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Artridge Cole's Last Will & Testament

In the name of God, Amen! I Artridge Cole of Baltimore County in the State of Maryland being aged and weak in body, but of sound mind memory and understanding, considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof, and being desirous to settle my Wordly 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 in manner and form following that is to say:

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, and after my debts and funeral Charges are paid, I devise and bequeath as follows:

Secondly, I give and devise unto my daughter Ann Cole one hundred Dollars.

Thirdly, I give and devise unto my daughter Maranda my negro Abram to serve a term of fifteen years and then to be free

Fourthly, I give and devise unto my grand daughter Mary E Cole my negro Girl Lucy.

Fifthly, I give and devise unto my Grand Son Charles N Jessop one Cow

Sixthly I give and devise unto my Grandson Salathiel Cole my negro Girl Beck, together with the rest and residue of my Estate consisting of Household furniture, Cattle, Horses, farming utensils, all and singular of whatever Kind, named or intended to be named, likewise all the produce of the farm, and all the produce that shall be growing on the farm at the time of my death.

And Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint Salathiel Cole to be my Executor of this my last Will and

(Testament)

Testament revoking all former Wills by me heretofore made, ratifying this and none other to be my last Will and Testament

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affix my seal this fourteenth day of December one thousand Eight hundred and forty Seven

Artridge her X mark Cole (Seal)

Signed sealed published and declared by Artridge Cole the above named Testatrix, as and for her last Will and Testament, in the presence of us, who at her request, in her presence, and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as Witnesses thereto

Thomas L Hall
Abram Scott

Baltimore County ss: On the 20th day of March 1850 came Thomas L Hall and Abram Scott the two subscribing Witnesses to the aforegoing Last Will and Testament of Artridge Cole late of said County deceased, and Thomas L Hall made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God, and Abram Scott solemnly declared and affirmed, that they did see the Testatrix sign and seal this 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 apprehensions of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding, and that they subscribed their names as Witnesses to this Will in her presence at her request and in the presence of each other

Sworn and affirmed to before the Subscriber Register of Wills for Baltimore County

D M Perine

In Testimony that the aforegoing is a true Copy taken

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