in the year Seventeen hundred and ninety five made & in due form of Law executed his last will and testament which has been admitted to probate - and a Copy of which follows

In the Name of God. I John Lee Webster of Spesutia Harford County Maryland do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit. First I give and bequeath to my beloved Son John Skinner Webster all my lands and Plantation at Spesutia Creek. and also all my lands on the Cranberry Swamp at the long bridge also my negro man James tho he is free to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

Secondly. I give and bequeath to my second beloved Son Isaac Lee Webster all the residue of my Lands in Harford County aforesaid that remains unsold and not before mentioned and devised to his brother and also all my lands and Interest and property in lands lying in Pensylvania and Virginia and also all monies and value arising after my decease from lands sold heretofore or which may be sold by me that are lying in Pennsylvania or Virginia aforesaid and likewise the sum of three thousand pounds Current money when he arrives to the age of twenty one years to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

Thirdly if it should so happen that either of my said Sons should die before they arrive to the age of twenty one years and leaving no lawful issue in that Case I give and bequeath to the surviving Son all the lands mentioned in the first devise. and likewise all my lands at my Forest plantation Called. Best endeavour together with all other lands which I have that adjoins thereto to him and his heirs and assigns forever meaning and it is my will that if any one of my said Sons should live to possess their Estates that all other and residue of my lands whatsoever excepting the lands mentioned in the first devise. and the said Forest Plantation Called Best Endeavour be sold for the benefit of my surviving Children and the value thereof to be divided in equal Proportions among them and the survivors of them and their heirs and assigns forever.

Fourthly I give and bequeath to my two dear little daughters Elizabeth Webster and Anna Webster and to each of them or the survivor of them when they or either of them shall arrive to the age of Sixteen years the sum of two thousand pounds Current money a peace to them and each of them or to the survivor of them and their heirs and assigns forever.

Fifthly I give and bequeath to my loving Sister Anna Sewell the sum of two hundred pounds Current money to her and her heirs and assigns forever

Sixthly my will and desire is that all my children whilst under age and their educations unfinished may be placed out to reputable instructing Schools and to have reasonable decent good educations at the discretion

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of my brother in Law John Wilson and the expence arising thereon to be paid out of my Estate. Seventhly Also my will and desire is that there be not any division or dividend of my estate made by my executors for account of and among my said Children unless my youngest Son shall arrive to the age of twenty one years but it is my will and desire that at any time preceding that period or term of years if my executors should think it advisable to sell off or lease out any or all my back lands and secure the money and value arising thereon on use for account of my Son Isaac. provided him and his brother John should both live to enjoy their Estates but in Case of the death of either of my said Sons before they arrive to age as aforesaid then the money arising therefrom is to be for the benefit of my surviving Children in equal proportions to them and their heirs and assigns forever. Eighthly. Also it is my will and desire that if my executors should think it advisable for the benefit of my estate at any time before my said Son Isaac shall arrive to the age of twenty one years as aforesaid that they rent or lease out to good Careful tenants any or all of my lands in Harford County and also to sell hire out or dispose of any of my Negroes for and during the limited times of their servitude as specified and directed in a manumission list recorded in Harford County records. and also any of my stock or personal Estate that they shall think advisable to sell off for the benefit of my Estate and all value and money arising therefrom as well as all other moneys and value arising on my Estate preceding a division thereof as aforesaid be carefully put out to use on undoubted security therefor for the benefit of my Children excepting so much thereof as may be necessary for the bringing up and educating my said Children and other like necessary uses. Ninthly also it is my will to declare the manumission list aforesaid to be of force and virtue and the negroes and mulatto slaves as therein mentioned to be free from bondage they and their posterity according to the true intent and meaning thereof.

Tenthly. Also it is my will and desire that my brother in law John Wilson one of my executors do at my decease receive and take in charge and carefully keep together all my writing books papers and accounts of every kind whatsoever and to be by him safely kept and used as occasion may require until my said Son Isaac shall arrive to age as aforesaid and a division of my Estate be made. Eleventhly likewise it is my will and desire that when my said Son Isaac shall arrive to the age of twenty one years as aforesaid or in Case of his death before he arrives to such age then in that Case at the time my daughter Elizabeth shall arrive to the age of Sixteen years my executors shall then make an equal division of all my personal Estate undevised among my Children or the survivors of them in equal proportions share and share alike to them and their heirs and assigns

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