

examined out of the presence and hearing of her said husband whether she doth execute and acknowledge the same freely and voluntarily and without being induced to do so by fear or threats of or ill usage by her husband or by fear of his displeasure do declare and saith that she doth
Acknowledge before us
J. J. Duke
William H. Beale

State of Maryland Frederick County to Wit
I hereby Certify that the foregoing is a true Copy of taken from the original Deds as Recorded in Liber C & N^o 2 folios 283 & 284 one of the Land Records of Frederick County



In testimony whereof I hereunto subscribe my name and affix the seal of the Circuit Court for Frederick County this 16th day of June 1860
B. G. Fitzhugh Clerk

In the Name of God Amen
I Gott Nopps of Frederick County in the State of Maryland being in delicate health of body and of sound & disposing mind memory and understanding Considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof & being desirous to settle my worldly affairs and thereby to be better prepared to bear the burden 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 unto the hands of Almighty God and my body to the earth to be decently buried and after my death and funeral charges are paid I desire & bequeath as follows. Item - I give and bequeath to my dear wife my Plantation where I now dwell known by the name of Upper Freehold containing one hundred & forty two acres more or less with the House and Lot & Appurtenances of George Denny included and all my Negroes Horses Cows Sheep & Hogs Waggon Ploughs Sprosses Wheat Corn Oats Household furniture and every thing on the Farm and twenty five shares of the Farmers & Merchants Bank Stock standing in my name like wise ten shares of Frederick County Bank Stock. And she is to maintain and educate my children for their services if any thing should happen that she should not make enough off of the farm to maintain the family she is at liberty to sell such part of the Bank Stock as she thinks proper to pay their expenses she may at any time sell at private sale any live stock that she has no use for or any lumber & things or any thing that is not wanting for the use of the Farm it is expressly understood there is to be no Public sale made of any of my property after my death. It is my wish that my dear wife will live on the farm and keep the family all together as I did in my life time until they arrive to the age of twenty one year. It being expressly my intention that this bequest to my dear wife is to be understood and considered as during her natural life or while she remains single. And after her death or marriage which may happen first all the above property is to be appraised and Equally divided among my children to them then heirs and assigns forever in Equal proportion share and share alike. Item I desire and bequeath all the rest and residue of my estate both real and personal to be equally