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In the name of God Amen, I Joshua Gray of Anne Arundel County, being sick of body, but of sound and perfect memory, than be to almighty God, do make this my last Will and Testament, in and form as following Viz^t. — Item I give and bequeath unto my sons Joshua Gray and John Gray, [illegible] no boy named Jacob, and no more of my Estate either personal or real. — Item I give and bequeath unto my three sons, Stephen Gray, Greenbury Gray, and Elijah Gray two hundred acres of Land, part of a Tract, called Proctors Park, to be equally divided between them and their heirs. — Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Ruth Gray, all the remainder of my personal Estate, during her widowhood, afterwards to be equally divided between my six children named Mary Johnston, Hellen Gray, Rachel Gray, Stephen Gray, Greenbury Gray, and Elijah Gray, to them and their heirs. — And I make and appoint my well beloved wife Ruth Gray, whole and Executrix, of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking, disannulling, making void all former Wills and Requests by me made, and declaring this only to be my last Will and Testament. — In Witness Whereof I have set my hand and affixed my seal this twelfth day of January One thousand seven hundred and sixty six.

Signed sealed and delivered
In the presence of us
John Gray
Peter Delander
Francis Atkinson

Joshua his ✝ mark Gray (Seal)

Jany 24th 1780 — Came John Gray one of the subscribing [illegible] Anne Arundel County, to the within will and made Oath on [illegible] Evangels of Almighty God, that the said Joshua Gray the Testator [illegible] his Mark to this will and seal the same, and heard him publish, pronounce and declare the same, to be his last Will and Testament, that at the time of his so doing, he was of a sound and disposing mind Memory and Understanding to the best of his apprehension, and that he together with Peter Delander, and Francis Atkinson, signed their names as witnesses to this Will in the presence and at the request of the Testator, and in the presence of each other.

[illegible] Ballette Reg Wills A.A. Co.

In the Name of God Amen. I Ann Sindle of Anne Arundel County, Widow being weak in body, but of sound Mind and disposing Memory, do think it necessary to make this my last will and Testament, in manner and form following, Viz^t. First, I give and bequeath unto my Youngest son Thomas Sindle, One negro named Sam, a boy, One negro Girl named Peggy, more than his equal part of remainder of my Estate, Secondly, I give and bequeath the remainder of my Estate on the before mentioned to be equally divided among all my Children. Lastly, I do hereby appoint my loving brothers Jeffaway Watkins, and Thomas Watkins Exors. of this my last Will and Testament, revoking all other Wills heretofore made by me, as Witness my hand and seal this fifth day of October One thousand seven hundred and seventy nine.

Witness
Richard Richardson
Ann Hall

Anne her + mark Sindle (Seal)

June the 30th 1780. Came Thomas Watkins one of the within named Exors. and refused to act as such before me,

Elie Vallette Reg^r Wills A. A. Cty

Anne Arundel County ss. January 31st 1780 — Came Richard Richardson, one of the subscribing witnesses to the within Will, and being of the people called Quakers, on his solemn affirmation doth affirm and declare that he saw Ann Sindle the Testatrix, sign and seal this Will, and heard her publish, pronounce and declare the same to be her last Will and Testament, and that at the time of her so doing, she was to the best of his apprehensions of a sound and disposing Mind and Memory, and that he with Ann Hall subscribed their names as witnesses to this Will in the presence and at the request of the Testatrix, and in the presence of each other.

Sworn before me Elie Vallette Reg. Wills, A A Cty

In the Name of God amen, I John Jones of Anne Arundel County, In the State of Maryland, being sick and weak of Body, but of perfect Memory, Do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God, who give it me, and my body to the earth from whence it came;

came; in hopes of a joyfull Resurrection through the merits of my Saviour Jesus Christ, and as for what Worldly Estate, wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with, I do dispose thereof as follows. Item, I give devise and bequeath unto my loving wife Elizabeth Jones, all my Estate, both real and personal, unto her and her heirs forever, I also appoint my aforesaid Wife, my hole and sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament, In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this twenty ninth day of December 1779.

Signed sealed, published and declared by the Testator in the Presence of
Hampton Robinson Junr.
William his + mark Marsh
James Standshaw Junr. his + mark

John his + mark Jones (Seal)

Anne Arundel County ss. February 3rd 1780 — Came Hampton Robinson, and James Standshaw, two of the ~~within~~ subscribing witnesses to the written Will, and made Oath that they saw John Jones, the Testator herein named, sign, and seal this Will, and heard him publish, pronounce and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament, and that at the time of his so doing, he was to the best of his apprehension of a sound and disposing Mind and Memory, and that they together with Wm. Marsh, sign their names as witnesses to this Will, in the presence and at the request of the Testator, and in the presence of each other.

Sworn before me Elie Vallette Regr. Wills A. A. Cty

Maryland ss.

The State of Maryland

To Major Henry Ridgely of Anne Arundel County, Greeting.

Know you that in the absence of Elie Vallette Esqr. Register of Wills, for Anne Arundel County, We do hereby authorise and appoint you to be our Commissioner for taking the probate to the Will of James Magill, late of Anne Arundel County, with power to call before you all or any of the Witnesses thereto, and to administer to them on their Corporal Oaths to be taken on the holy Evangels of Almighty God, the following probate Verbatim, Viz^t "You A. B. Do make Oath that you saw

Macgill the Testator sign and seal this Will, and heard him publish
pronounce and declare the same, to be his last Will and Testament, that
at the time of his so doing he was to the best of ~~their~~ your several appre-
hensions of a sound and disposing mind and Memory, and that you
signed your names as Witnesses to this Will together with — in the
presence and at the request of the Testator, and in the presence of each
Other; And having the same so taken, you endorsed the same, on the
back of the Will, signed with your name, and as soon as may be, make
a return thereof to our Register for Wills of said County, together with
this our Commission.

Witness Nicholas Worthington Esq. One of the Justices of our Orphans
Court for Anne Arundel County, Given at the City of Annapolis
this 3rd day of February anno Dom 1780

Test Elie Vallette Clk Orph Crt

In the Name of God amen, I James Macgill of Queen
Caroline Parish in Anne Arundel County in Maryland, being at
the time of my writing hereof, in good Health, sound Mind and Under stand-
ing, memory, and considering that I ought to prepare for death, do make
Ordain and Confirm this My last Will and Testament, as follows, that is
to say, into the hand of God, I recommend My Soul, leaving My body to be
buried without pomp, only in a Christian manner, at the discretion of My
Executors, hoping for a resurrection to a happy life, thro, the Merits of ~~our~~ my
Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, amen, and as to My Worldly goods
and possessions I hereby dispose of them, in the following Manner, I give,
bequeath and devise unto my son Thomas and his heirs all that tract of land
called the Gleb, being part of Dannalls Grove, containing ninety six acres,
as also One hundred and One acres, part of Marthas Choice, I give, bequea-
th and devise, to my son John and his heirs, the remainder of my tract
of land called Marthas Choice, being One hundred and ninety seven acres,
I give bequeath and devise to my beloved wife, during her natural life,
the use of all My lands in Anne Arundel County, as also all the negroes
and stock thereon with all the utensels, I give bequeath and devise, to
my three daughters, Ann, Mary, and Caroline, their heirs, and their heirs
or assigns at the death of my beloved wife, all that tract of land called
Athel Inlanged, to be occupied by them, to the best advantage, the

benefits arising therefrom, to be equally divided without any preference or pri-
ority of age, Claimed by one more than the other, and the buildings and improve-
ments of the said land to be in like manner posest, the Wood land of said tract
made use of for the plantation, but to be kept clear of waist, but in case
any of my daughters dying without issue, it shall be understood to be bequeath
ed and devised by me, to the Daughters or Daughter surviving and their heirs
or assigns forever, and whatever produce or Crops shall be made on the
plantation at the time of my decease, it shall be equally divided among my
daughters, I give bequeath & devise unto my Daughter Ann, and her heirs
negroe Jenny, and all the Children of her bodies, as also negroe Nedd,
I give bequeath and Devise unto my daughter Mary, my negroes Moll and
all the Children of her body, as also Negroe Sam, I give bequeath, and Devise
unto my Daughter Caroline my negroes Phebey, Rachel, with all the Children
of their bodies as also Negro Will my negroes Harry, and Old Sobie, with
weaving and Carpenters tools, to be kept for the benefit of my three daughters,
before named, I give, bequeath, and devise unto my Son Thomas negroe
Ben, I give, bequeath, and devise unto my son John, negroe Jim son of Lucy,
I give bequeath, and devise unto my Daughter, negroe Letty Sobie, I give
bequeath, and devised unto my Daughter Margaret, negroe Jack, I give
bequeath and devise, unto my Son ~~my~~ Thomas my Pinchbeck Watch, but
in Case any difference shall arise among my three single daughters, the
majority of voices shall determine the same, if occasion for an umpire, they
themselves to chuse one to settle any dispute whatever, Whatever part of
my Estate is not bequeath'd or Devised in this my last will, My beloved
wife to have the sole disposal of the same, in whatever manner she shall
think fitt, Lastly I hereby make, appoint, Constitute, My trusty and beloved
sons, and in Case of her dying before me, by said two Sons, or either of them who
shall survive me, to be My Executors of this my last Will ~~and~~ Testament,
I do hereby utterly and Wholly revoke, disallow, and make void all and
every other former Will, Testaments, Legacies, and Executors by me, in any
ways, before this Will'd, bequeath'd, or named, allowing, ratifying and confirming
this and no other to be my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have
hereunto sett my hand and seal this twenty fifth day of Oct. in the year of our
Lord One thousand seven hundred and seventy nine.

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced, and
declared by said James Macgill, as his
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James Macgill (Seal)

last Will and Testament in presence of us the subscribing witnesses, in the presence of the Testator, & in the presence of each other.

Joseph Warfield, W. Coale, Thos. Worthington, Thomas Coale, Chas. White, Brice Howard, Joseph Howard,

The State of Maryland Sct.

By virtue of a Commission from the Orphans Court, to me directed, I hereby certifie that Mr. William Coale, Capt. Charles White came before me the subscriber and made oath on the holy evangels of Almighty God that they saw ye Revd. James McGill the Testator sign and seal this Will, and heard him publish, pronounce, and Declare the same to be his last will and Testament, that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their several apprehensions of a sound & disposing mind & memory, and that ~~at they time~~ signed their names as witnesses to this Will, together with Joseph Howard, Brice Howard, Thos. Coale, Thomas Worthington and Joseph Warfield, in the presence and at the request of the Testator, and in presence of each other. In witness hereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 4th day of February 1780.

H. Ridgely Seal

In the Name of God amen, The thirteenth day of October, anno Domini One thousand seven hundred sixty and eight, I Luke Warfield of Anne Arundel County, being sick in body but of good and perfect mind and Memory, thanks be to almighty God, and Calling to remembrance the uncertain Estate, of this transitory life, that all flesh must yield unto death when it shall please god to Call, do make, Constitute and Ordain this to be my last will and Testament, in manner and form following. revoking and adnulling by these presents, all and every Testament and Testaments, Will and Wills heretofore by me Made and declared either by word or writing, and this is to be taken for my last will and Testament and none other, First I bequeath my Soul to Almighty God that gave it me, and my body to the earth from whence it was taken, to be buried in such decent manner as it shall please my Executors, hereafter named to think fit, and appoint, and now for the settling my temporal Estate and such goods as it hath pleased God to bestow on me, I do order, give, and dispose

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of the same, in manner and form following, that is to say, First, I will that all those debts that I justly owe in right or Concience to any manner of person or persons whatsoever, shall be well and truly Contented and paid within Convenient time, after my decease by my Executors hereafter named. Imprimis, I Constitute, Ordain, and appoint my loving brother Seth Warfield, and Joshua Gambrill, to be my whole and sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament. Item, I give and bequeath unto my loving Cousin Luke Warfield son of Richard, and Joshua Gambrill, all my whole personal Estate, to be equally divided between them, and to be the right and Estate of them, their heirs or assigns forever.

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced, and Declared in the presence of
John Marriott
Elizabeth Ann E. Marriott
Ruth Davis
Mark

Luke his Warfield Seal
Mark

Anne Arundel County Sct. Came John Marriott and Elizabeth Marriott, two of the subscribing witnesses to the within will and made oath on the holy Evangels of Almighty God, that they saw the Testator herein named sign and seal this will, and heard him publish, pronounce, and declare the same to be his last will and Testament, and that at the time of his so doing, he was to the best of their apprehensions, of sound and disposing mind, and Memory, and that they together with Ruth Davis, signed their names as witnesses to this Will in the presence and at the request of the said Testator, and in the presence of each other.

Sworn before me Elie Vallette Regr. Wills A.A. Coty

(Joshua Gambrill Exp. to act.)
E.V.

In the name of God Amen, I James Cowley of Anne Arundel County, in the State of Maryland, being sick and weak, 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 waldly 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 dis

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of my Executrix herein after named, and after my debts and funeral charges are paid, I devise and bequeath as follows; Item, I give and bequeath to my Mother Sarah Cowley, all that tract or parcel of land called and known by the name, of Barrat Purchase, being part of Anne Arundel Mannor, during her life, and after her decease, My will and desire is the land to be sold at public sale, and the money arising from said sale to be equally divided among all my brothers, and sister, that is to say, Thomas, Matthew, William, Edward, Charles, Henry, and Margrett; Item, I give and bequeath to brother Henry Cowley, all my wearing apparell, One negro Girl named Pegg, one bay mare and Colt, to be possest by him immediately after my death; Item, I give and bequeath unto my mother Sarah Cowley all the rest and residue of my Estate; And Lastly, I hereby Constitute, and appoint My Mother Sarah Cowley to be sole Executrix of this My last Will and Testament, revoking and annulling all former wills by me, heretofore made, ratifying and confirming this and none other, to be My last Will and Testament; In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this nineteenth day of June, Anno Domini One thousand seven hundred and seventy seven,

Signed, sealed published and declared by James Cowley the within named Testator, as and for his last Will and Testament, in presence of us, who at his request and in his presence have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto

James Cowley (Seal)

Ezekiel Gott, Zebedee Wood, John Welch, son of Robert

Anne Arundel Cty. fct. March 15th 1780 — Came Ezekiel Gott and John Welch son Robert, two of the subscribing witnesses to the within will, and made oath that they saw James Cowley the Testator, sign and seal this will, and heard him publish, pronounce and declare the same to be his last will and Testament, and that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehension of sound and disposing Mind, Memory, and understanding, and that they together with Zebedee Wood, signed their names as witnesses to this will in the presence and at the request of the Testator, and in the presence of each other

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Sworn before me Elie Vallette Regr. Wills. A. A. Cty.

In the name of God amen, I Joseph Watson of Anne Arundel County in the Province of Maryland, Farmer, being in good health and of sound and disposing mind and Memory, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and making void all former wills, by me at any time heretofore made; First, I Commit my soul to the hands of my Creator who gave it me; Second, I gave and devise to my daughter in Law, Mary Polton, daughter to my late dear wife Mary Watson, and wife to John Polton, Shoemaker, all that tract or perse of land called Jones's Fancy, where I now live, agreeable to its Meets and bounds as expressed by patern, with all and singular the primicies and apertainances thereunto belonging, also that part of a tract of land called Winkopin Neck, lying on the North side of the North branch of Patuxent River, which is now in My Possessions agreeable to its meets and bounds, as is expressed in My deed given by Elizabeth Ridgely and John Ducker, with all and singular the premises and appertinances thereunto belonging also One other part of the above mentioned tract of land called Winkopin Neck, lying in the fork of the aforesaid North Branch of Patuxent river, and now in My possession, agreeable to its Meets and bounds, as is expressed by my deed from the aforesaid Elizabeth Ridgely and John Ducker, all which several tracts or parcels of Land above mentioned, I will and bequeath with their several premises and appertainances thereunto belonging, to my above mentioned daughter in law, Mary Polton, in fee simple to her and her heirs forever; also all my negroes, stock, household furniture, plantation utensils, and all other my real and personal property, to her the said Mary Polton, and her heirs forever, and further my will is that John Polton husband to the above Mary Polton, shall not receive have or enjoy any part of My Estate either real or personal, or any benefit arising from the same, but shall be and is hereby totally excluded therefrom, and further my will is that in Case the aforesaid Mary Polton dies without lawful issue or her heirs dies without lawfull heir, and in Case of failure of such heirs, then my will is that my Estate both real and personal shall decend to the Poor of the parish, in which it is situate, to be received into the hands of the Justices of Annarundel County to be let at interest, and the interest to be applyed annually towards the support of the poor of the above parish, and the principal to remain forever, and further my will is that Gideon Gary son to Mary Polton

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shall not have or enjoy any part of my real or personal Estate from or any benefit arising therefrom, but is hereby totally excluded therefrom; and Lastly I constitute and appoint the aforesaid Mary Polton, whole and Sole Executrix, of this my last will and Testament, as witness my hand and seal this twenty ninth day of March, in the year of our lord One thousand seven hundred and seventy nine.

Witnesses
Philemon Warfield
Gilbert Yealdhall

Joseph Wattson (Seal)

Anne Arundel County Sct. March 20th 1780. Came Gilbert Yealhall, one of the subscribing witnesses to this will, and made oath on the holy evangels of Almighty God, that he saw Joseph Wattson the Testator sign and seal this will, and heard him publish, pronounce, and declare, the same to be his last will and Testament, and that at the time of his so doing, he was to the best of his apprehension of sound and disposing mind and Memory, and that he together with Philemon Warfield signed their names as witnesses to this will, in the presence and at the request of the Testator, and in the presence of each other.

Sworn before Me Elie Vallette Regr. Wills, A.A. Coty

Anne Arundel County Sct. April 11th 1780 Came Philemon Warfield, one other of the subscribing witnesses to the within will and made oath that he saw the Testator Joseph Watson, sign and seal this will, and heard him publish, pronounce and declare the same to be his last will and Testament, and that at the time of his so doing, he was of a sound and disposing mind and Memory to the best of his apprehensions and that he with Gilbert Yealdhall signed their names as witnesses to this will, in the presence and at the request of the Testator, and in the presence of each other.

Sworn before Me Elie Vallette Regr. Wills A.A. Coty

In the name of God amen, the twenty seventh day of January in the year of our Lord 1780; I Emm French, Widow of Anne Arundel County, State of Maryland, being very sick and

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ak in body, but of perfect mind and Memory, thanks be given unto God for same, and calling unto mind the Mortality of my body, and knowing that it appointed for all once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and stament, that is to say principally and first of all, I give and recommend my l into the hands of Almighty God, that gave it, and for my body I recomm d it to the Earth, to be buried in a Christian, at the discretion of my Execu r, nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection, I shall receive the e again by the Mighty power of God, and as touching such worldly Estate it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give, devise, and pose of the same, in the manner and form following. Item, I give and queath unto my son, William French all my thirds of the personal ate of my late husband Otho French, to the use and behoof of him the said illiam French, and his heirs forever, Item, I give and bequeath unto my ghter Ann Leck my new Gounds, Item, I give and bequeath unto my ughter Johanna Pearce all the rest of my wearing apparel, I Likewise stitute and ordain my son William French, my hole and sole Executor this my last will and Testament, and I do hereby disavow, revoke, and nnull all and every will, Testament, Legacy, bequest, and Executors by me any wise before this time named, ratifying and confirming this and no r to be my last will and Testament, In Witness whereof I have hereu to set my hand and seal this day and year first above written;

ned, sealed, published, pronounced declared by the said Emm French her last will and Testament in the ence of John Jacobs
Susannah her + mark Morgan

Emm her + mark French

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e John Jacobs and Susannah Morgan the two subscribing witnesses to the in will and made oath that they saw Emen French, the Testatrix and seal this will, and heard him publish, pronounce, and declare the same be his last will and Testament, and that at the time of her so doing, she of a sound and disposing mind and Memory to the best of their appr sions, and that they signed their names as witnesses to this will in the ence and at the request of the Testatrix, and in the presence of each other.

– Sworn before Me Elie Vallette Regr. Wills A.A. Coty

In the name of God, Amen, I Robert Ryan of Anne Arundel County, in the State of Maryland, planter, being infirm in body, but of perfect Understanding, do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following. That is to say I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God, who gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be decently buried at the Discretion of my Executors and touching such worldly Estate, which it hath pleased God to bless me with, I will and bequeath in the following manner and form. Imprimis, I will and bequeath unto my dearly beloved Cousin Jacob Penn, all my part of that tract of parcel of land Browns Chance and Dorseys Friendship, to him and his heirs forever. Item, I give and bequeath unto my dearly beloved sister Mary Penn one half of my personal Estate to her and her heirs forever, Item, I give and bequeath the remaining part of my Personal Estate unto my dearly beloved Sister Rachel Elder's Children, that is to say John Elder, James Elder, Owen Elder, Mary Penn, Rachel Ryan, Sarah Penn, Betsy Elder. I likewise Constitute make and Ordain my dearly beloved Cousin Jacob Penn whole and sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament, and I do hereby utterly disavow, revoke, and disanull all and every, either former Wills and Testaments, by me in any ways forenamed, willed, and bequeathed, ratifying and confirming this to be my last Will and Testament, dated this the 3rd of October in the year of our lord One thousand seven hundred and seventy nine.

Robert Ryan (Seal)

Signed sealed published and pronounced by the said Robert Ryan as his last Will and Testament in the presence of Robert Luse, William Ridgely of Wm. Henry Oram, Elijah Warfield

Anne Arundel County Sct. April 24th 1780.

Came Wm. Ridgley and Henry Oram, two of the within Witnesses to the within will, and made oath that they saw Robert Ryan, the Testator sign and seal this Will and heard him publish, pronounce, and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament, and that at the time of his so doing, he was to the best of their apprehension of sound mind, and Memory, and that they together with Robert Luse and Elisha Warfield, signed their names

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as Witnesses to this will in the presence and at the request of the Testator, and in the presence of each other.

Sworn before me Elie Vallette Regr. Wills A.A. Coty

In the Name of God amen, I Richard Weems of Anne Arundel County, in the State of Maryland, being weak of Body but of sound disposing mind and memory, thanks be to God for that and all his other mercies on me bestowed, and being desirous of settling my Outward affairs, do make and Ordain these presents, Writing to be my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and making void all other Wills and Testaments by me, at any time, heretofore made, in Manner and form following Vizt. Imprimis, I commend my soul to God who gave it me, and my body to the dust, to be decently intered at the discretion of my Executrix herein after named. 2ndly I desire that all my Just debts be paid as soon as Conveniently may be after my decease. 3rdly I give and bequeath to my son Charles Howell Weems and his heirs, one negro man named Parraway also, One negro Wench named Lavenia, and all her futer increase, I Likewise give to my said son Charles the silver watch given to me by my late brother Locke Weems, and a mare Colt called May Pink and all his future increase, and it is my will that my said son Charles shall be paid the whole of the above Legacy immediately after my decease. 4thly I give and bequeath to my son Richard Weems, a negro boy named Jem and a horse called Spark. 5thly I give and bequeath to my son John Weems a negro boy named Peter and a mare Colt called Fly and all her future increase 6thly I give and bequeath to my son Edward Ward Weems, a negro Girl named Camilla, and all her future increase, also a horse Colt called Humming Bird. 7thly I give and bequeath to my son James Nicholson Weems a negro Girl Suck and her future increase, also three Ewes and a Cow and Calf. 8thly I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Howell Weems a negro wenched named Bell Cook and all her future increase, also a feather bed and furniture, six Ewes and a mare Colt, Merry Kitty, and all her future increase, the whole of this ~~increase~~ Legacy to my daughter to be paid to her on the day of her Marriage or when she arrives at the age of sixteen years, whichever shall first happen, and it is my will that the foregoing Legacies to my sons Richard John

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Edward and James, be paid to them as they shall respectively attain the age of twenty one years, but in Case either of my sons should die before he attains that age, without issue, or if my daughter shall die unmarried before the age of sixteen years, then I Direct the Legacy given to him or her ~~so~~ so dying, to be applied to the making good any loss which either of the survivors of my said four sons or daughters may have sustained by the death of the Legacy to them given, but if no such loss has been sustained, then I direct the Legacy of the deceased, to be equally divided ~~between~~ the survivors of my Children by my present wife, and further it is my will that the profits of the labour of the negros herein before given to my said four sons and my Daughter during their Minority, be applyed towards the educating and bringing them up in the Manner which may be Judged most to their benefit and advantage. 6thly I Give and bequeath to my Dear and loving wife, Mary Reems during her Natural life, the full and free use of my now dwelling plantation, being part of a tract of land Called Carcals Chance and a tract of land Called Reems Outlett to the Creek, and after her decease, I give and devise the said plantation to my son Charles Howell Reems and his heirs forever, but in Case he dies without issue, before he arrives at the age of twenty one years, then I give and devise my said plantation after the decease of my said ~~wife~~ dear wife to my Son Richard Reems and his heirs forever, I also give and bequeath to my said Wife during her natural life, the use of all the residue and remainder of my personal Estate, of Whatever it may Consist, after the payment of my Just debts, and deducting the legacies herein above given, and it is my will and desire that in Case my dear wife should die before all my Children arrive at the age of twenty one years, that my son Charles Howell Reems shall have the immediate possession of my now dwelling plantation, holding him obleaged to shear with his brother's and sister an equal part of the profits arising from said plantation, for the educating and maintaining them all until they arrive to the age of twenty years, it is my will and desire that the residue and remainder of my Estate already given to my dear wife, shall after her decease be equally divided between my four sons, Richard, John, Edward and James, and my

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Daughter Sarah, and their heirs, lastly I Constitute and appoint my dear wife Mary Reems my whole and sole Executrix of this my last will and Testament. In Witness of the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty seventh day of February one thousand seven hundred and eighty;

Signed sealed published & declared by Richard Reems as his last will and testament in presence of Benjamin Harrison William Reems Jr. David Reems

Richard Reems (Seal)

Anne Arundel County ss. June 7th 1780.

Came Benjamin Harrison and David Reems, two of the ~~witness~~ subscribing witnesses to the within Will and made Oath that they saw Richard Reems the Testator sign, seal this will and heard him publish pronounce and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament, that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehension of sound and disposing mind and Memory, and that they together with Wm. Reems Junr. signed their names as witnesses to this Will in the presence and at the request of the testator.

Before me Elie Vallette Reg.r Wills R. Holly

In the name of God, amen I Nancy Gaither of Anne Arundel County, in the State of Maryland, being weak and sick 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 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 Executor herein after named, and after my debts and funeral Charges are paid, I devise and bequeath as follows. Item, I give and bequeath to my nephew Basil Simpson, all the real Estate to which I am entitled by Virtue of the last will and Testament of my sister Sarah Middleton to him his heirs and assigns forever. Item, I give and bequeath to the rest of my ~~brother~~ Basil Simpson's Children, or their heirs to be equally divided ~~among~~ between them, all the personal Estate of my sister Sarah

(Middleton)