

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