

State of Maryland, Frederick County, to wit:

I hereby certify that on this thirtieth day of June, 1877, before the subscribed a Justice of the Peace of the said State in and for said County, personally appeared John Ritchie one of the aforesaid Petitioners and made oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God, that the matters and things stated in the aforesaid Petition are true as therein set forth, to the best of his knowledge and belief.  
 Attest June 30. 1877. W. Mahony J.P.

Exhibit  
 A. No. 1.

In the name of God Amen. I Thomas Beatty, Senior, of Frederick County, in the State of Maryland, being weak in body but of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof and being desirous to settle my worldly 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 Executors hereinafter named, and after my debts and funeral charges are paid, I devise and bequeath as follows:

Item, I give and bequeath Two thousand two hundred pounds current money in manner following, that is to say. -

To my son Thomas Beatty Junr. of Georgetown, in the District of Columbia, after releasing and acquitting him from all claims due and owing by him to me or to my estate, the sum of two hundred pounds current money, but in case of his decease before the same shall have come into his hands, then the said devise to go to his children in equal division share and share alike.

To Mary, alias Polly Ritchie and Thomas Ritchie the two children of my daughter Catharine Ritchie dec'd, the former wife of John Ritchie the sum of One thousand pounds current money, to be equally divided between them, share and share alike, but if either of them should have deceased before the said devise shall come into their hands then the same to go to the child or children of the said deceased if there is any such child or children, in equal proportion, share and share alike, but if there shall be no child or children of such deceased one, then the said devise to go - the survivor.

To my Daughter Henrietta Parkison, wife of the Rev. William Parkison of the City of New York, one thousand pounds current money but in case of her decease before the said devise shall have come into her hands, then to her child or children, in equal proportion share and share alike, but in case of her decease as aforesaid, and there