

## No. 5022 Equity

In the name of God Amen, I John Deer of Frederick County State of Maryland, do make and publish this my last Will & Testament hereby revoking all other wills by me hereto fore made & inprimis, after payment of funeral expenses & charges and all my just debts, which I request may be speedily done, & dispose of all my real and personal estate, in the following manner, viz: - To my beloved wife Elizabeth, I give, devise & bequeath, a dowry estate during her life, in my real estate, such as the law allows, and no more; Also all the personal property of whatever kind, which she brought with her at the time of our marriage & which is now in my mansion house, this property is to be her own absolutely, in like manner I give her the Gigs and horse, which we usually drive in it in her own right, unconditionally; Also the choice during the period of their servitude hereinafter mentioned that is to say she is to have choice of one male and one female for said period & if my widow should die previous to the expiration of the time for which they are to serve, then said slaves for the residue thereof to be divided equally among my children as they may agree among themselves, but if they cannot so agree, then my Executor is to sell them for the remainder of their term, & divide the proceeds equally among my children, John excepted. Item to my son John Deer I give devise & bequeath all that tract or parcel of land, whereon I now live, being part of a tract, called Lasker Chance lying in Frederick County containing by estimation two hundred and seventy three Acres, and also my wood lot containing eighty seven & one half acres, more or less, adjoining the Widow March's Land & which I purchased of Nathan Rice, as will appear by reference to his deed to me duly recorded in Frederick County Courts, to have and to hold unto my said son John Deer, his heirs & assigns forever, in fee simple, these two tracts, devised as aforesaid in fee simple to my said son contain about three hundred and sixty & one half Acres, more or less; I give to him also the first choice of a Wagon and four horse & bears, my negroes Sandy & West are to serve him four years after my decease & then to be free, He is to take good care of Tom & let him be free when he desires so to be, but I request him to provide for this old and faithful slave. Item to my daughter Catharine Rice wife of Jacob Rice, I give & devise & bequeath during her natural life, the tract of land which I purchased of John Waps lying on the Monocacy and all the lots adjoining thereto which I purchased of Geatman, and thus as will appear by a reference to the several deeds now produced, the said tract of land exclusive of the lots containing about 57 acres to have and to hold the same during her natural life to receive the rents issues and profits thereof & after her decease to descend to her issue if any she then hath & on failure of issue said real estate is to be equally divided among my other children or their descendants, John Excepted.

Exhibit A.