Wills.

Liber L. L. K. No. 1

Henry Hooper D. S. Last Will and Testament.

In the name of God Amen. I Henry Hooper D. S. of Dorchester County in the State of Maryland, being in perfect health of body and of sound and disposing mind memory & understanding considering the certainty of death, & 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 & testament in manner & form following that is to say – I leave unto my dear & loving wife Betty Hooper during her natural life the use Rents profits and priviledges in & of my dwelling plantation consisting of the following lands to wit, Topeigham three hundred acres by Patent more or less Addition to outlett part two hundred & thirty acres and after my wifes decease I give and devise the aforesaid lands to my Brother Samuel Hooper to him the said Samuel & his heirs male & assigns for ever and in case the said Samuel should die without leaving male Issue then I give & divise the aforesaid lands unto my brother John Hooper's son Hooper to him the said Henry his heirs and assigns for ever & in case the said Henry should die without leaving male Issue then I give and devise the aforesaid lands to his brother John Hooper to him the said Jno his heirs & assigns forever. I give and bequeath unto my dear loving wife Betty Hooper the sum of five thousand pounds out of the debts due and oweing unto me upon bonds, and all my house hold furniture, plate negroes and everything else of my personal estate, except the remainder of the debts due & oweing unto me – I give & bequeath unto my brother Samuel Hooper all the remainder of the debts due & owing unto me after my dear wife shall have five thousand pounds out of the bonds & she shall have liberty of chusing such bonds as she shall like best; & the said Samuel shall do my dear wifes business for her, during her life without making any charge against her. and lastly I do hereby constitute & appoint my dear wife Betty Hooper, to be sole executrix of this my last will & testament, revoking and annulling all former wills by me heretofore made ratifying & confirming this & none other, to be my last will & Testament. and it is my desire that my will be proved & recorded, & that my Executrix take out letters ad Colligendum bona Defuncti, for recovering the debts but that there be no appraisment or Inventory taken of my estate, nor my executrix shall not be oblige to give bond or to take any oath to render any account.

In Testimony where of I have here unto set my hand and affixed my seal this first day of May anno Domini seventeen hundred & ninety eight. –

Signed sealed published & declared by Henry Hooper D. S. the testator as & for his last will & testament } Henry Hooper D. S. (Seal)

in the presence of us who at his request & in his presence, have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

Thomas Lockerman Junr. Henry Haskins
John Murray — William Lecompte Junr.
Thomas Jones — William Frazier

Dorchester County Sct. On the 30th. day of October anno Domini 1799 Levin Ball who offered the within will for probate in behalf of the Executrix made oath on the Holy Evangeli of Almighty God that the within Instrument of writing is the true & whole last will & Testament of Henry Hooper Q. S. late of Dorchester County deceased that hath come to his hands or possession & that he doth not know of any other

Certified by Jno. Goldsborough Reg. W. D. C.

Dorchester County Sct. On the 30th. day of October anno Domini 1799 John Murray & William Frazier two of the subscribing witnesses to the within last will & Testament of Henry Hooper Q. S. late of Dorchester County deceased & made oath on the Holy Evangeli of Almighty God that they did see the Testator therein named sign & seal this will that they heard him publish pronounce & declare the same to be his last will & Testament, that at the time of his sodoing he was to the best of their apprehension of sound & disposing mind memory and Understanding, and that they together with Thomas Lockerman Junr. Thomas Jones, Henry Haskins & William Lecompte Junr. respectively subscribed their names as witnesses to this will in the presence and at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other

Certified pr. Jno. Goldsborough Reg. W. D. C.

Dorchester County Sct. On the 4th day of November anno Domini 1799 Thomas Lockerman Junr. one of the subscribing witnesses to the within last will & Testament of Henry Hooper Q. S. late of Dorchester County deceased & made oath on the Holy Evangeli of Almighty God, that he did see the Testator therein named sign & seal this Will that he heard him publish pronounce & declare the same to be his last will & Testament that at the time of his sodoing he was to the best of his apprehensions of sound and disposing mind memory & understanding and that he together with John Murray, Thomas Jones Henry Haskins, William Lecompte Junr. and William Frazier the other witnesses respectively subscribed their names as witnesses to this Will in the presence & at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other.

Certified by Jno. Goldsborough Reg. W. D. C.

Seal

In Testimony that the aforegoing Will & the Indorsment thereto are hereby copied from Liber I. G. No. 8. folios 14. 15. & 16 one of the record books belonging to the Register of Wills office for Dorchester County in Witness whereof I hereto set my name & the publick seal of my office affixed this ninth day of January anno Domini 1808

Jno. Cropper Regr. Wills for Dorchester County

James Hooper's Last Will and Testament

In the name of God Amen I James Hooper of Dorchester County & State of Maryland being in health of body & of sound mind & memory but calling to mind the mortality of my body & knowing it is ordained for men once to die do make & ordain this my last will & testament in manner & form following (to wit) first I give my soul to God who gave it to me, & my body to the earth to be buried in a decent christian manner at the discretion of my Executors, & as for my worldly goods wherein it hath pleased God to bless me I give and dispose of them in the following manner (that is to say) — In primis I give & bequeath unto my grand son Thomas Hooper of James part of a tract of land called Hoopers conclusion lying & being in the County aforesaid on Taylors Island to be laid off in the following manner to wit begining at the first bounder of Susanah's Chance & running south Eighty six degrees East one hundred and forty perches then south fourteen degrees west fifteen perches to addition to Pilgrims progress and the out lines of the aforsaid Hoopers Conclusion then north Eighty six degrees West ninety nine perches & so to continue with & by the rious courses of the afsd. Hoopers conclusion, to the begining of the afsd. Susanahs chance. Also a tract of land called Hoopes pasture lying & situate as afsd. The aforesaid lands to him & his heirs for ever. — Item I give & bequeath unto my grand son James Hooper of Jms. part of the afsd. Hoopers Conclusion to be laid off in the following manner (to wit) begining at the original bounder of Provincial & running East by north Eighty perches then North twelve degrees East one hundred & sixty eight perches then west seventy seven perches, to Lucys Bridge, then south thirty seven perches then home binding with the line of the afsd. Provincial, to the bounder thereof — also another part of the afsd. Hoopers Conclusion that lays to the southward of a line drawn from the End of the fifty third course of the ~~[illegible]~~ tract (being an East by north course) East across a point called long point down to Slaughter creek to him & his heirs for ever — Likewise I give unto my said grand son James Hooper one negro woman called Tamer & one negro girl called Lacy — I give & bequeath unto my son Thomas Hooper all that part of the afsd. tract of land called Hoopers conclusion that lays to the westward & southward of a line drawn from a locost post standing in or near a gut that Issueth out of Atkinsons Cove to the end of thirty four purches on the East line of Lacy's Bridge & likewise all that part of the afsd. Hoopers conclusion that lays to the westward & southward of the afsd. tract of land called Lacy's Bridge, excepting the part I have already disposed off to him & his heirs forever, I likewise give unto my said son Thomas Hooper one negro man named Caser — I give & bequeath unto my son John Hooper all the rest of my lands that I have not already disposed off to him & his heirs for ever, I also give unto the afsd. John Hooper one negro man named Tom one negro man named Nearse & one negro boy named Simon I give and bequath unto my son Henry Hooper Q. S. five shillings sterling to be in full for his portion of my estate real & personal I give and bequeath unto my son Samuel Hooper, one negro man named Jim also my silver Cup — I give & bequeath unto my grand son Thomas Hooper of Jms. one negro girl named Rachel — I give unto my daughter Nancy Noble one negro girl named Rose — I give unto my three sons Thomas, John, & Samuel Hooper, all my silver plate, to be equally divided — I give unto my two sons Thomas & John Hooper all my horses cattle Sheep

& hogs, to be equally divided between them — Item all the rest of my personal estate I give & bequeath unto my following children viz Thomas Hooper, John Hooper, Samuel Hooper Elizabeth Edmondson, Sarah Pattison, Prissilla Woolford & Mary Noble, to be equally divided between them — and I do hereby constitute ordain & appoint my three sons Thomas John & Samuel Hooper to be my whole & sole Executors of this my last will & Testament & I do hereby evoke & make void all other Wills & Testaments, heretofore by me made & do declare this to be my last Will and testament as Witness my hand & seal this seventh day of July one thousand seven hundred & eighty eight

Signed sealed pronounced & declared to be the last will & Testament of the Testator, in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names in the presence of the Testator & at his request, & in the presence of each other —

James Hooper (Seal)

Moses Lecompte, Richard Pattison, Absolom Tanning

Dorchester County Sc. On the 10th. day of March anno Domini 1789 Samuel Hooper one of the within appointed Executors made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that the within Instrument of writing is the true & whole will & Testament of James Hooper late of Dorchester County deceased that hath come to his hands or possession & that he doth not know of any other —

Certif.d pr. Jno Goldsborough R.W.D.C.

Dorchester County Sct. On the 10th day of March anno Domini 1789 Moses Lecompte & Richard Pattison Junr. two of the subscribing witnesses to the within last will & Testament of James Hooper late of Dorchester County deceased Severally made Oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that they did see the Testator therein named sign & seal the within will & that they heard him publish pronounce & declare the same to be his last Will & Testament that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehensions of a sound and disposing mind memory & understanding and that they together with Absolom Tanning the other Witness respectively subscribed their names as Witnesses to this Will in the presence & at the request of the Testator & in the presence of each other

Certified pr. Jno Goldsborough Reg. W. D. C.

In Testimoney that the aforegoing Will & the indorsment thereon are truly & faithfully copied from Liber I. G. No. 4 folios 51-52 & 53 one of the record books belonging to the Register of Wills office for Dorchester County in Witness I hereto set my name & the publick seal of my office affix this ninth day of January anno Domini 1808

(Seal)

Jno Cropper Reg. Wills for Dorchester County.

Samuel Hooper's Last Will and Testament

In the name of God Amen I Samuel Hooper of Dorchester County in the State of Maryland being very sick and low in health but of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding and considering the Certainty of Death and the

uncertainty of the time thereof and being desirous to settle my worlly 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 — I give & devise unto my son Henry Hooper his heirs and assigns forever a Tract of Land called parpeighan containing three hundred Acres, & part of a Tract of Land called addition to Outlett which said Lands were devised to me by my Brother Henry Hooper 2d. & Also a Tract of Land called Belvoir which I purchased of Levin Keene Also the House and Lott whereon Mrs Anne Goldsborough now lives which I purchased of Robert Muir all which said Lands I have heretofore Deeded to him my said son Henry — Also all other Tracts or parts of Tracts which I now own lying and being on the west side of Transquakin River let them be called by whatever name or names they may except my lots & Houses in Cambridge, But I do hereby give and devise the Lands afsd. on Condition that my said son shall within one year after he arrives to lawful age execute a Deed Convey all his right & Title to the Lands which I have sold to Isaac Creighton his heirs or assigns for ever as will appear by the bond of conveyance given him by me and in case my said son shall not comply with this condition then and in this case I give and devise all the Lands afsd. so as afsd. devised to him to my Daughter Elizabeth Ann Hooper his heirs & assigns for ever I also give and Bequeath unto my said son Henry Hooper my book case Desk Watch and Gold sleeve buttons I give and devise to my Daughter Mary Hooper her heirs and assigns for ever a Tract of Land called Bever Dam range and part of a Tract of Land called addition to Fort neck which I purchased of William Ennalls also the House and lot of Land which I purchased of Francis Gist in the town of Cambridge all which said Lands I have heretofore Deeded to my said Daughter Mary also all the Lands and Tenements near Middletown which I purchased of William Whittington, William Tucker, Thomas Lockerman Junr. and the vacancy which I have taken up and added to the said Lands and also all the Lands which I purchased of David Shippy and wife but I do thereby give and devise the Lands afsd. to my said Daughter on condition that my said Daughter shall within one year after she arrives to Lawful age for that purpose convey by Deed all her right & Title to the Lands which I have sold to Isaac Creighton afsd. his heirs and assigns for ever as will appear by the Bond of Conveyance given him by me and in case my said Daughter shall not comply with this condition then and in this case I give and Devise all the Lands afsd. so as afsd. Devised to her to my said Daughter Elizabeth Ann Hooper her Heirs and assigns forever — I give and devise to my Daughter Elizabeth Ann Hooper her heirs and assigns for ever all the Lands & Tenements which were conveyed to me by Archibald Moncrieff and also all the Lands which I lately purchased of Lotty Rue I also give and Bequeath to her half a Dozen Silver Table Spoons and half a Dozen Silver Tea spoons I give and Bequeath to my loving wife Sarah Hooper my carriage and Horse called Bob, I Give and Bequeath after the payment of my Debts legacies and wifes thirds all the residue of my Estate to be equally divided among my three children Henry, Mary and Elizabeth Ann — And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my Dear Wife Sarah

Hooper to be Executrix and Arthur Whiteley Executor of this my last Will and Testament — In Testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and seal this twenty seventh day of March Anno Domini 1806 —

Signed sealed published and declared by Saml. Hooper as & for his last will & Testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto — Samuel Hooper (Seal)

Richard Pattison, Saml. Brown, John Mace

Dorchester county Set. On the 8th day of April Anno Domini 1806, Arthur Whiteley who delivered the Will in the Register of Wills office, Made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that the aforegoing Instrument of writing was deposited in his hands for safe keeping and that its the true and whole will and Testament of Samuel Hooper Late of Dorchester County deceased that have come to his hands of possession and that he doth not know of any other to the best of his knowledge.

Certified p. John Cropper Regr. W. D. C.

Dorchester County Set. On the 8th day of April Anno Domini 1806 Saml. Brown & Richard Pattison two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of Samuel Hooper Late of Dorchester County deceased — Came into Court and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they did see the Testator therein named Sign and seal this Will that they 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 apprehensions of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding and that they respectively Subscribed their names as witnesses to this will in the presence & at the request of the Testator & in the presence of John Mace the other Witness to this Will. —.

Certified p. John Cropper Regr. W. D. C.

Dorchester County Set. I the subscriber one of the appointed Executors in the last Will and Testament of Samuel Hooper Late of Dorchester County deceased do hereby refuse to act as Executor to said Will by virtue of such appointment and do therefore refuse to act & by these presents do renounce all my right Title and claim to said appointment accordingly —

Witness my hand this 21st day of April Anno Domini 1806

To the worshipful Justices of the orphans Court of Dorchester County or to the Register of Wills for the County aforesd. to be laid before the court — Arthur Whiteley

Dorchester County Set. On the 5th. day of May Anno Domini 1806 ordered by the Court to be recorded — Certified p. John Cropper Reg. W. D. C.

Maryland Dorchester County Set. I hereby certify that the aforegoing is truly Taken and Copied from the original Will In Testimony I hereto set my hand and affix the public seal of my office this thirty first day of May Anno

(Seal)

Domini Eighteen hundred and six. —

John Cropper Regr. Wills, Dorchester County

James Hodson's Last Will and Testament

In the name of God Amen. I James Hodson of Dorchester County being very sick and weak of body but of sound perfect sence and memory blessed be God for the same. I do make this my last will and Testament in manner and form following. revoaking and making null and void all former Wills heretofore by me made viz: Imprimis I give and bequeath my soul unto Almighty God who gave it me with a full assurance of pardon and Remission of all my sins through the merits and sufferings of my blessed Saviour Jesus Christ and my body to the earth to receive such decent and christian burial as to my herein appointed Executrix shall seem meet & for such worldly estate as it hath pleased to God to bless me withall. I give & bequeath as followeth viz: Item I give unto my son James Hodson, all my plantation that lyes near the head of Great Choptank, to him the said James Hodson his heirs and assigns forever Item I give unto my son, John Hodson one hundred and Seventy five acres of Land that lyes to the northwest side of the branch Called the long branch to him the said John Hodson his heirs and assigns forever Item I give unto my son Henry Hodson a parcel of Land called Wards Neglect to him the said Henry Hodson his heirs and assigns forever Item I give unto my dear and loving wife Ann Hodson fifty one acres of land part of a Tract of land called maidens Lott and all the land I hold by purchase adjoining to the aforesaid Tract and it is my will and desire that after my wifes decease that the said lands shall descend to my two sons John Hodson and Henry Hodson to be equally divided to them my said sons there heirs and assigns forever. Item I give unto Joseph Ennalls son of Thomas Ennalls Thanesgnating one third part of of two Tracts of land called Addition to fort neck and second Addition to fort neck to be laid off the most convenient to said Joseph Ennalls land to him said Joseph Ennalls his heirs & assigns for ever Item, I give unto Thomas Ennalls son of Thomas Ennalls, Thanesgnating one third part of two Tracts of land one called Addition to fort neck & second Addition to fort neck to him Sd. Thomas Ennalls his heirs and assigns forever Item, I give unto my two sons John Hodson and Henry the other third part of the aforesaid Tracts of land, Addition to fort neck to be equally divided between my two aforesaid sons John and Henry to them my said sons their heirs & assigns forever, Item, it is my will and desire that after Thomas Ennalls receives his part of the estate & my just debts are paid that the residue of my personal Estate should be divided between my children namely James, John Henry and Elizabeth Hodson to them and their heirs and forever: Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my dear and loving wife Ann Hodson, and Joseph Ennalls jun: my whole and sole Executors of this my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 12th day of June 1768 —

signed sealed & published in ⁝ James Hodson (Seal)
presence of Francis Hayward, James Giffen - Anne Hodson -
On [illegible]th of August Anno Domini 1768 Jos: Ennalls Junr. made Oath
on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that the aforegoing instrument of
writing is the true and only will & Testament of James Hodson, late of Dorchester Coun-
-ty decd. that hath come to his hands possession or Knowledge & that he does not know
Or ever heard of any other will made since by the Testator -

Certifd. pr. Jno Goldsborough, D.y Com. Dor/coty

On 13th. of August Anno Domini. 1768 Francis Hayward James Giffen &
Anne Hodson being duly & solemnly sworn. On the Holy Evangels of Almi-
-ghty God, deposed and said that the saw the Testator James Hodson, Sign the
aforegoing will & heard him Publish and declare the same to be his last will &
Testament. that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their Apprehensions of
Sound & disposing mind & memory & that they & that they subscribed their respective
names as witnesses to the said Will in the presence of the Testator & at his request

Certifd. pr. Jno: Goldsborought. D.y Com. Dor. Coty.

The aforegoing will is truly & faithfully copied from Liber I.G.No. folios 450 to 451.
one of the record books now remaining in the regr. of Wills office for Dorchester County

(Seal) There set my hand and the public seal of my of-
-fice affix this 15th. day of June, Anno Domini
1812 - Jno: Cropper Regr. W. D. C.

Lemuel Beckwith's Last Will and Testament

Exhibit A.

Extract from the Last will and testament of Lemuel
Beckwith late of Dorchester County, decd.

In the name of God, amen, I Lemuel Beckwith of Dorchester County
and State of Maryland being sick and weak in body, but of sound and dispos-
-ing mind memory and understanding and considering the uncertainty of this
life do make and ordain this my last will and testament, in manner and
form following, To wit -

Item - I give and bequeath unto my son William Beckwith my planta-
-tion whereon I now dwell, known by the name of Refuge neck and Ecclestons
Right containing Thirty nine acres, more or less, also all my right and title to a
tract or part of a tract called Partners Hope, also 11½ acres of Land called Conten-
-tion, agreeable to a deed from John Chilison and Wife and Sarah Ratcliff, to him
& his heirs forever - Item, I give and bequeath unto my son John Beckwith a
part of a tract of Land called Josephs right containing 59 acres, more or less, also
part of a tract of Land called Noels enclosure containing 47 acres, more or less, dur-
-ing his natural life, Then to his son William Beckwith, to him his heirs and assigns
forever -

Truly and correctly copied from Liber I.C.
No. 11. folio 142. one of the record books for Dorchester County in my

office containing Wills -

(Seal) In testimony whereof I have hereto set my name and seal
of my office affixed this 20th march 1850

Tho. H. Hicks Reg. W. D. C.

To All persons interested In the Will of Lemuel Beckwith, deceased.
Whereas as a copy or paper purporting to be a copy of the last will and testament of
Lemuel Beckwith, late of Dorchester County deceased, which was on file in the of-
-fice of the Register of Wills for said county has been laid before me but said copy
or paper purporting to be such is not authenticated by the seal of the said office. No-
-tice is hereby given to all persons interested that I shall proceed on Monday September
21st. Inst., at 9 o'clock A. M. at my office in Cambridge, to take proof touching the
genuiness of such copy, or paper purporting to be such, in order that the same if proved
to be a genuine copy may be recorded in the proper office and have full effect
and operation in law. - Geo. W. Jefferson Commissioner. Sept 5th. 1857 3T.

Exhibit B

I have been employed as a Clerk in the office of the Register of Wills for Dorch-
-ester County since the month of December in the year Eighteen hundred and
forty eight - The copy before me and herewith returned marked Exhibit A. purpo-
-rting to be an extract from the last will and testament of Lemuel Beckwith late of said
County deceased, is in my hand writing, and was copied by me from one of the Will Rec-
-ord books for said County in said office; the seal attached to the certificate of said copy
is an impression from the seal belonging to said office prior to the burning of the Court
House at which time it was lost and is now replaced by a new and different one -
I have no doubt but that the original will was duly admitted to probate, otherwise
it would not have been recorded as it certainly was - I think the original will
together with the record of the same was destroyed by the burning of the Court House
May 9th. 1852, as I have never seen or heard of them since that event -

Edward W. LeCompte

Sworn before Geo. W. Jefferson Commissioner Tuesday Novem-
-ber 10th 1857 - Geo. W. Jefferson Commissioner

To the Honorable the Judges of the Orphans Court.

William Beckwith ⁝ application to establish the last will and Testa-
-ment of Lemuel Beckwith Before Geo. W. Jefferson, Commissioner Septem-
-ber 5th. 1857 - 1857 monday Sept 21st. This being the day appointed to
take testimony touching the last will and testament of Lemuel Beckwith
no one attended General notice had been duly published in the "Cambridge
Herald" a newspaper published in Dorchester County as will appear by
the notice hereto annexed. The case was continued to Tuesday Novem-
-ber 10th. 1857. and on that day Edward W. LeCompte a witness of law-
-ful age produced on the part of the applicant being duly sworn by me
testified as will appear by the paper herewith returned marked exhibit B.
No further evidence being adduced before me the proceedings were thereupon

closed.- All which is respectfully submitted
Geo. W. Jefferson Commissioner

William Jackson's Last Will and testament

I William Jackson, of Dorchester County in the State of Maryland do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say in the first place

I give to my son Alexander J. Jackson the sum of one thousand and five hundred dollars to be paid him by my Executors hereafter to be named as also my portraits & paintings as ornaments of every kinds together with my family Bible and also my double glass Gold spectacles & case and also all my Books and Libary (save and except my medical books, and request of him, that my son Richard should have the use thereof as long as he may be in the neighbourhood of my said son Alexander and I further desire and in relation to the same that my son Alexander will in his life time or by his last will & testament give all of said books and Libary hereby given as above indicated to such one of his sons as he may believe from his Education and pursuits may and will most appreciate such a gift and it is further my wish and desire that the said Libary hereby bequeathed shall have no division but be kept together entire, and kept in my family as long as may be practicable and now I further give in charge to my said son Alexander my medical Libary containing only such books & works as pertain to the Medical profession to be by him kept until such time (if that shall occur) as some one of my Grandsons shall be educated and study the medical profession and then to be by him delivered up to and become the property of such an one of my Grand sons

Secondly- I hereby release and forever exonerate and discharge my sons William S. Jackson and Richard H. Jackson from all and every claim and demand which may be and is due me up to and at this the date of signing and executing this paper it being my last will & testament

Thirdly, I give and bequeath to my Grand daughter Henrietta M. Jackson daughter of my deceased son Benjamin D. Jackson my negro boy Henry Jenkins subject to such restrictions as may hereafter be made in relation to Henry also give to my said Grand daughter Henrietta a Beaureau one bedstead & furniture and all such other furniture as may now be with her or in her possession at her Grand mothers. Mrs Whites. also a marble top stand for a bible stand a large pictorial Bible a lot of miscellaneous books in which the name of her father or mother is written and a box of Jewelry containing among a gold watch, watch chain gold pencil several Lockets & several finger rings and further after all my just debts are paid the expences of settling my estate together with all the Legacies heretofore and hereafter provided for by this my will shall be taken out so as to show the nett ballance of estate then left I give and bequeath to my aforesaid grand daughter one fifteenth part or portion of the then shown and so ascertained nett residuum of my estate

Fourthly In the event of the death of my Grand daughter Henrietta M. Jackson unmarried and before she attains and arrives at the age of eighteen years it is my will and desire and I do hereby give and bequeath all of the property which I have heretofore given in the third clause or item of this my will to my said (grand daughter) to those persons to whome I shall and may hereinafter give the rest and residue of my estate excepting however from this bequest of said property the Gold watch, watch chain, pencil and (which and I hold watch, watch chain, pencil and marriage finger ring) marriage finger ring so excepted, I give to Mrs White the Grandmother of

my said Grand daughter, in the event as aforementioned that my said Grand daughter shall die unmarried and before she attains to the age of eighteen years-

Fifthly. I give to my Grand son William W. Jackson son of William S. Jackson my Gold watch

Sixth. I give to my Grandson William M. Jackson son of Alexander J. Jackson my Gold sleeve buttons

Seventhly- I give to Thomas W. Anderson in Trust the sum of Two Hundred Dollars to be put out at interest and the interest thereof to be for the use and benefit of my faithful boy Henry Jenkins to whome I feel under great obligation for his constant and untiring devotion to me as nurse and Waiter during my long and severe affliction the Interest of said two hundred Dollars so in trust as aforesaid to be paid by my friend Thomas W. Anderson in small sums and at such times as needed by my said trusty boy Henry to supply him with little necessaries the use or interest of said two hundred Dollars to be paid to Henry as long as he may live and after his said Henrys death I will and bequeath the said principal or sum of two Hundred Dollars to my Grand daughter Henrietta M. Jackson daughter of my son Benjamin D. Jackson and it is further my will and wish that my friend Thomas W. Anderson shall have the management and controll of my said faithful servant Henry Jenkins hire him out and the proceeds of hire go to the use and benefit of my Grand daughter to whom he is before and that Henry shall not be hired by him or any one else to work and labour in the crops on a farm with other negroes but be hired to do House work Garden or light work drive carriages &c He being not only skilled in such things but exceeding trusty honest and veracious

Eighth. after the payment of all my debts and taking out the expences of administration and all the Legacies provided and set apart so as to ascertain the nett ballance of estate after such taking out legacies expences &c then I give and bequeath to my Daughter Margaret H. J. Hooper one entire tenth part of such entire ballance so ascertained

ninth- I give devise and bequeath all the rest and residue of Estate real personal and mixed to my three sons Alexander J. William S. and Richard H. Jackson to them their heirs and assigns for ever to be equally divided between them share and share and share alike

Tenth- It is my will and desire and I hereby direct and empower my Executors hereinafter named to sell and dispose of all my real Estate at public sale and on such terms as they in their discretion may think most conducive to the interest of all those interested therein

Eleventh- I do hereby constitute and appoint my son William S. Jackson and my friend Thomas B. Sherman Whole and sole Executors of this my last & testament

In testimony whereof I William Jackson the above named testator have set my hand and affixed my seal this twenty this twenty fourth day of June Eighteen hundred and twenty seven

signed sealed published and declared by the within William Jackson the Testator as and for his last will & testament in the presence of us who at his request have

Wm Jackson (Seal)

attested the same and subscribed our names as witnesses thereto in his presence and in the presence of each other

J. W. Robinson Tho. H. Hicks James K. Lewis

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit:

On the 14th. day of December Anno Domini 1857 came William S. Jackson one of the within named Executors, and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that this paper or instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Dr. William Jackson late of Dorchester County deceased, was deposited in his hands for safe Keeping by said Testator and that to the best of his Knowledge it is the true and whole last will and testament of said deceased, and that he knows of no other of a younger date — Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C.

State of Maryland Dorchester County to wit:

On the 14th. day of December Anno Domini 1857 came Thomas H. Hicks. James K. Lewis and Isaac W. Robinson the subscribing witnesses to the aforegoing last will and testament of Dr William Jackson late of Dorchester County deceased and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that they did see said Testator sign and seal this will; that they 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 apprehensions of a sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding and that they respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other —

Certified by Levin L. Keenes Reg. Wills. D. C.

James Dixon's Last will and Testament

Know all men by these presents that I James Dixon of Dorchester County and State of Maryland being of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding, Contemplating the uncertainty of life and wishing to arrange, and dispose of my Wordly affairs before I depart hence and be no more in this world do make ordain and Establish this instrument as and for my last will and testament to wit: I give and devise all my real estate of whatsoever nature it may be or by whatsoever name or names it may be called or wheresoever it may be situated (except my interest in the Lands on or about Goose Creek purchased by me of Mrs Susan Eccleston) unto my Executors herein after named in trust to sell convey divide and dispose of the proceeds of Sales as herein after provided. I direct them as soon after my death as may be convenient, to sell to the highest & best bidder all and real Estate Except the part above excepted on such terms as they may deem for the best interest of my legatees and I hereby empower them to convey to the purchaser or purchasers thereof, the said real estate or any portion thereof in fee simple on the payment of the purchase money therefor

Item. I give and devise unto my son Robert W. K. Dixon the sum of four thousand dollars and I direct my said Executors to pay my said son Robert the said amount in bonds or other obligations that may be taken by them on the sales of, and from the purchasers of said real Estate

Item. I give and devise unto my son Richard H. Dixon the sum of two thousand dollars to be

paid likewise in bonds or other paper taken for the purchase money of said real estate

Item. I give unto my son Robert W. K. Dixon the following negroes to wit: Levin Charlott and her children Joe Simpson Cornelia Lloyd Aliam and Mary,

Item. I give unto my son Richard H. Dixon the following negroes to wit: Isaac, George, Joe Cornish, Henry & Marshall

Item. I give and devise unto my dear wife Anna Maria Dixon the following negroes to wit: Green, Charles, Jacob, Thomas Ridout, Liah Eliza Cornish and all the other children of Eliz not heretofore devised also Easter & her son Solomon

Item. I give unto my faithful servant man Jasper Cornish his freedom immediately, and the sum of one hundred dollars in cash and I direct my executors to pay him that sum as a testimonial from me for his fidelity and uprightness while in my service

Item. I give and devise unto my son Richard H. Dixon all my interest in the Goose Creek Lands which I purchased of Mrs Susan Eccleston and above excepted from the sale by my Executors, to him & his heirs forever. I likewise give unto my son Richard my family carriage & harness.

Item. I give unto my dear wife all the parlour furniture that is now in the front Room. I likewise give unto my dear wife Anna Maria Dixon one hundred & sixty Shares of the Stock of the Easton Bank of Maryland Valued at the sum of four thousand dollars

Item. I give and devise unto my friend James Wallace of Cambridge as a testimonial of my regard for him My Niles Register Embracing the whole series of volumes from the begining to the close and I desire him to keep this great National work, in remembrance of the strong friendship that existed between us.

Item. I direct my Executors to sell & dispose of all the residue of my personal Estate and dispose of the same in a due course of administration by paying my funeral Expences debts that may be due & owing by me Expences of settling my estate & executors the trust hereby reposed in them & other charges, and after all Expences of Administration debts due by & from me are paid and other charges of Executors the trust hereby committed to them be paid off and discharged, I direct my said executors to pay over the residue to my Dear Wife Anna Maria Dixon all the remainder of my Estate of what ever kind it may be remaining in the hands of my executors after the payments of my debts, Legacies above provided for & expences of Administration and I direct them to hand or pay the same over to her on closing the estate

Lastly. I do constitute and appoint my friend James Wallace of Cambridge, and my Dear son Richard H. Dixon as the Executors of this my last will & testament.

Signed sealed published and declared by James Dixon the above testator as and for his last will and testament, in our presence who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of Each other, have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

Jas. Dixon (Seal)

Thos W. Anderson
Levin S. Dail
Saml. L. Byrn

State of Maryland Dorchester County to wit:

On the 12th day of December Anno Domini 1857 cames James Wallace one of the above named Executors and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that this paper or instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of James Dixon late of Dorchester County deceased, was handed to him since the death of said Testator by Mrs Ann Maria Dixon, his widow, to deposite in the Registers, office, and that to the best of his knowledge, it is the true and whole last will and Testament of said deceased, and that he knows of no other of a younger date —

Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C.

State of Maryland Dorchester County to wit:

On the 15th. day of December Anno Domini 1857 came Thomas W. Anderson Levin S. Dail and Samuel L. Bym, the three subscribing witnesses to the within and aforgoing last will and testament of James Dixon late of Dorchester County, deceased and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God, that they did see said Testator sign and seal this will; that they 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 apprehensions of a sound and disposing mind memory and understanding: and that they respectively subscribed their names as witnesses to this will in the presence, and at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other —

Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C.

Amos Bowdle's Last Will and Testament

In the name of God Amen. I Amos Bowdle in the County of Dorchester and state of Maryland considering the uncertainty of this life. and being of sound mind and memory do make declare and publish this my last will and testament. I give and bequeath to my two children Mary C. Bowdle and William I. Bowdle one thousand dollars each.

I give and bequeath to my wife Priscilla Bowdle my two men David Hill and George Dixon to serve her untill December 31st 1866 and then be free also I give and bequeath to my wife Priscilla all the ballalance of my personal property after paying out of the same all my debts and the two legacies ~~above~~ named.

I give and devise to my two servants David Hill and George Dixon (if they be my servants at ~~my death and~~ not otherwise) a House and Garden each from the day they are free as long as they live, provided they will live in them and keep them in good repair and be sober industrious and peaceable and not otherwise George to have the House and garden in the village Church Creek next above the coloured peoples Church and David to have the second House and garden above said Church and next above George's

I give and bequeath to my wife Priscilla all the income which may arise from

the Rents of my real estate as long as she remains unmarried and my widow but on her decease or marriage and my two children be aliveing (subject to my wifs dower in the event of her marrying

I give and devise to my daughter Mary C. Bowdle my Farm and appurtinances, situated on fishing Creek which I bought of the heirs of Dr Thomas Woolford.

I give and devise to my son William I. Bowdle all the rest of my real estate including the two Houses and gardens (after their death or not complying with the condishions of said gift) which I gave to my two men David and George.

Item. should either of my two children die without child or children lawful begotten of their bodys liveing at the time of his or her death it is my will that the one liveing shall have the deceased ones part of said real estate

Item. should both of my children die without child or children lawful begotten of their bodys and living at the time of his or her death. and my wife Priscilla be aliving though she be marryed. in such case it is my will and desire that she shall have all of my real estate to her own propper use and disposal for ever.

Item. I do hereby nominate and appoint my wife Priscilla Bowdle to be Executrix of this my last will and testament and I do hereby revoke and make void all former wills by me at any time heretifore made and do declare these presents to be and contain my last will and testament in witness whereof I have set my hand and seal this twelfth day of January Eighteen hundred and fifty seven — Amos Bowdle (Seal)

Signed sealed published and declared by the Testator Amos Bowdle as his last will and testament in the presence of us who in his presence at his request and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses hereto

Joshua B. Richardson
Jas. Fooks
Hugh Maguire

State of Maryland Dorchester County, to wit:

On the 21st. day of December A. D. 1857 came Joshua B. Richardson and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God, that this paper or instrument of writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of Amos Bowdle late of Dorchester County deceased was handed to him since the death of said Testator by Mrs Priscilla Bowdle his widow, to deposite in the Registers office and that to the best of his knowledge it is the true and whole last will and testament of said deceased, and that he knows of no other of a younger date —

Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C.

State of Maryland Dorchester County to wit:

On the 21st. day of December Anno Domini 1857 came Joshua B. Richardson James Fooks and Hugh Maguire the subscribing witnesses to the aforegoing last will and testament of Amos Bowdle late of Dorchester County deceased and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that they did see said Testator sign and seal said will: —

that they 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 apprehensions of a sound and disposing mind memory and understanding and that they respectively subscribed their names as witnesses to said Will in the presence and at the request of the Testator, and in the presence of each other —

Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C.

Thomas B. Smith's Last Will and Testament

In the name of God Amen. I Thomas B. Smith of Dorchester County in the state of Maryland being in feeble health of body but of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding but 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 as and for 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 debts and funeral charges are paid I devise and bequeath as follows

I give and bequeath unto Solomon R. Darby the sum of one hundred dollars and no more in case my son George Cannon Smith, hereinafter named should die destitute of any legal heir. I give and bequeath unto Arrena Smith, said to be my daughter the sum of one dollar and no more of my estate and if my wife Rachel W. Smith should have any more children born of her either before or after my decease it is my wish and desire for them to have no part of my Estate or at most not exceeding One dollar each,

I give and bequeath unto my wife Rachel W. Smith the sum of one dollar and no more of my estate the said dollar so willed and devised to my wife Rachel W. Smith with the hope and intention of annulling and destroying her thirds in and of my Estate

I give and bequeath unto my son George C. Smith all the rest and residue of my Estate both real and personal and to his heirs for ever, but in case my son George C. Smith should die without legal heirs it is my will and desire that John N. Wright be the only sole heir to my estate to be disposed of as he please and lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint John N. Wright to be Executor of this my last will and testament. Revoking and annulling all former wills by me heretofore made. Ratifying and confirming and none other to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this twenty ninth day of October in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred and fifty seven.

Witness
Jesse W. Reid
Charles T. Smoot
Mace M. Mezick

Thomas B. Smith (seal)

State of Maryland Dorchester County to wit:

On the 21st. day of December Anno Domini 1857 came John N. Wright the within named Executor and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that this paper or instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Thomas B. Smith late of Dorchester County deceased was deposited in his hands by said Testator for safe keeping and that to the best of his knowledge it is the true and whole last will and testament of said deceased and that he knows of no other of a younger date —

Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg W. D. C.

State of Maryland Dorchester County to wit:

On the 21st. day of December Anno Domini 1857 came Charles T. Smoot and Mace M. Mezick two of the subscribing witnesses to the aforegoing last will and testament of Thomas B. Smith late of Dorchester County deceased and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that they did see said Testator sign and seal said will: that they 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 apprehensions of a sound and disposing mind memory and understanding and that they respectively subscribed their names as witnesses to this will together with Jesse W. Reid the other subscribing witness in the presence and at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other —

Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg W. D. C.

Elsey Tull's Last Will and Testament

In the name of God amen I Elsey Tull of Dorchester County In the state of Maryland Being in perfect health of body and 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 forme 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 Hereafter named and after my debts & funeral charges are paid I devise and Bequeath as follows — Item I give & Devise unto John W. Tull my plantation whereon I now dwell Called by the name of Betteys delight or Whatever the same may Be Called containing Four Hundred and forty Years more or less the same Land Being and Lying in the N. W. Fork district Dorchester County With refference to a deed from Daniel Cannon & others in fee Simple Item I bequeath to James A. Tull fifty dollars Current money To paid Whenever James A. Tull Shall arrive to the age of twenty one years To be paid by Executor hereafter named Item give & bequeath unto my son Edward W. Tull the sum of one dollar and no more of my estate and the Ballance of real and personal Estate to be Equelley devided Between my Two daughters namely Ann T. Tull & Sarah E. Tull Sheare and Sheare alike and Lastly I do appoint John W. Tull hole and Sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament

in Testimony whereof I do affixe my hand and Seal this 31 day of August 1857

Signe Sealed & published By me Elsey Tull and at his Request and in the presents of each other do signe our names as witnesseth To the Same

Elsey Tull (Seal)

Daniel Cannon
Isaac W. Lowe
Thomas Gray

State of Maryland Dorchester County to wit:
On the 28th. day of December A.D. 1857 came Daniel Cannon and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that this paper or instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Elsey Tull late of Dorchester County deceased, was deposited in his hands for safe keeping by said Testator and that to the best of his knowledge, it is the true and whole last will and testament of said deceased and that he knows of no other of a younger date

Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C.

State of Maryland Dorchester County to wit: —
On the 28th day of December A.D. 1857 came Daniel Cannon Isaac W. Lowe and Thomas Gray the three subscribing witnesses to the aforegoing last will and Testament of Elsey Tull late of Dorchester County deceased, and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God, that they did see said Testator sign and seal said will; that they 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 apprehensions of a sound and disposing mind memory and understanding and that they respectively subscribed their names as witnesses to this will in the presence and at the request of the testator and in the presence of each other —

Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C.

Dulcena Scott's Last Will and Testament

In the name of God Amen I Dulcena Scott of Dorchester County in the state of Maryland being in health of body and of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding ~~and~~ considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof and being desirous to settle my woldly affairs and thereby be the 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 devise unto Ezekiel Johnson All my stock that I may have at the time of my death and all my house hold furniture, Except the feather Beds, one negro boy

Francis he shall arive at the age of Twenty one years one boy James till twenty one years of age one negro man William Jerome and one negro woman Rachel Catharine to serve till their term of service shall expire as per Manumission deeds,

Item. I give and devise unto William Todd of Jas one negro boy Samuel till twenty one years of age one boy Henry Clay and one Girl Sewegar Jane

Item. I give and devise, unto Dulcenar Johnson wife of Ezekiel Johnson one negro Girl Malissa and one boy called Barbado, the male to be free at twenty one and the girl at sixteen years of age — Item. I give and devise unto Elizabeth Todd wife of William Todd one negro boy Wesley and one Girl Senora the male to be free at twenty one years of age and the Girl at sixteen years of age — Item, I will and desire that my negro woman Maria Jane Willing and her son John shall be free at my death,

And Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint George Hart to be sole Executor 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 unto set my hand and affixed my ~~seal~~ seal this 10th. day of May 1856

Signed Sealed published and declared by Dulcena Scott the above named testator 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

Dulcena Scott (Seal)

Jet George B. Hart
William R. Mills
Gilbert Wingate

State of Maryland Dorchester County to wit:
On the 30th. day of January A.D. 1858 came George B. Hart one of the subscribing witnesses to the aforegoing paper and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that this paper or instrument of writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of Dulcena Scott late of Dorchester County, deceased, was handed to him by George Hart the within named Executor since the death of said Testatrix to deposite in the Registers office and that to the best of his knowledge it is the true and whole last will and testament of said deceased, and that he knows of no other of a younger date — And the said George B. Hart did further make oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that he did see said Testatrix sign and seal this will that he 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 his apprehensions of a sound and disposing mind memory and understanding and that he together with William R. Mills and Gilbert Wingate the other subscribing witnesses to this will respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of said Testatrix and in the presence of each other.

Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C.

Aaron North's Last Will and Testament

In the name of God Amen I Aaron North of Dorchester County state of Maryland do make this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows.

Item 1. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Elizabeth North all my real and personal Estate during her widow hood to better enable her to Raise the children and if she should marry again she shall still be entitled to her Dower or one third part of my estate.

I.T.2. I give and bequeath unto my children John Marget Ellen Edmond and James North at the decease of my wife Elizabeth all my estate Equally devided among them Except each part other aries bequeathed to them their Heirs and assigns for ever

I.T.3. I give and bequeath my gun to my son John North to him his heirs or assigns for ever.

I.T.4. I give and bequeath unto my son Edman North my silver watch to him his heirs and assigns for ever.

I.T.5. It is my will and desire that my negroes shall be free as follows. Susan nine years old to be free at thirty one. Henry four years old to be free at thirty one. Alphard 7 mouths old to be free at thirty one.

Lastly I do appoint Samuel Corner to be my sole Executor of this my last will and Testament revoking all other wills by me ~~me~~ made acknowledging this to be my last will and testament by me made.

In testimony whereof I have set my hand and affixed my seal this 3rd. day of March in the year of our Lord A. D. 1831.

Signed and sealed in the presence of each other and at the request of the Testator who declared this to be his last will and Testament.

Aaron his + mark North (Seal)

Nehemiah Beckwith
James N. Wright
Wm. his + mark Marshall

Dorchester County Set. On the 22nd day of May 1837. Then came William S Ford and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that the aforegoing will or instrument of writing was deposited in his hands for safe Keeping by the testator therein named and that it is the true and whole last will and testament of Aaron North late of Dorchester County deceased and that he doth not know of any other of a younger date to best of his knowledge.

Certified by Wm. W. Eccleston Reg. W. D. C.

Dorchester County Set. On the 6th day of June anno Domini 1837 then came Nehemiah Beckwith and William Marshall two of the subscribing witnesses to the within and aforegoing last will and testament of Aaron North late of Dorchester County deceased & made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that they did see the testator therein named sign and seal this will that they heard him publish pronounce & 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 a sound and disposing mind memory and understanding and that they together with James N. Wright the other subscribing witness to the within will respectively subscribed their names as witnesses to this will in the presence and at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other

Certified by Wm. W. Eccleston Reg. W. D. C.

In testimony that the within is truly and faithfully copied from the original filed and recorded in the Registers office for Dorchester County

(Seal)

I have hereunto set my name and the seal of my office affixed this 26th day of September 1837.

Certified by Wm. W. Eccleston Reg. W. D. C.

Aaron Saunder's Last will and Testament

In the name of God amen. I Aaron Saunders of Dorchester County in the state of Maryland, being in feeble health of 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 after my debts and funeral charges are paid

I devise and bequeath unto my wife Margaret Sanders all of my real estate which consists of the house and lott where I now live and likewise all of my personal estate during her natural life only And after her decease to go to my son Robert Sanders and his heirs forever, In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 7th. day of December in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty seven

Aaron his + mark Sanders (Seal)

Signed sealed published and declared by Aaron Sanders the above testator as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto

Benj F. Byus
Levin Phillips
Thomas W. Byus

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit:

On the 23d. day of February Anno Domini 1858 came Thomas W. Byus and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that this paper or instrument of writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of Aaron Sanders late of Dorchester County, deceased, was deposited in his hands for safe Keeping by said Testator before his death, and that, to the best of his knowledge, it is the true & whole last will and testament of said deceased, and that he knows of no other of a younger date -

Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C.

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit:

On the 23d. day of February Anno Domini 1858 came Thomas W. Byus, one of the subscribing witnesses to the aforegoing last will and testament of Aaron Sanders late of Dorchester County, deceased, and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that he did see said Testator sign

and seal said will; that he heard him publish, pronounce, and declare the same to be his last will and Testament; that at the time of his sodoing he was, to the best of witnesses apprehension, of a sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding; and that he, together with Benjamin F. Byus and Levin Phillips the other subscribing witnesses to said will, respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence, and at the request of the Testator, and in the presence of each other.

Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C.

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit:

On the 15th. day of March Anno Domini 1858 came Benjamin F. Byus and Levin Phillips, two of the subscribing witnesses to the aforegoing last will and testament of Aaron Saunders late of Dorchester County, deceased, and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that they did see said Testator sign and seal said will; that they heard him publish, pronounce, and declare the same to be his last will and testament; that at the time of his sodoing he was, to the best of their apprehensions, of a sound and disposing mind, memory, and understanding; and that they together with Thomas W. Byus the other subscribing witness to said will, respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence, and at the request of the Testator, and in the presence of each other —

Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C.

John Corkran's Last will and Testament

In the name of God Amen. I John Corkran of Dorchester County in the state of Maryland being sick and 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 friends.

Item. I give and bequeath to my wife Nancy Corkran all my land during her natural life or widow hood

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Rachel B. Corkran one negro Girl Jane

Item. I give and bequeath all the residue of my estate (after the payment of my just debts) to be equally divided between the following persons my wife Nancy Corkran my son John B. Corkran Owen S. Corkran and my daughter Rachel B. Corkran in equal portions share and share alike 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

this twentieth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty six

Signed sealed published and declared by John Corkran the above named Testator as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as Witnesses thereto

Jno. Corkran (seal)

Peter Corkran
Algernon his x mark Corkran
James Carroll

Dorchester County set. On the 19th day of December 1836 Then came James Carroll and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that the aforegoing will or instrument of writing was deposited in his hands for safe keeping and that it is the true and whole last will and testament of John Corkran late of Dorchester County deceased that hath come to his hands or possession and he doth not know of any other of a younger date to the best of his knowledge

Certified by William W. Eccleston Reg. W. D. C.

Dorchester County set. On the 19th. day of December Anno Domini 1836 Then came James Carroll. and Algernon Corkran two of the subscribing witnesses to the within and aforegoing last will and testament of John Corkran late of Dorchester County deceased and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that they did see the Testator therein named sign and seal this will that they heard him publish pronounce and declare the same to be his last will and testament that at the time of his sodoing he was to the best of their apprehensions of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding and that they (together with Peter Corkran) respectively subscribed their names as witnesses to this will in the presence and at the request of the testator and in the presence of each other

Certified by William W. Eccleston Reg. W. D. C.

State of Maryland Dorchester County set

In testimony that the within & aforegoing will is truely and correctly copied from the original remaining in the Register of Wills office for Dorchester County

(Seal) I have hereto set my name & seal of my office affixed this 15th. October 1838. Tho H. Hicks Regr. W. D. C.

Nancy Corkran's Last Will and Testament

In the name of God Amen. I Nancy Corkran of Dorchester County in the state of Maryland Being in health of body and of sound and of disposing mind memory and understanding considering the certainty of Death and the uncertainty of the time thereof and being desirious 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 the 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 unto William Jackson Corkran son of Emely Corkran four hundred dollars to be paid him out of my part of the money arising from the sale of my Brother Robert lands it is further my desire that if he the said Wm. J. Corkran should die (childless) without heirs that my son John B. Corkran have the above named four hundred dollars

Item It is my will and desire that my negro woman Jane Woolford go free at my death and have ten dollars paid he out of my estate

Item I give and bequeath unto my Grand Children Rachel J. George, Sally A. John R. Franklin P. Joseph B. & Seven Corkrans One hundred and Twenty five dollars to be equally divided among them in equal proportions share and shares alike

Item I give and bequeath unto my son John B. Corkran all rest and residue of my Estate and lastly I hereby constitute and appoint my son John B. Corkran to be sole Executor of this my last will and testament

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this eighth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eighthundred and fifty seven

Signed sealed published and declared by Nancy Corkran the within or foregoing named testator 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 hath subscribed our names as witnesses thereto

Nancy Corkran (Seal)

Stephen Andrews
William Fisk

State of Maryland Dorchester County S.S.

On the 15th. day of March Anno Domini 1858 came Stephen Andrews and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that this paper or instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Nancy Corkran late of Dorchester County deceased was deposited in his hands for safe keeping by said testatrix and that to the best of his knowledge it is the true and whole last will and testament of said deceased and that he knows of no other of a younger date –

Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C.

State of Maryland Dorchester County to wit:

On the 15th day of March Anno Domini 1858 came Stephen Andrews and William Fisk the subscribing witnesses to the aforegoing last Will and testament of Nancy Corkran late of Dorchester County deceased and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that they did see said Testatrix sign and seal said will that they 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 apprehensons of a sound and disposing mind memory and understanding and that they

respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of the testatrix and in the presence of each other –

Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C.

Mary Lecompt's Last Will and testament

In the name of God Amen I Mary Lecompte of Dorchester County in the state of Maryland being my usual state of health and of sound disposing mind memory and understanding knowing that I have to die being certain of the fact but not of the time desire to arrange my worldly affairs and do therefore make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following

1st I give and bequeath unto my daughter Eliza ann Wrighton my negro girl Affa ann to serve her untill the said Affa ann shall be thirty years old and Affa ann then to be free. I also give to my said daughter Eliza ann one bed & bedstead two pairs of sheets – one new counterpane blue and red. & one bed quilt & one english & one country made blanket one cupboard and all of its contents I also give to my daughter Eliza ann my four wheel carriage & Harness and buffaloe robe and my mare Fly

my 2nd I give and bequeath to my Grand daughter Anna. daughter of Eliza ann Wrighton one half dozen silver tea spoons. and two pictures Polk & Dallas one blue candle stand. one walnut work stand. one best spinning wheel. one cane bottom rocking chair & one white counterpane.

3. having omitted it above in 1st. Item I now give and bequeath to my daughter Eliza Ann Wrighton in addition to all my table cloths & towels and carpets and also the sum of Five hundred dollars in money to be paid her by my executor hereinafter to be appointed and the same to be a lien upon my land untill it shall be paid and I now fully charge my land with the payment of the said Five hundred Dollars so left my said daughter

4th. I give and bequeath to my faithful servant woman Leah her freedom to commence immediately after my death. I also give to Leah the sum of Fifty Dollars which said sum of fifty Dollars which said sum of fifty Dollars is to be received by son Solomon Lecompte for use & benefit and to be by him paid out to her in such sum or sums and at such time or times as he may deem proper ~~& prudent~~ for her use and benefit and for my said son Solomon to see to her and so to attend to her that she shall not want or suffer for necessaries

5th. I give & bequeath unto my son Thomas I. Lecompte the sum of Five hundred Dollars in cash to be paid out of my estate or to be a lien upon my lands as hereafter provided by son Stephen B. Lecompte. and also to my son Thomas negro boy Charles to serve to the age of thirty five years and then said Charles to be free also one bed bedstead & furniture

6th. I give and bequeath to my son Solomon I. Lecompte the sum of Five Hundred Dollars in money to be paid him by my son Stephen B. Lecompte as hereafter provided and do make the same a lien upon my Lands untill paid also to my said son Solomon my negro boy Daniel to serve him until Daniel shall attain to the age of thirty

five years and then Daniel to be free also to my said son Solomon my cart & oxen one yoke of them. with their yoke & and one bed bedstead & furniture

7th I give devise & bequeath to my son Stephen B. Lecompte my plantation on which I now reside together with all the stock of every kind & character crops, farming utensils and every thing real personal & mixed, except that which has heretofore been given away and provided for by former items of this my last will and testament and order charge and direct him to pay to my daughter Eliza Ann and to my sons Tho J. & Solomon each the sum of Five Hundred Dollars in money and I do hereby charge upon and make the lands left & devised to him accountable and hold it bound for the said several sums of money as above designated and give him two years from the date of my death to pay said several sums of money to my other children intending to make the land given to him security for said pecuniary legacies and I further will and direct that he my said son Stephen B. Lecompte shall pay within six months from my death unto my niece, Mary Jane Windows the sum of Twenty five Dollars, I also give to my son Stephen B. Lecompte my negro child Mary Ellen to serve him untill she shall be thirty years of age and then to be free and that no misunderstanding may take place as to the residue of my property above designated. I hereby leave my said negro Mary Ellen her freedom after she shall serve my son Stephen B. until she is thirty years old. and Lastly. I hereby constitute and appoint my son Solomon S. Lecompte to be the whole & sole Executor of this my last will & testament. revoking and annulling all former wills by me made ratifying and confirming this and none other to be my last will & testament. In witness whereof. I hereto set my hand and affix my seal this thirteenth day of June Eighteen hundred Hundred and fifty seven

signed sealed and published and declared by Mary Lecompte the within named testatrix as and for her last will and testament in the presence of us who subscribe our names as witnesses to the same in her presence and at her request and in the presence of each other

Mary her X mark Lecompte (Seal)

Jno. H. Willoughby
E. W. Lecompte
Tho H. Hicks

Maryland Dorchester County S.S.

On the 22nd day of March Anno Domini 1858 came Hon. Thomas H. Hicks and made oath on the Evangely of Almighty God that this paper or instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Mary Lecompte late of Dorchester County, deceased, was deposited in his hands for safe keeping by said testatrix, and that to the best of his knowledge it is the true and whole last will and testament of said deceased, and that he knows of no other of a younger date

Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C.

Maryland Dorchester County to wit:

On the 22nd day of March Anno Domini 1858 came John H. Willoughby Edward W. Lecompte and Hon. Thomas H. Hicks the subscribing witnesses to the aforegoing last will and testament of Mary Lecompte late of Dorchester

County deceased and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God. that they did see said testatrix sign and seal said will that they heard him 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 a sound and disposing mind memory and understanding and that they respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of the testatrix and in the presence of each other

Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C.

Mary Jones's Last will and Testament

In the name of God Amen. I Mary Jones of Dorchester County being in tolerable health of body but far advanced in life and nearing the tomb by nature and strict prepared spiritually for the change having a firm reliance upon the blood of atonement & a good hope of eternal life thanks be to God I deem it prudent to arrange my temporal affairs

Therefore I give and bequeath unto my dear daughters, Sally Jones & Anne Hurst and my dear deceased's daughter Margaret Irons three children William Richard Samuel James and John Jones Hurst all my personal Estate let it consist in what it may in three equal distributive shares, the grand children taking their mothers share

I appoint my dear son Levin Jones Executor of this my last will and testament In testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and seal this 20th June 1855

Signed sealed published pronounced & declared by Mary Jones as her last will & testament in our presence who at her request and in her presence have subscribed the same as witnesses

Mary Jones (Seal)

Mary Rea Wm Rea

State of Maryland. Dorchester County. to wit:

On the 1st day of February Anno Domini 1858 came Levin Jones the within named Executor and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that this paper or instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Mary Jones late of Dorchester County deceased was deposited in his hands for safe keeping by said Testatrix and that to the best of his knowledge it is the true and whole last will and testament of said deceased and that he knows of no other of a younger date —

Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C.

State of Maryland Dorchester County. to wit:

On the 22nd. day of March Anno Domini 1858 came Wm Rea and Mary Rea the subscribing witnesses to the aforegoing last will and testament of Mary Jones late of Dorchester County, deceased and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that they did see said 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 a sound and disposing mind memory and understanding and that they respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence and at the

request of the Testatrix and in the presence of each other

Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C.

Penenna Hurley's Last will and Testament

In the name of God Amen I Penenna Hurley of Dorchester County in the State of Maryland being sick and weak in body but of sound mind 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 executor herein after named and after my debts and funeral charges are paid I devise and bequeath as follows

Item. I give and devise unto my daughter Ann the wife of Joseph Hurley Cn one dollar to be paid by my executor and no more of my estate

Item. I give and devise unto Biard Horsman my Grand son a tract of Land that I bought of Thomas H. Ruark called luck at last containing forty three acres more or less to him the said Biard Horsman and if the said biard should die intestate I give the said Land called luck at last unto William W. Horsman and if the said William W. Horsman should die also intestate then I give the said luck at last unto Hester Jane Thomas for ever

Item. I devise and bequeath all the rest and residue of my estate personal to be equally divided among the different heirs There in after mention first is to say Hester Jane Thomas. Biard Horsman. William W. Horsman by paying Cleanenda Hurley the daughter of Joseph Hurley and Ann his wife the sum of forty dollars when she the said Cleanenda shall arrive at the age of eighteen years of age To be paid by my executor and if the said Cleanenda should die before that time then to go to the remaining heirs Therein have mentioned and if any of the above in return heirs should die I give the same to the surviving heirs I have heretofore mentioned except Cleanenda she is to have nomore of my estate than I here in mentioned — and lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint Cain Hurley to be sole executor of this my last will and testament revoking and annulling all former wills by me heretofore made ratified and confirm 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 twenty first day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand and eight hundred and fifty

Penenna her X mark Hurley (Seal)

Signed sealed published and declared by Penenna mark Hurley testator the above named testator as and for this last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto

Cain Hurley
John Hughes
Ennalls his X mark Horsman

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit:

On the 29th day of March Anno Domini 1858 came Cain Hurley the aforenamed Executor and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that this paper or instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Penenna Hurley late of Dorchester County deceased was deposited in his hands for safe keeping by said Testatrix and that to the best of his knowledge it is the true and whole last will and testament of said deceased and that he knows of no other of a younger date —

Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C.

State of Maryland Dorchester County to wit:

On the 29th. day of March Anno Domini 1858 came John Hughes one of the subscribing Witnesses to the within and aforegoing last will and testament of Penenna Hurley late of Dorchester County, deceased and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God, that he did see said testatrix sign and seal this will that he 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 his apprehensions of a sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding and that he together with Cain Hurley and Ennalls Horsman (Who is since deceased), the other subscribing witnesses to said will respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of the Testatrix and in the presence of each other —

Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C.

Exd.

William Bramble's Last Will and Testament

In the name of God Amen, I William Bramble of Dorchester and State of Maryland being weak of body but sound mind and memory thanks be to Almighty God for it. do make and ordain the following Instrument of writing to be my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit: Item. I give and devise to my Grand son William D. Bramble all my Land that lyeth to the North west ward from a marked pine where a gate formerly stood on the County road running from said pine across my farm with a ditch and Row of Cherry trees and from the end of said ditch the same Course till it intersects the Lands that belongs to the Heirs of William Lane to him the said William D. Bramble & his heirs Except the right There give to my wife Mary Bramble and my Grand sons mother Rachel Bramble viz:

I give to my wife Mary Bramble during her natural life the following described part of the aforesaid Lands begining at the first mentioned pine & running the first mentioned course untill it comes to the Large leading ditch that leads through my farm & then with said ditch to the County road & with said road to the first mentioned pine with full prevelledge of timber off from any part of my wood Land to support the same Also I give to the aforesaid Rachel Bramble during her widowhood the lott where she now resides which lyeth to the W. of my leading ditch with timber off from the aforesaid Land to support said Lott that is to say the she is to have timber for support of said Lott

from northern part of my land only the land that I leave to her son William D. Bramble —
Item I give and devise to my Grandson Benny Hart all the residue of my lands to him and his heirs with the following reserve which is that I hereby appoint his mother Catter Hart the present wife of Benjamin Hart and her only without any aid or Control of husband or any other person to rent occupy or make use of said land as she hereby may think best so that she applys the rents or profits thereof to the maintenance support or use of his said son as she hereby may think best During her natural life Including my right of the Lands that formerly belonged to Richard Dean it being his widows dower —
Item I give & bequeath to my wife Mary Bramble one bed and furniture one Cupboard & Cupboard furniture All my chears one Table one Tub one Iron pot one spider one cow & half Two sheep Four hogs & one spinning Wheal — Item I give All the residue of my Estate to be Equally Divided amongst my five Grand Children namely Zachariah Johnson Mary Johnson, Levica Daws Jane Daws, & Margaret Daws
Lastly I appoint Robert Hart the whole & sole Executor of this my last will and testament revoking & disanulling all other wills by me heretofore made in witness whereof I hereunto set my hand & seal this 27th. day of March 1832 —
Signed sealed published and pronounced in the presence of —
William his X mark Bramble (Seal)
Barzillei Slacum William Mister Arthur Pritchett
Dorchester County Set. On the 17th. day of September Anno Domini 1832 Then Came Robert Hart the within named Executor and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that the within and aforegoing instrument of writing was deposited in his hands for safe keeping and that it is the true whole last will and testament of William Bramble late of Dorchester County deceased that hath come to his hands or possession and that he doth not know of any other of a younger date
Certifd by W W Eccleston Regr. W D C

Dorchester County Set. On the 17th. day of September Anno Domini 1832 Then came Barzillei Slacum one of the subscribing witnesses to the within and aforegoing last will and testament of William Bramble late of Dorchester County deceased and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that he did see the Testator therein named sign and seal this will that he 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 his apprehension of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding and that he together with William Mister and Arthur Pritchett the other two witnesses to this will respectively subscribed their names as witnesses to this will in the presence and at the request of the testator and in the presence of each other —
Certifd by William W. Eccleston Reg: W D C
I hereby Certify that the aforegoing Will is truly and faithfully copied from the original filed in my office of Record
(Seal)
In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the public seal of my office this 18th day of September

1832. W. W. Eccleston Regr. W. D. C

Elizabeth Noble's Last will and testament

I Elizabeth Noble wife of Wm William D. Noble being of sound and disposing mind [redacted] and understanding contemplating the uncertainty of Life and wishing to dispose of my property in the event of my death do make ordain and establish this as my last will and testament as follows to wit: I give and devise all my real estate lying and being in the state of Maryland, a portion in the County of Caroline and another in the County of Dorchester, unto my husband during his natural life and then to my child Corinne Noble to her and her heirs for ever, but in the event of my said Child Corinne Noble dying before she arrives at the age of twenty one years or without Children living at the time of her death, then I give and devise the said real estate unto my husband William D. Noble and his heirs forever in fee simple.
In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal on this Thirtieth day of November A. D. Eighteen hundred and fifty seven. —
Signed sealed published and declared by Elizabeth Noble as and for her last will and testament in our presence and we in the presence of the testatrix and at her request and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses thereto and we do further certify that the said Elizabeth Noble the testatrix has been by us privately examined apart and out of the presence and hearing of her husband whether she doth make the same willingly and voluntarily and without being induced thereto by fear or threats of or ill usage by her said husband and she says she does it willingly and freely —
Elizabeth Noble (Seal)
Curtis Davis
Willis Charles
Henry Mobray
I William D. Noble do hereby freely and fully assent to the aforegoing will of Elizabeth Noble —
William D. Noble
State of Maryland Dorchester County, to wit:
On the 7th. day of May Anno Domini 1858 came William D. Noble and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that this paper or instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Elizabeth Noble late of Dorchester County deceased was deposited in his hands for safe keeping by said Testatrix and that to the best of his knowledge it is the true and whole last will and testament of said deceased and that he knows of no other of a younger date —
Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C.
State of Maryland Dorchester County, to wit:
On the 7th day of May A.D. 1858 came Curtis Davis Willis Charles and Henry Mobray the subscribing witnesses to the aforegoing last will and Testament of Elizabeth Noble late of Dorchester County deceased and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that they did see said 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 a sound and disposing mind, memory, and understanding; and that they respectively 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; and that said Testatrix was privately examined by them apart from and out of the presence and hearing of William D. Noble, her husband, as to whether she made her said will freely and voluntarily, and without being induced thereto by fear, or threats of, or ill usage on the part of her said husband, and she said that she made said will freely and willingly, and that she was not induced to make it by fear or threats of or dread of ill usage on the part of her said husband, and that said Elizabeth Noble Executed said will out of the presence and hearing of her said husband —

Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C.

John Geoghegan's Last Will and Testament

Exhibit A.

In the name of God Amen I John Geoghegan of Dorchester County State of Maryland being in perfect health of body and of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof do therefore make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say — I give and bequeath unto my Grandson Stewart Geoghegan the farm lyang & being on the Chesapeak bay found lying between the farm owned by Moses Geoghegan and John C. Travers the same farm lying being and situated on Taylors Island in Dorchester County to the said Stewart Geoghegan and his heirs forever.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this day of 1830

Signed sealed published and declared in presence of — John Geoghegan (Seal)

Moses Geoghegan
Levin Keene
Jas L. Geoghegan

To all persons Interested

In the will of John Geoghegan, dec'd

Whereas a copy or paper purporting to be a copy of the last Will and testament of John Geoghegan, late of Dorchester County deceased which was on file in the office of the Register of Wills for said County has been laid before me but said copy or paper purporting to be such is not authenticated by the seal of the said office: Notice is hereby given to all persons interested that I shall proceed on Friday the 14th day of December

1857, at 9 o'clock, A. M. at my ~~office~~ in Cambridge, to take proof touching the genuineness of such copy or paper purporting to be such in order that the same if proved to be a genuine copy may be recorded in the proper office and have full effect and operation in law —

George W. Jefferson Commissioner

November 25. 1857 — 3s

Exhibit B.

James L. Geoghegan a witness of lawfull age produced on the part of the applicant being duly sworn by me deposes and says that he wrote the last will and testament of John Geoghegan deceased and that he also witnessed the same and is now the only surviving witness He further says that the copy herewith returned marked exhibit A is to the best of his knowledge and belief a correct copy of the last will of John Geoghegan of the land therein devised to Stewart Geoghegan

Jas. L. Geoghegan

Sworn before George W. Jefferson. Commissioner
Jay 18th 1858

To the Honourable the Judges of the Orphans Court

Levi D. Travers admr. of William D. Traverse — Before George W. Jefferson. Commissioner application to establish the last will and testament of John Geoghegan. Nov 23d 1857 —

1857 Monday December 14th This being the day appointed to take testimoney touching the last will and testament of John Geoghegan, no one was in attendance and the case was continued to January 18th 1858. Monday January 18th 1858. This being the day to which this cause was adjourned James L. Geoghegan was in attendance General notice had been duly published in the "Cambridge Democrat" a newspaper published in Dorchester County as will appear by the notice hereto annexed. James L. Geoghegan a witness of lawful age produced on the part of the applicant being duly sworn by me deposed as will appear by the paper herewith reported and marked exhibit. B — There being no further evidence adduced before me. the proceedings were thereupon closed — all which is respectfully submitted

Geo. W. Jefferson Commissioner

In Dorchester County Orphans Court
June 21st. anno Domini 1858 } The within and aforegoing report and proceedings was this day laid before the Court and thereupon after due examination was, ~~ratified~~ and confirmed and ordered to be recorded. —

Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C.

Kitturah Jones' Last Will and Testament

I in the name of God Amen I Kitury Jones of Dorchester County in the state of Maryland, being sick and 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

would 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 Executrix hereinafter named and after my debts and funeral charges are paid I devise and bequeath as follows.

Item I give and devise unto Rose ann Jones my negro Woman Sally to serve five years after or from the date of my death and then to be free

Item I give and bequeath unto Thomas Asbury Jones son of the above named Rose ann Jones, my negro boy child named unknown, age about three months son of the above named Sally said boy to serve untill he shall arrive at the age of thirty five years and then to be free

I give and devise unto Amanda B. Jones daughter of the above named Rose ann Jones, my bed and bed clothes which is now in possession of Ezekiel Jones, Tobacco Stick Dorchester County

Item and lastly. I do hereby constitute and appoint the said or the above named Rose ann Jones 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 here unto set my hand and affixed my seal this seventh day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty six

Kitturah her mark Jones (Seal)

Signed sealed published and declared by Kitturah Jones 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—

M. S. Robbins
William W. Woolford

Baltimore City S.S. On the 17th day of December 1856 came M. S. Robbins one of the subscribing Witnesses to the aforegoing last will and testament of Kitturah Jones late of said City deceased and made Oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that he did see the Testatrix sign and seal this Will that he heard him publish pronounce and declare the same to be his last will and Testament that at the time of her so doing she was to the best of his apprehensions of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding, and that he together with William W. Woolford the other subscribing Witness thereto subscribed their names as Witnesses to this Will in her presence at her request and in the presence of each other

Sworn to before the Subscriber Register of Wills for Baltimore City

N. Hickman

In testimony that the aforegoing is a true Copy taken from Wills Liber N.H. No. 27 Folio 238 &c Being one of the records in the office of the Register of Wills for Baltimore City I hereunto subscribe my name and affix the seal

(Seal)

of my office this fourteenth day of May in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty seven

Test N. Hickman Register of Wills for Baltimore City

William Marshall's Last Will and Testament

In the name of God I William Marshall of Dorchester County State of Maryland possessed of sound mind and memory do make this my last will and testament renouncing all others heretofore made by me 1st. I give to my daughter Louisa Marshall Four hundred dollars to her and her heirs forever. 2nd I give to my daughter Louisa Marshall Four hundred dollars to her and to her heirs forever" 3d I give to my daughter Aquilla Jane Marshall Four hundred to her and to heirs heirs forever.

4th I give to my granddaughter Mary Emma Stevens one hundred dollars to her and to her heirs forever

5th I give to my granddaughter Laura Stevens one hundred dollars to her and to her heirs forever.

6th I give to my granddaughter Sarah Lindy Stevens One hundred dollars to her and to her heirs forever.

7th I give to my grandson William Benjamin Stevens one hundred dollars to him and to his heirs forever.

8th I give to my son John Bennett Marshall the Balance of my estate after paying my just debts, and the above named legacies

9th It is my will and desire that my son John shall give the above named children ~~their~~ grand children homes during their lives, or as long as they shall remain single - It is also my will and desire that neither of my negro boys Joseph and William shall be sold out of the state without some capital offence.

Lastly I appoint my son John Bennett Marshall my sole Executor to this my last will and testament. Intestimony whereof I have set my hand and affixed my seal this the 9th. day of August A.D. 1858.

William his mark Cross Marshall

Witness
Robert W. Williams
James N. Dawson
Alexander his X mark Wilson

Note. The word William was inserted before the will was executed

Maryland Dorchester County. S.S.

On the 18th. day of August Anno Domini 1858 came Dr Robert W. Williams and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that this paper or instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of William Marshall late of said County deceased was deposited in his hands for safe keeping by said Testator, and that to the best of his knowledge it is the true whole last will and testament of said deceased, and that he knows of no other of a younger date—

Certified by Levin T. Keene Reg. W. D. C.

Maryland Dorchester County S.S.

On the 18th. day of August Anno Domini 1858 came Robert W. Williams James N. Dawson and Alexander Wilson the subscribing Witnesses to the aforegoing last will and testament of William Marshall Late of Dorchester County deceased and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that they did see said testator sign and seal said will that they 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 apprehensions of a sound and disposing mind memory and understanding and that they respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other — Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C.

Thomas Mac Namara's Last will and Testament

In the name of God Amen I Thomas McNamara of Dorchester County in the State of Maryland being sick and weak in body but of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding and being conscious of the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof and wishing to settle my worldly affairs in this life that I may be the better prepared to meet death when it shall please God to call me hence do make and publish this my last will and testament in form following to wit:

That is to say first and principally I commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it and my body to be decently buried and then I devise and bequeath as follows

I give and devise to my wife Phebe all of my estate during her life after my debts and funeral expences are paid and after her death to my Grand son Thomas W. McNamara to him and his heirs forever — Intestimony whereof I hereunto subscribe my name on this the 18th. day of Oct. 1857

Signed published and declared in the presence of
John Tyler
John A. M. Woodland
Martin his X mark Foxwell

Thomas McNamara

Maryland Dorchester County S.S.

On the 20th. day of August Anno Domini 1858 came Cain Wingate and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that this paper or instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Thomas MacNamara Late of Dorchester County deceased was deposited in my hands for safe keeping by said Testator and that to the best of his knowledge it is the true and whole last will and Testament of said deceased, and that he knows of no other of a younger date —

Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C.

Maryland Dorchester County S.S.

On the 20th. day of August Anno Domini 1858 came John Tyler and Martin Foxwell two of the subscribing witnesses to the aforegoing last will and Testament of Thomas MacNamara late of Dorchester County deceased and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that they did ~~see~~ said deceased acknowledge the signature to said will to be his and that he affixed it for the purposes mentioned that they 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 apprehensions, of a sound and disposing mind memory and understanding and that they together with John A. M. Woodland the other subscribing witness respectively subscribed their names as witnesses to said will in the presence and at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other —

Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C.

I Phoebe MacNamara late of Dorchester County deceased, do hereby renounce and quit all claim to any bequest or devise made to me by the last will of my husband exhibited and proved according to law: and I elect to take in lieu thereof my dower or legal share of the estate of my said husband —

In testimony whereof I hereunto subscribe my name and affix my seal this the 17 day of Jany. 1859

Witness John Tyler
(Filed Jany. 29th. 1859)

Phebe her X mark McNamara (Seal)

Mary E. Murray's Last will and Testament

I Mary Elizabeth Murray, of Dorchester County and state of Maryland being in perfect health of body and of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding considering the uncertainty 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:

Item. After the payment of all my debts and funeral charges and expences by my executrix herein after named I give ~~and bequeath unto my Aunt Elizabeth C. Sullivane~~ of the County and state aforesaid the sum of five hundred dollars to be paid to her without interest by my said Executrix as soon as may be convenient after my death.

Item. I give and devise unto my beloved mother and her heirs forever all my right, title and interest (the same consisting of one undivided third part) in and to that farm called Clifton or by whatsoever other name or names the same may be called or known and which is situated on Jenkins' Creek, near the town of Bambridge in the County aforesaid.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my mother the said Ann G. Murray and her heirs forever my negro woman Frances and her issue as slaves for life.

Item. I give, bequeath and devise unto my mother the said Ann G. Murray and her heirs forever all the rest and residue of my estate both real and personal which I now possess, or which I may have or possess at the time of my death.

and also all sums of money of which I may die possessed, or which may be due and owing to me at the time of my death as aforesaid.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved mother the said Ann S. Murray 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 my seal affixed this third day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand, eight hundred and fifty one

Signed, sealed, published and declared, by Mary Elizabeth Murray, 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.
Sarah Ennalls Hooper
Anne C. Hooper
Eliza Hooper

Mary E. Murray (seal)

State of Maryland Dorchester County, to wit:
On the 24th day of August Anno Domini 1858 came Brice J. Goldsborough and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that this paper or instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Mary E. Murray, since Mary E. Eason late of Dorchester County deceased was handed to him by Miss Elizabeth C. Sulivane, since the death of the Testatrix to deposit in the Registers office, and that to the best of his knowledge it is the true and whole last will and testament of said deceased and that he knows of no other of a younger date —

Certified by Levin L. Keenes Reg. W. D. C.

State of Maryland Dorchester County, to wit:
On the 24th. day of August Anno Domini 1858 came Sarah E. Hooper and Eliza Williams (formerly Eliza Hooper but now the Wife of Dr. Thomas H. Williams) two of the subscribing witnesses to the aforegoing last will and Testament of Mary E. Murray since the wife of William Eason Jr. of Dorchester County, and now deceased and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that they did see said Testatrix sign and seal said 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 a sound and disposing mind

memory and understanding and that they together with Annie C. Hooper since the wife of Theodore P. Barber, the other subscribing witness to said will respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of the Testatrix and in the presence of each other —

Certified by Levin L. Keenes Reg. W. D. C.

John R. Dunnock's Last Will and Testament

In the name of God, Amen. I John Richard Dunnock of Dorchester County in the state of Maryland being sick and weak in body, but of sound and disposing mind memory and understand 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 and my wifes thirds are taken out. I devise and bequeath as follows — + Upon the condition of my wifes waiving her thirds in the negroes — I give and bequeath to her — Matilda Ann Dunnock — my negro woman Jane Camper, and my man Jack as Violet and Edward are old and useless this seems to me an equitable division. The remainder of my negroes, viz — Violet Edward Jane Keene — William. Dawes — and Shadrack I give and bequeath to my daughter, Sarah Elizabeth Dunnock — and if my wife should insist upon a division of the whole of my negroes, then the residue of them after she gets her thirds. I hereby give and bequeath unto my said daughter — Sarah Elizabeth. Dunnock I devise — and bequeath all the rest and residue of my estate, to be equally divided between my half brothers Samuel Ross Dunnock and Wm. H. Dunnock to them their heirs and assigns forever, in equal portions, share and share alike —

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my half brother Samuel Ross Dunnock to be sole Executor of this my last will and testament and 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 here unto set my hand and affixed my seal this twenty third day of July in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty eight

John R. Dunnock (seal)

Signed sealed published and declared by John Richard Dunnock the above named Testator, as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us, who at his request, in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses —

Jas L. Bryan M. D.

Robert H. Slacum

State of Maryland Dorchester County to wit:
On the 20th day of September Anno Domini 1858 came Br James L. Bryan and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that the aforegoing paper or instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of John R. Dunnock late of Dorchester County deceased was deposited in his hands for safe keeping by said testator and that to the best of his knowledge it is the true whole last will and testament of said deceased and that he knows of no other of a younger date –

Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C.

State of Maryland Dorchester County to wit
On the 20th. day of September Anno Domini 1858 came Br James L. Bryan one of the subscribing witnesses to the aforegoing last will and testament of John R. Dunnock late of Dorchester County deceased and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that he did see said Testator sign and seal this will that he 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 his apprehensions of a sound and disposing mind memory and understanding and that he together with Robert H. Slacum the other subscribing witness to said will respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other –

Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C.

Joseph Wheatley's Last Will and Testament

In the name of God Amen I Joseph Wheatley of Dorchester County and State of Maryland being sickly and weak in body but of sound sence mind & memory thanks be to God for it do constitute make and ordain this to be my last will and Testament in manner and form following first I recommend my soul to Almighty God who gave it me and my body to be buried in Christian manner by my Executors or Executrix and as for my Estate, I give and dispose of as follows – I Give and Bequeath to my Beloved wife Clarissa Wheatley one third part of my Estate Real & personal – Item. I give and devise to my son William Wheatley all of a Tract of land called Wheatleys purchase and all that part of Hogyard that lies on the South side of Joseph Wheatley Junr. lines and thirty acres of land lying on the lower end of a parcell land I purchased of Doctor George Eale next to Wattissaco Mill Branch of his full part of my Real Estate to him and his Heirs for ever Item. I give and devise to my son Charles Wheatley all of a Tract of land called Eaums Venture and a part of a Tract of land called peace Begining at the large Hart Cherry tree Standing the nearest to Joseph Wheatley Junr. thence running with a straight line to the corner of a Tract of land called Thebes Delight from thence to William Beans land and binding therewith Round to the west ward untill it Intersects the before mentioned thirty acres of land given

to my son William to him and his heirs forever
Item. give and devise to my son Arthur Wheatley Fifty acres of land lying and adjoining North East fork River also one Hundred Dollars – to be raised out of my estate of his full part of my Estate to him and his heirs forever –
Item I give and devise to my son Jessee Wheatley the plantation where Charles Russell now lives with all the lands thereunto belonging to him and his heirs forever
Item. I give and devise to my Daughter Polly Russell all of a Tract of land called Hickory Hill and a tract of land called Ivy fords Hopewell with a parcell of land Bought of Mary Jurpin supposed to be about forty acres with a part of a Tract of land or lands thereunto adjoining agreeable to a division made by those Persons hereafter mentioned to be her right and property as long as she lives and at her decease for the Before mentioned lands to be sold and the money to be equally divided between her children that she now has to them and their Heirs for ever to be her full part of my Estate. I do hereby Impower Ezekiel Wheatley George Messick & Thomas Briley to make such division as may appear to be just Between my son Jessee Wheatley and my daughter Mary Russell & Joseph Wheatley Junr.
Item I give to my Daughter Priscilla Wright one hundred Dollars to be raised out of my estate as her full part of my Estate and no more Item I give to my Daughter Rebecca Wheatley one negro Girl Name Didider During her life and then to my wife Clarissa Wheatley During her life and at there decease for the said Girl to be free for ever also if there should be any land not yet Divided to be the Rite and property of Daughter Rebecca Wheatley & her heirs for ever my will and desire is that all the Remaining part of my Estate shold be Equally Divided between my Daughter Rebecca Wheatley my son Charles Wheatley my son Jessee Wheatley & my son William Wheatley them and their Heirs for ever & Reserving thirteen Hundred dollars Cash to apply to the Purchasing of the Rights of Evans lands &c Lastly I constitute and appoint make and ordain my son Jessee Wheatley my hole & sole Executor of this my last will & Testament I do hereby revoke all other former Wills and Testaments by me made Ratifying and confirming this to be my last will and Testament signed sealed & acknowledged by me Joseph Wheatley senr. of Witness my hand and seal this seventh day of February Eighteen Hundred & Twelve 1812

Joseph his X mark Wheatley (Seal)

Witness William Wheatley Ed Charles Russell William Bean

Dorchester County Sct. 3 on the 18th day of August anno Domini 1830 Then came William Wheatley of Ed. in whose possession the aforegoing instrument of writing was deposited for safe Keeping and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that the said instrument of writing was deposited in his hands for safe Keeping by the testator and that it is the true and whole last will and testament of Joseph Wheatley late of Dorchester County deceased and that he doth not know of any other of a younger date to the best of his knowledge

Certified pr. Wm. W. Eccleston Reg. W. D. C.

Dorchester County sct. 3 On the 18th day of August anno Domini 1830 Then came William Wheatley one of the subscribing witnesses to the within last will and

testament of Joseph Wheatley late of Dorchester County deceased and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that he did see the Testator therein named sign and seal this will that he 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 his apprehension of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding and that he together with Charles Russell and William Dean (the other two subscribing witnesses) Respectively subscribed their names as witnesses to this will in the presence and at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other

Certified pr. Wm. W. Eccleston Reg. W. D. C.

In testimony that the aforegoing is a true copy from the original filed filed & recorded in my office for Dorchester County &c I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this Twenty second day of September in the year our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty

Seal

Test Wm. W. Eccleston Reg W. D. C.

Lavinia D. Harding's Last will and Testament

I Lavinia D. Harding of Northumberland County Virginia, being of sound mind but feeble in body do make this my last will & Testament as follows,

Item first, I give unto my beloved son Martin Luther Harding all my property of all & every kind, namely, all my interest and claim in a farm in Blackwater Dorchester County Maryland. my right & claim in a House & Lot at Green Bank in same County all my right to the property of all and every kind both real and personal at Church Creek in Dorchester County Maryland, together with the following Slaves namely man James Kirk Major Jenkins Boy Lemuel Allen woman Precilla Georgianna and Hezier and all their future increase also all my right & title and interest in all property of every kind both real and personal which will belong to me coming out of Sisters Estate Who was Anna Stapleford and also all the property coming to me out of my mothers Estate Who was Ann H. Grieves, This property above named, I give to my son Martin Luther Harding. But in the event of his death before he arrives to Twenty one years of age, I wish it Equally divided between my brother George E. Stapleford & my sister Adel M. Grieves and to their Lawful Heirs In the event of the death of my son Martin Luther Harding, before my sister arrives to Lawful age. I wish my brother to take possession of her part of this property and hold it in trust for her until she is of lawful age. I also leave all the money Bonds and all other property, I may possess at my death after my just debts are paid to my son M. Luther Harding and his heirs forever. I hereby request my dear Father (in Law) James Harding to act as my executor of this my last will & testament as witness my hand & seal this 18th. May 1858.

Witness
John H. Harding
Cyrus Harding sen.

Lavinia D. Harding Seal

State of Virginia Northumberland County.

At a monthly Court begun and held for the County of Northumberland at the Court House thereof on Monday the 13th day of September 1858.

A writing purporting to be the last will & Testament of Lavinia D. Harding dec'd. was this day partly proved in open Court by the oath of Cyrus Harding the one of the attesting witnesses thereto and ordered to lie for further proof – And at a monthly Court begun and held for the County of Northumberland at the Court house thereof, on Monday the 11th. day of October 1858 A writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Lavinia D. Harding dec'd was this day further and fully proved in open Court by the oath of John H. Harding the other attesting witness and ordered to be recorded as the true last will & Testament of the said Lavinia D. Harding dec'd

A Copy Teste A. J. Brent

State of Virginia Northumberland County to wit:

I Andrew J. Brent Clerk of the County Court of Northumberland in the State aforesaid do hereby Certify that the aforegoing is a true Transcript from the record of my office

Seal

In testimony whereof I have hereunto sign my name & affixed the seal of the County Court of Northumberland this 12: day of October in the year 1858

A. J. Brent

Virginia,
Northumberland County, to wit:

I Edwin Brown presiding justice of the County Court of Northumberland County in the State aforesaid, do certify that A. J. Brent who hath given the preceeding certificate is the Clerk of the said Court; and that his said attestation is in due form –

Given under my hand, this 11 day of October 1858.

Edwin Brown

Filed October 20th. 1858

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wife Saraghan Burton, and Lastly I do hereby constitute an appoint my dear wife Saraghan Burton to be my sole Executrix of this my last will testamet revoking and annulling all former will by heretofore made, ratifying an confirming this and none other to be my last will and testamet in testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and affix my seal this seventh day of December in the year Eighteen hundred and fifty Eight

Signed sealed and published } Zobedee Harper { Robert his + mark Burton Seal

testament of Joseph Wheatley late of Dorchester County deceased and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that he did see the Testator therein named sign and seal this will that he 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 his apprehension of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding and that he together with Charles Russell and William Dean (the other two subscribing witnesses) Respectively subscribed their names as witnesses to this will in the presence and at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other

Certified pr. Wm. W. Eccleston Reg. W. D. C.

In testimony that the aforegoing is a true copy from the original filed filed & recorded in my office for Dorchester County &c &c I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this Twenty second day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty

Seal

Test Wm. W. Eccleston Reg. W. D. C.

Lavinia D. Harding's Last will and Testament

I Lavinia D. Harding of Northumberland County Virginia, being of sound mind but feeble in body do make this my last will & Testament as follows, Item first, I give unto my beloved son Martin Luther Harding all my property of all & every kind, namely, all my interest and claim in a farm in Blackwater Dorchester County Maryland, my right & claim in a House & Lot at Green Bank in same County all my right to the property of all and every kind both real and personal at Church Creek in Dorchester County Maryland, together with the following Slaves namely man James Kirk major Jenkins Boy Lemuel Allen woman Precilla Georgianna and Kezier and all their future increase also all my right & title and interest in all property of every kind both real and personal which will belong to me coming out of Sisters Estate Who was Anna Staplefort and also all the property coming to me out of my mother's Estate Who was Ann H. Grieves, This property above named, I give to my son Martin Luther Harding. But in the event of his death before he arrives to Twenty one years of age, I wish it equally divided between my brother George E. Staplefort & my sister Adel M. Grieves and to their Lawful Heirs In the event of the death of my son Martin Luther Harding, before my sister arrives to lawful age. I wish my brother to take possession of her part of this property and hold it in trust for her until she is of lawful age. I also leave all the money Bonds and all other property, I may possess at my death after my just debts are paid to my son M. Luther Harding and his heirs forever, I hereby request my dear Father (in Law) James Harding to act as my executor of this my last will & testament as witness my hand & seal this 18th. May 1858.

Witness
John H. Harding
Cyrus Harding senr.

Lavinia D. Harding (Seal)

State of Virginia Northumberland County.

At a monthly Court begun and held for the County of Northumberland at the Court House thereof on Monday the 13" day of September 1858.

A writing purporting to be the last will & Testament of Lavinia D. Harding decd. was this day partly proved in open Court by the oath of Cyrus Harding sr one of the attesting witnesses thereto and ordered to lie for further proof — And at a monthly Court begun and held for the County of Northumberland at the Court house thereof on Monday the 11th. day of October 1858 A writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Lavinia D. Harding decd was this day further and fully proved in open Court by the oath of John H. Harding the other attesting witness and ordered to be recorded as the true last will & Testament of the said Lavinia D. Harding decd

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Robert Burton's Last Will and Testament

In the name of God Amen I Robert Burton of L of Dorchester County, in the State of Maryland being in sick and 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 wordly affairs and thereby be the better Prepared to leve 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 dicretion of my Executrix herein after named, and after my debts and funeral charges are paid and my Whifes thirds taken out I devise and bequeath as follows I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Burton the Lawfull whife of My Brother John Burton one Cow one stear one heifer, I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Burton son Samuell Burton one Cart one yoak of stearss two big chanes and one plow) I devise an Bequeath all the rest and resedue of my Estate both real and personal to My Beloved whife Saragh an Burton, and Lastly I do hereby constitute an appoint my Dear whife Saragh an Burton to be my sole Executrix of this my last will testanet revoking and annulling all former Will by heretofore mad, ratifying an Confirming this and none other to be my last will and testamet in testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and affix my seal this seventh day of December in the year Eighteen hundred and fifty Eight

Signed sealed and published } Zebedee Harper { Robert his + mark Burton (Seal)

and declared by Robert Burton of L. the above named testator as his Last will and testament in the presence of us } John E. Foster. Thomas Simmons.

State of Maryland Dorchester County to wit:

On the 20th day of December Anno Domini 1858 came Sarah Ann Burton the within named Executrix and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that this paper or instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Robert Burton of L. late of Dorchester County deceased was deposited in her hands for safe keeping by said testator and that to the best of her knowledge it is the true and whole last will and Testament of said deceased and that she knows of no other of a younger date –

Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C.

State of Maryland Dorchester County to wit:

On the 20th day of December Anno Domini 1858 came Zebedee Harper John E. Foster and Thomas Simmons the subscribing witnesses to the aforegoing last will and testament of Robert Burton of L. late of Dorchester County, deceased and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that they did see said Testator sign and seal said will that they heard him publish pronounce and declare the same to his last will and testament, that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehensions of a sound and disposing mind memory and understanding, and that they respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other – Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C.

Sarah Ann Dunnock Last Will and Testament

In the name of God Amen I Sarah Ann Dunnock of Dorchester County in the state of Maryland being sick and weak in body and of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding and 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 and after my debts and funeral charges are paid I bequeath as follows

I give and bequeath to my three children Bethula Mathew and William all the property that may fall to me by the death of my husband Samuel Dunnock dec'd in equal portions share and share alike and if either of the three named children should die without heirs legally begotten of the body then it is my will that its or their portion or share shall go the other or others named in this will

I give and bequeath to Margaret Ann Eore wife of Edward Eore + my sons Levin Thomas Samuel John David and Daughter Sarah Elizabeth the sum of twenty five cents and no more

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this fourteenth day of February in the year our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty four

Sarah (her X mark) Ann Dunnock (Seal)

Signed sealed published and declared by Sarah Ann Dunnock the above named testator 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

Wm. W. Mace
Thos. King Carroll Jr.

State of Maryland Dorchester County to wit:

On the 9th. day of November A.D. 1858 came Levin Thomas Dunnock and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that this paper or instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Sarah Ann Dunnock late of Dorchester County, deceased was found by him since the death of said Testatrix among her private papers and that to the best of his knowledge it is the true and whole last will and Testament of said deceased and that he knows of no other of a younger date

Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C.

State of Maryland Dorchester County to wit:

On the 9th. day of November Anno Domini 1858 came William W. Mace one of the subscribing witnesses to the aforegoing last will and testament of Sarah Ann Dunnock late of Dorchester County deceased and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that he did see said Testatrix sign and seal said will that he 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 his apprehensions of a sound and disposing mind memory and understanding and that he together with Thomas K. Carroll Jr. the other subscribing witness to this will respectively subscribed their names as witnesses to said will in the presence and at the request of the Testatrix and in the presence of each other Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C.

State of Maryland Dorchester County S.S.

On the 10th. day of November Anno Domini 1858 came Thomas K. Carroll Jr. one of the subscribing witnesses to the aforegoing last will and testament of Sarah Ann Dunnock late of Dorchester County, deceased and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that he did see said testatrix sign and seal said will that he 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 his apprehensions of a sound and disposing mind memory and understanding and that he together with William W. Mace, the other subscribing witness to said will respectively subscribed their names as witnesses to said will in the presence and at the request of said Testatrix and in the presence of each other –

Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C.

Francis B. Evans
Last will and Testament

The last will and Testament of Francis B. Evans of Dorchester County State of Maryland considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being of sound mind and memory blessed be Almighty God for the same do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say I give and bequeath to my two daughters Elizabeth and Annie Jointly one bedstead bed and furniture of the bed one trunk and contents one cushion Rocking chair my portrate and no more of my estate to my son James Evans one dollar & no more also to my son Francis T. Evans one dollar & no more of my estate I also bequeath to Thomas J. Cantville the ballance of my estate In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this nineteenth day of January in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty nine

Francis B. Evans (Seal)

Signed sealed & published and declared by the above Francis B. Evans to be his last will and testament in the presence of us at his request and in his presence subscribed our names as witness there unto

James H. Radcliff (Seal)
William H. Radcliff (Seal)
Thomas C. Bennett (Seal)

State of Maryland Dorchester County to wit:
On the 24th day of January Anno Domini 1859 came James H. Radcliff and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that this paper a instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Francis B. Evans late of Dorchester County deceased was deposited in his hands for safe keeping by said Testator and that to the best of his knowledge it is the true and whole last will and testament of said deceased and that he knows of no other of a younger date — Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C.

State of Maryland Dorchester County to wit:
On the 24th. day of January Anno Domini 1859 came James H. Radcliff William H. Radcliff and Thomas C. Bennett the subscribing witnesses to the aforegoing last will and Testament of Francis B. Evans late of Dorchester County deceased and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that they did see said testator sign and seal said will that they 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 apprehensions of a sound and disposing mind memory and understanding and that they respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other
Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C.

Whaland Milligan
Last will and Testament

In the name of God Amen I Whaland Milligan of Dorchester County in the State of Maryland being in perfect health of body and 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 dispose and bequeath as follows

Item I give and devise to my dear wife during her natural life my plantation whereon I now dwell exclusive of the privilege of making sale of any timber thereon and after her decease it is my wish and desire that the said plantation shall be sold at public sale by my executors on a credit of twelve months and the proceeds arising from such sale to be equally divided between my several heirs at law my son Isaac Milligan excepted

Item it is my wish and desire that all the rest and residue of my real estate be sold by my executors at public sale on a credit of sixteen and eighteen months and the proceeds thereof be equally divided between my several heirs at law my son Isaac Milligan excepted

Item I give and bequeath to my wife my negro woman Jamar

Item I give and bequeath to my son Isaac Milligan one dollar as his full share of my estate both real and personal

Item I give and bequeath to my Grand daughter Priscilla Milligan daughter of my son Isaac Milligan my negro girl Lizzy

Item it is wish and desire that all the rest of my negroes shall be sold by my executors at public sale to the highest bidders said bidders being permanent residenters of Dorchester County who shall give Bond with condition that they shall never be sold beyond the limits of said County unless for some misdemeanor and the proceeds of said sale to be equally divided between my several heirs at law my son Isaac Milligan excepted

Item it is my wish and desire that all the rest and residue of my personal estate be sold by my executors on a credit of twelve months and the proceeds equally divided between my several heirs at law my son Isaac Milligan excepted and it is likewise my wish that a credit of twelve months be given on the sale of my negroes

Item it is my wish and desire that my Executors retain out of the proceeds of the above mentioned sales ten per cent commissions on my whole estate as compensation for their services as my executors and lastly I hereby constitute and appoint my friend Jacob Wilson and my son Mashack Milligan to be sole executors 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 Twentyeth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty six

Signed sealed published and declared by Whaland Milligan the above named Testator as and for his last will and Testament

Whaland his X mark Milligan (Seal)
Whaland his X mark Milligan (Seal)

in the presence of us who at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto -

Samuel Twilley
Cyrus Bell
Ed. W. Tull

State of Maryland Dorchester County to wit:

On the 26th. day of January Anno Domini 1859 came Jacob Wilson one of the within named Executors and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that this paper or instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Whaland Milligan late of Dorchester County deceased was deposited in his hands for safe keeping by said testator and that to the best of his knowledge it is the true whole last will and Testament of said deceased and that he knows of no other of a younger date -

Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. Wills for Dorchester County

State of Maryland Dorchester County to wit:

On the 26th. day of January Anno Domini 1859 came Samuel Twilley Cyrus Bell and Edward W. Tull the subscribing witnesses to the aforegoing last will and testament of Whaland Milligan late of Dorchester County deceased and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that they did see said Testator sign and seal said will that they 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 apprehensions of a sound and disposing mind memory and understanding and that they respectively subscribed their names as witnesses to said will in the presence and at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other

Certified by Levin L. Keene Register of Wills for Dorchester County -

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Know all persons whom these presents may concern that I Nancy Milgan widow of Whaland Milligan late of Dorchester County deceased do hereby renounce the last will and Testament of the said deceased and the legacies left me by said will and in lieu thereof elect to take whatever I am entitled to by the laws of Maryland and at the same time agree to the sales of the real and personal estate of said deceased as provided for in said will Given under my hand this 29th. day of Jany 1859

Nancy her X mark Milligan

Test William W. Hackett

Filed Jany 31st. 1859

Having heretofore renounced and relinquished the legacies and bequests made to me by the last will and Testament of my deceased husband Whaland Milligan I hereby consent and agree that all the real estate mentioned in said last will and testament and not heretofore sold shall be sold free and clear of all my dower right in the same in lieu of which dower interest I agree to take whatever amount of the proceeds of said sale the orphans Court of Dorchester County may

may award in accordance with law and I also hereby agree to and ratify the sales of real estate mentioned in said will which have heretofore been made clear of my dower in the same and will accept in lieu of my said interest a portion of the purchase money to be awarded by the orphans court as aforesaid

W. H. Conway

Nancy her X mark Milligan

Filed Oct. 3rd. 1859 -

Henry Phillips
Last Will and Testament

I Henry Phillips a citizen of Dorchester County State of Maryland being of a sound mind memory and understand do publish and declare this to be my last will and testament.

I give and bequeath unto my son William Bain Phillips the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars

I give and devise and bequeath unto Richard S. Phillips Mary Ann Dail (wife of Josiah D. Dail), Henry E. Phillips John Wesley Phillips - William Bain Phillips and Sarah Emeline Phillips all of them being my children all of the balance my Estate, Real, personal and mixed to be equally divided between them. Share and share alike

It is my will and desire that my beloved wife shall have one third of my estate during her life and I do hereby enjoin upon my children mentioned in this will to take care of her in her old age, and see that she does not suffer for any necessary comfort in this world whilst she lives And if any of my children mentioned mentioned in this my last will and Testament should refuse to support and assist their mother in her old age, it is then my will and desire that they should be excluded from any benefit of my estate.

My reason for not bequeathing any part of my estate unto my daughter Margaret is because she disobeyed me in getting married contrary to my wish and advice unto a man, calling himself L. Byron Chaworth

I do hereby appoint my sons Richard S. Phillips and Henry E. Phillips to be my Executors to this my last will and Testament and empower and authorise them (by and with the advice and consent of their mother) to sell all of my lands upon reasonable terms or upon such terms as they may deem at the time most advantageous, to all parties interested. I hereby publish and declare this to be my last will and Testament.

Witness my hand and seal this the 9th day of June 1852

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of us and in his presence of the Testator at his request do hereby sign this to be his last will last will & Testament

Thomas Dail
James Jones of L
John W. Dail

Henry Phillips (Seal)

State of Maryland Dorchester County to wit:

On the 5th. day of February Anno Domini 1859 came William B. Dail and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that this paper or instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of

Henry Phillips late of Dorchester County deceased was deposited in his hands for safe keeping by said Testator and that to the best of his knowledge it is the true and whole last will and Testament of said deceased and that he knows of no other of a younger date –

Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg W. D. C.

State of Maryland Dorchester County, to wit:

On the 5th. day of February Anno Domini 1859 came James Jones of L. one of the subscribing witnesses to the aforegoing last will and Testament of Henry Phillips late of Dorchester County, deceased and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that he did see said Testator sign and seal said will that he hard 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 his apprehencions of a sound and disposing mind memory and understanding and that he together with Thomas Dail, since deceased, and John W. Dail the other subscribing witnesses to said will, respectively subscribe their names as witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of said Testator and in the presence of each other –

Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C. –

State of Maryland Dorchester County to wit:

On the 9th. day of January A.D. 1860 came John W. Dail one of the subscribing witnesses to the aforegoing last will and Testament of Henry Phillips late of Dorchester County deceased and made oath on the Holy Evangely of almighty God that he did see said Testator sign and seal said will that he 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 his apprehensions of a sound and disposing mind memory and understanding, and that he together with Thomas Dail (Who is since deceased) and James Jones of L. the other subscribing witnesses to said will respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of the Testator, and in the presence of each other –

Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C.

I, Ann Phillips, widow of Henry Phillips late of Dorchester County deceased do hereby renounce and quit all claim to any bequest or devise made to me by the last will and Testament of my husband exhibited and proved according to law and I elect to take in lieu thereof my dower or legal share of the estate of my said husband In testimony whereof I hereunto subscribe my name and affix my seal this 28th. day of March 1859.

Witness Charles W. Beerwood

Ann Phillips (seal)

Filed April 4th. 1859

John Kirwans Last will and Testament

In the name of God Amen I John Kirwan of Dorchester County in the State of Maryland and being now in Bodily health and of sound and disposing

in mind memory and understanding and in view of my dissolution desire to settle my worldly affairs that I may thereby be the better prepared to leave this world when it shall please Almighty God to call me hence. I do now therefore make publish and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say –

First and principally I commit my soul to the hands of Almighty God who gave it and my Body to the earth to be gentelly buried by my Executrix herein after to be named and after the payment of my debts and burial charges are paid I give devise and bequeath as follows

I give devise and bequeath unto my beloved wife Sarah Kirwan during her natural life all the lands that I now own that lyeth to the north west of the road that leadeth from the creek by my house to the main County road leading down Straits hundred and also to the north west of said main road and adjoining the lands of Edward C. Johnson & Moses Bright with all the improvements thereon Excepting the house which my son John H. Kirwan lives in and after the death of my said wife it is my will and wish that the said land and improvements hereby devised to her belong to and is hereby given to my son John H. Kirwan his heirs and assigns forever

I also Bequeath unto said wife all my personal property of every sort and kind Excepting one negro girl called Mary Jane which said girl I give to my Daughter Catherine Kirwan the above personal property is given to my said wife to her heirs and assigns for ever

I give and devise to my son John H. Kirwan all the lands I now own that lieth on the south west side of the afore mentioned road that leadeth from the creek by my house to said main County road leading down Straits hundred and also that lieth on the south east side of said main road and adjoining the lands of William Barkley and Gabriel P. Lake and after the death of my wife Sarah Kirwan it is my will and wish that my said son John have all the lands and improvements devised to my said wife, I all give unto my said son John the house that he now lives in and occupies the above is given and devised to my said son John him his heirs and assigns for ever

I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Catharine Kirwan one negro girl named Mary Jane a slave for life to her and her heirs and assignes for ever

and lastly I do hereby constitute nominate and appoint my beloved wife Sarah Kirwan to be my sole Executrix of this my last will and Testament revoking and annulling all former wills made by me heretofore 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 thirteenth day of January in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty eight

Signed sealed and published and declared by John Kirwan the above named Testator as and for his last will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto

John + Kirwan (seal)

David W. Tyler
Jos. A. McFaden
Solomon J. Tyler.

State of Maryland Dorchester County to wit:

On the 14th. day of March Anno Domini 1859 came David W. Tyler ~~and gave~~ ~~make oath~~ on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that this paper or instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and of John Kirwan late of Dorchester County deceased was deposited in his hands for safe keeping by said Testator and that to the best of his Knowledge it is the true and whole last will and Testament of said deceased and that he knows of no other of a younger date —

Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C.

State of Maryland Dorchester County to wit:

On the 14th. day of March Anno Domini 1859 came David W. Tyler one of the subscribing witnesses to the aforegoing last will and Testament of John Kirwan late of Dorchester County deceased and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that he did see said Testator sign and seal this will that he 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 his apprehensions of a sound and disposing mind memory and understanding and that he together with Jos. A. McFaden and Solomon J. Tyler the other subscribing witnesses to said will respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other —

Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C.

The undersigned Sarah Kirwan Executrix of the last will and Testament of John Kirwan Late of Dorchester County deceased do hereby refuse to Administer upon the estate of the said deceased — and do therefore renounce all my right title and claim to the Administration thereof desiring at the same time that letters may be granted to William Kirwan —

In testimony whereof I hereunto subscribe my name this 25th. day of May 1859 —

Witness John M. Pritchett } her Sarah x Kirwan mark

Filed May 30th 1859

Samuel Johnson's Last will and Testament.

In the name of God Amen I Samuel Johnson of Dorchester County in the State of Maryland being sick and weak in body but of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding considering the certainty of death and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs and thereby being the better prepared to leave this world when it shall please God to call me hence do therefore make 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 Agent herein after named and after my debts and funeral charges be paid I devise and bequeath as follows

I give unto my beloved wife Naomy Johnson all my personal and real Estate during her natural life and at her death to be sold or equally to be divided between Cyntha Cannon and Jane Slacum by my Agent whom I shall name hereafter to settle my Estate and lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint John T. Stewart to be my agent ~~to be my agent~~ to settle 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 seal this 21st day of August 1853

his Samuel x Johnson mark (Seal)

Signed sealed published and declared by James Johnson the above testator as for his last will and testament in the presence us

Barzilla his x mark Bramble
Hutson his x mark Bramble
Alexander Langrall

State of Maryland Dorchester County to wit:

On the 29th. day of December A.D. 1858 came John T. Stewart and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that this paper or instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Samuel Johnson late of Dorchester County, deceased, was handed to him by the widow of the Testator, since his death, to deposit in the proper office; and that to the best of his knowledge, it is the true and whole last will and testament of said deceased, and that he knows of no other of a younger date — Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C.

State of Maryland Dorchester County to wit.

On the 4th. day of April A.D. 1859 came Barzilla Bramble and Hudson Bramble, two of the subscribing witnesses to the aforegoing last will and testament of Samuel Johnson late of Dorchester County, deceased, and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that they did see said Testator sign and seal said will, that they heard him publish, pronounce and declare the same to his last will and testament, that at the time of his so doing he was, to the best of their apprehension, of a sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, and that they respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of the Testator, and in the presence of each other, and in the presence of Alexander Langrall the other subscribing witness to said will —

Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C.

Ann Phillips Last Will and Testament

In the name of God amen I Ann Phillips of Dorchester County in the State of Maryland being ~~sick~~ and weak in body but of sound & disposing mind memory and understanding considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof and being desirous to settle my worldly 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 daughter Margaret Becca Chaworth wife of Byron Chaworth Six hundred Dollars under this express provision that my Executors shall not pay into the hands of the said Byron Chaworth any thing herein bequeathed to my said daughter Margaret Chaworth but that the same shall remain & continue in the hands of my Executor or such person or persons as she shall appoint during the life of the said Byron Chaworth or until she shall be lawfully divorced from him, and until the time of either of these events the profits thereof shall be paid to the said Margaret Rebecca Chaworth and any receipts or writings witnessing the payments of such profits to the said Margaret Rebecca Chaworth and signed by her shall be a sufficient discharge to my Executor or person or persons appointed by her as aforesaid

But upon the death of the said Byron Chaworth or upon the divorce of my said daughter from him then it is my will and desire that the principal of the above bequest be paid over to her my said daughter if she be living and if dead the same to go to her daughter Mary Caroline Chaworth

Item It is my will and desire that the aforegoing bequest to my daughter Margaret Rebecca Chaworth should be understood to be made to her in consideration of her being deprived by the will of her Father of any part of his estate – and should my other children hereafter agree that my said daughter Margaret Rebecca Chaworth shall share and share alike with them both in the estate of my deceased husband and my deceased son Henry E. Phillips then it is my will and desire the foregoing bequest to her shall be equally divided among all my children share and share alike –

Item – I give and bequeath to my Grand daughter Mary Caroline Chaworth the sum of three hundred dollars to be expended to the best possible advantage by my Executor in her education –

Item – Should there be any thing remaining of my estate after my debts are paid and the above legacies are paid then it my will and desire that the same shall be equally divided between my son William and my daughter Sarah share and share alike –

And lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my friend George Winthrop to be sole executor 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

Signed sealed and declared by Ann Phillips the above named Testator to be her last will & Testament in the presence of us who hereunto subscribe our names this 26th. March 1857

Ann her X mark Phillips (Seal)

Jas. Woolford
Thos. R. Skinner

State of Maryland Dorchester County, to wit:

On the 18th. day of April Anno Domini 1857 came George Winthrop and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that this paper or instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Ann Phillips late of Dorchester County deceased was deposited in his hands for safe keeping by said Testatrix and that to the best of his knowledge it is the true and whole last will and Testament of said deceased and that he knows of no other of a younger date –

Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. Wills for Dorchester County

State of Maryland Dorchester County, to wit:

On the 21st. day of April Anno Domini 1857 came Thomas R. Skinner one of the subscribing witnesses to the aforegoing last will and testament of Ann Phillips late of Dorchester County deceased and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that he did see said Testatrix sign and seal said will that he 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 a sound and disposing mind memory and understanding and that he together with James Woolford the other subscribing witnesses to said will respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of the Testatrix and in the presence of each other –

Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C. –

On the 25th. day of April Anno Domini 1857 came James Woolford one of the subscribing witnesses to the aforegoing last last will and Testament of Ann Phillips late of Dorchester County deceased and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that he did see the Testatrix sign and seal said will that he 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 his apprehensions of a sound and disposing mind memory and understanding and that he together with Thomas R. Skinner the other subscribing witness to said will respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of the Testatrix and in the presence of each other

Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C.

Henrietta Brannocks Last Will and Testament

In the name of God Amen I Henrietta Brannock of Dorchester County do make this my last will and Testament in manner & form following to wit:

I give and bequeath unto my son William Elliott & my Daughter Mary Ann Vickers each fifty dollars current money as a legacy payable 12 mo. from my death

I give unto my Daughter Emily M. Brannock all the rest & residue of my Estate be it what it may and consist of what it may

I appoint my friend William Rea Executor of this my last will and testament and want him to sell my effects & close ~~up my concerns~~ Concerns

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my name and affixed my seal this 17th day of March 1857

Signed sealed & delivered by Henrietta Brannock the testatrix

as and for her last will & Testament in the presence of us who at her request and in her presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as Witnesses

Henrietta Brannock her X mark (Seal)

John Richardson
James E. Grace

State of Maryland, Dorchester County to wit

On the 4th. day of May Anno Domini 1859 came William Rea and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that this paper or instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Mrs Henrietta Brannock late of Dorchester county deceased was deposited in his hands for safe keeping by said testatrix and that to the best of his knowledge it is the true and whole last will and Testament of said deceased and that he knows of no other of a younger date

Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C.

State of Maryland Dorchester County to wit:

On the 4th day of May Anno Domini 1859 came James E. Grace one of the subscribing witnesses to the within and aforegoing last will and testament of Mrs Henrietta Brannock late of Dorchester County deceased and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that he did see said Testatrix sign and seal said will that he heard her publish pronounce and declare the same to be her last will and testament that at the time of his so doing she was to the best of his apprehensions of a sound and disposing mind memory and understanding and that he together with John Richardson the other subscribing witness to said will respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of the testatrix and in the presence of each other

Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C.

State of Maryland Dorchester County to wit:

On the 7th. day of May Anno Domini 1859 came John Richardson one of the subscribing witnesses to the within and aforegoing last will and testament of Mrs Henrietta Brannock late of Dorchester County deceased and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that he did see said testatrix sign and seal said will that he 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 his apprehensions of a sound and disposing mind memory and understanding and that he together with James E. Grace the other subscribing witness to said will respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of the Testatrix and in the presence of each other.

Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C.

John Wesley Mitchell's Last will and Testament

Exd.

I John Wesley Mitchell of Reubin of Dorchester County being in not her feeble health but of sound and disposing mind memory and understand. and reflecting upon the brevity and uncertainty of human life have deemed it prudent to make this my last will & testament in manner and form following to wit:

In the first place I give my soul into the hands of God, who gave it, trusting fully and implicitly in the merits of Christ that I shall receive the same at the general resurrection, through a good hope and my body I desire be committed to the Earth in a decent & Christian manner without any show of ostentation and with respect to what it has pleased God to bless me with I dispose of as follows

I give unto my dear wife Mary Mitchell during her life if she should survive me, all my Real and personal Estate under the supervision of my son Christopher Columbus Mitchell and after my said dear wifes death, I give all my said Real and personal Estate to my said son Christopher Columbus Mitchell, on condition that he pay the following legacies free and clear of interest

I give to my son Josiah Mitchell the sum of Fifty dollars, to be paid by my son Christopher C, at his Earliest Convenience, without embarrassment

I give to my son John Wesley Mitchell the sum of Fifty dollars to be paid as aforesaid

I give to my other children Nathaniel, Zachariah, Ann, Caroline, Henry & Margaret, each the sum of Fifty dollars to be paid as aforesaid,

I give to my two younger children George and Mary E each, the sum of one hundred dollars, to be paid as aforesaid, and my will is that Mary Elizabeth have a home at my dwelling as long as she remains single and unmarried –

My will and desire is that my wife dispose of any part of the personal Estate left her that she may desire without impeachment of waste or hindrance

I mean any part that she has made through her own industry and economy

I nominate and appoint my dear wife Mary Mitchell Executrix & my son Christopher Columbus Mitchell Executor of this my last will & testament

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced and declared by Jno Wesly Mitchell as and for his last will & testament in the presence of us who subscribed the same as Witnesses in his presence and in the presence of each other

Witness my hand & seal May 18. 1858

John W. Mitchell (Seal)

William Rea
Thomas J. Rea
William A Cook

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit:

On the 4th. day of May Anno Domini 1859 came William Rea and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that this paper or instrument of writing purporting to be the last Will and testament of John W. Mitchell late of Dorchester county, deceased, was deposited in his hands for safe keeping by said testator, and that, to the best of his knowledge, it is the true and whole last Will and testament of said deceased, and that he knows of no other of a younger date –

Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C.

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit:
On the 6th. day of May Anno Domini 1859 came William Rea and Thomas F. Rea two of the subscribing witnesses to the aforegoing last will and Testament of John W. Mitchell late of Dorchester County, deceased, and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that they did see said Testator sign and seal said will; that they 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 apprehensions, of a sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding; and that they, together with William A. Cook, the other subscribing witness to said will, respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of the Testator, and in the presence of each other.

Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C.

Robert Wallace's Last Will and Testament

Know all men by these presents, that I Robert Wallace of Dorchester County and State of Maryland being of sound and disposing mind and memory and capable of making a valid deed or contract do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit,

After my debts which are few and expences are paid

I give and bequeath unto my son Robert M. Wallace the sum of four thousand dollars to be paid by my Executor hereinafter named to my said son Robert when demanded without Interest provided if my said son Robert do not demand the payment thereof within seven years from my death or in case of the death of my said son Robert before or during the said period of seven years whichever event shall first happen then and in that case I give and bequeath the said sum of four thousand dollars to be Equally divided the one Half thereof to the children of my daughter Sarah Ann E. Jackson living at the happening of the event aforesaid and the other half of said sum to the four children that my son James Wallace now has,

Item. I give and bequeath unto my Executor hereinafter named the sum of four thousand dollars in trust to be invested by him in some safe Stocks and upon the death of William A. Jackson the Husband of my daughter Sarah Ann E. Jackson to pay to my said daughter Sarah Ann E. Jackson the interest that may have accumulated on the said Investment and annually thereafter during her widowhood to pay to her the annual Interest arising thereon and in case my said daughter Sarah Ann should die then and in that case I give and bequeath the said sum of four thousand and the interest accumulated thereon and unpaid unto the child or children of my said daughter that may be living at the death of their mother

Item. I give and devise unto my son James Wallace and his heirs the small farm I bought of William Dean and wife also the Store House and Lot on High Street in the town of Cambridge Also the Houses and Lots I bought of Mrs Elizabeth Lockerman also my negro woman Delia, Thaba, Mary, Nelly or Ellen my negro man William Thomas Harry David Joseph Cornish and all the rest and residue of my Estate real personal and mixed that I now

have or may have hereafter.

Lastly I hereby constitute and appoint my son James Wallace Executor of this my last will and testament revoking and annulling all former wills by me heretofore made ratifying this and none other to be my last will and testament

In witness whereof I have hereto set my hand and seal this first day of December Eighteen hundred and fifty eight.

Robert Wallace (Seal)

Signed sealed published and declared by Robert Wallace the above named testator as his last will in our presence who at his request and in his presence have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

Brice J. Goldsborough
William Rea
Edward W. LeCompte

State of Maryland Dorchester County to wit:
On the 3rd. day of June A.D. 1859 came Brice J. Goldsborough and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that this paper or instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Robert Wallace late of Dorchester County deceased was deposited in his hands for safe keeping by said Testator and that to the best of his knowledge it is the true and whole last will and Testament of said deceased and that he knows of no other of a younger date.

Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C.

State of Maryland Dorchester County, to wit:
On the 3rd. day of June Anno Domini 1859 came Brice J. Goldsborough William Rea and Edward W. LeCompte the subscribing witnesses to the aforegoing last will and Testament of Robert Wallace late of Dorchester County deceased and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that they did see said Testator sign and seal said will that they 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 apprehensions of a sound and disposing mind memory and understanding and that they respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other.

Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C.

Dennis Shenton's Last Will and Testament

In the name of God Amen I Dennis Shenton of Dorchester County in the State of Maryland being in perfect health and of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding and considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs as I may thereby be the better prepared to leave this world when it may please Almighty God to call me hence do make and publish this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit first and principally I commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God and my

body to the earth and after my Burial Expences and debts are paid I give devise and bequeath unto my Daughter Vititia Elizabeth Lane Daughter of Mary Ann Stapleford all that tract or parcel of Land lying in Bull point called Pig Harbour Bought of Charles Shenton containing fifty acres of Land more or less to her her heirs and assigns for ever also one Bed and furniture In witness Whereof the said Dennis Shenton have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal ratifying and confirming this and none other to be my last will and testatment this the 22nd day of November 1858

Signed sealed sealed and declared by the Testator to be his last will and Testatment in the presence of us who at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto

his
Dennis X Shenton (Seal)
mark

D. W. Tyler
John T. Moore
Charles Shenton

State of Maryland Dorchester County to wit:

On the 4th. day of July Anno Domini 1859 came David W. Tyler and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that this paper or instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Dennis Shenton late of Dorchester County deceased was deposited in his hands for safe keeping by said Testator and that he did see said Testator sign and seal said will that he 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 his apprehensions of a sound and disposing mind memory and understanding and that he together with John T. Moore and Charles Shenton (who is since deceased) the other subscribing witnesses to said will respectively subscribed their names as witnesses to said will in the presence and at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other — Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C.

Dennis Shenton's Last will and Testament

In the name of God Amen I Dennis Shenton of Dorchester County in the State of Maryland being sick and weak in body but of sound and disposing mind and 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 leve 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 body to the

earth to be decently buried and after my debts and funeral charges are paid I devise and bequeath as follows I give and bequeath unto Sarah Ann Benton and also unto Elizabeth Lane Stapleford My plantation whereon I now dwell known by the name of Pig harbour containing about fifty acres more or less and their heirs and assigns in fee simple I give and devise unto Sarah Ann Benton and also unto Elizabeth Lane Stapleford all the residue of my property both real and personal to be divided between them share and share alike in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this twelfth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty nine

Signed sealed ~~and~~ published and declared the above named testator to his last will and testament in the presence of us

his
Dennis X Shenton (Seal)
mark

Zebedee Harper
Moses A. Shenton

State of Maryland Dorchester County to wit:

On the 19th day of July Anno Domini 1859 came Zebedee Harper and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that this paper or instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Dennis Shenton late of Dorchester County deceased was deposited in his hands for safe keeping by said Testator and that to the best of his knowledge it is the true and whole last will and Testament of said deceased and that he knows of no other of a younger date

Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. Wills Dorchester County

State of Maryland Dorchester County SS.

On the 19th day of July Anno Domini 1859 came Zebedee Harper and Moses A. Shenton the subscribing witnesses to the aforegoing last will and Testament of Dennis Shenton late of Dorchester County deceased and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that they did see said Testator sign and seal said will that they 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 apprehensions of a sound disposing mind memory and understanding and that they respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other

Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C.

Barzilla Slacum's Last will and Testament

In the name of God Amen I Barzilla Slacum of Dorchester County in the state of Maryland being sick and weak in body but of sound ~~disposing~~ mind and memory 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 Executor herein after named and after my debts and funeral charges are paid I devise and bequeath as follows

Item I give and devise unto my beloved wife Sarah B. Slacum all the personal estate now in my possession that belonged to her at the time of our marriage Also my horse Chester and Horse Porter also a Judgment I hold against Robert B. Keene Two best cows and calves one yoke of oxen (called Rock and Prince one Brindle steer yearling negro man Levi negro man Jerre negro woman Mary negro girl Susan Louisa – One ox cart no 2. all of the Poultry about the farm and vegetables in the garden Beaurough to her and to her heirs forever

Item 2 – I give unto my three sons Robert William and James Slacum all of my Books to be equally divided Between them, Except one Book called the life of Christ

Item 3 I give unto my son Robert H. Slacum one set of Silver spoons marked R. H.

Item 4 – I give unto my daughter Angeline Jones one large silver Ladle

Item 5 – I give unto my daughter Juliett Slacum six silver table spoons one Book called the life of Christ Best Bed Bedstead Hy post Three counter pins one quilt Two sheets two pillows and one Bolster

Item 6 I give unto my daughter Mary Louisa Slacum six Tea silver spoons one Sugar Tongs Three silver Table spoons one Bed Bedstead Three counter pins one quilt two sheets one Bolster and two pillows

Item 7 I give and bequeath unto my three daughters Angeline Jones Mary Louisa & Juliett Slacum my negro girl Jane to them and their heirs forever

Item 8. I give unto my son William K. Slacum one Mehogany Desk

Item 9 I give unto my son James Edwin Slacum the sum of Two hundred in cash

My will and desire is that the Ballance and residue of my estate shall be sold to pay my debts. My negro Lim negro William negro Spencer and negro Levin shall be free after selling them for a term of years in making up any deficiency that may occur in paying my debts And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my friend Solomon F. Kirwan to be sole Executor of this my last will and Testament Confirming no other than this and none other to be my will and testament

In testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the 15th day of July 1859

Signed sealed and published and declared by Barzilla Slacum above named testator and for his last will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto

Barzilla Slacum (Seal)

John Tubman

Samuel T. Brohawn

State of Maryland Dorchester County to wit:

On the 26th day of July A. D. 1859 came Solomon F. Kirwan and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that this paper or instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Barzilla Slacum late of Dorchester County deceased was deposited in his hands for safe keeping by said Testator and that to the best of his knowledge it is the true and whole last will and testament of said deceased and that he knows of no other of a younger date –

Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. Co.

State of Maryland Dorchester County to wit:

On the 8th day of August Anno Domini 1859 came Samuel T. Brohawn one of the subscribing witnesses to the aforegoing last will and Testament of Barzilla Slacum late of Dorchester County deceased and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that he did see said Testator sign and seal said will that he heard him publick 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 his apprehension of a sound and disposing mind memory and understanding and that he together with John Tubman the other subscribing witness to said will respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other

Certified by Levin L. Keene Register W. D. Co.

William T. Lecompte's Last Will and Testament

In the name of God Amen I William T. Lecompte of Dorchester County State of Maryland being advanced in years and knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in the manner and form following: first I desire to render into the hands of my Creator my soul and body which are his

Item first. I give and bequeath to my son Thomas Lecompte half the number of acres of the land I bought of Henry page trustee to the sale of the real estate of Caleb Lecompte deceased it being the part on which he lived the line starting as the fence now stands at the head of Wheers creek thence round the eastern side of the lot called the grave yard orchard and thence onward and to and through the woods so as to divide the acres equal between the two brothers Thomas Lecompte taking the eastern farm next to Wm. T. Goldsborough to him and his heirs forever

Item second. I give and bequeath to my son William T. Lecompte the other half of the number of acres to bought as above mentioned it being where I now live and have resided for a number of years to him and his heirs forever

Item third. I will and bequeath to my youngest daughter Araminta and to her husband William Mitchell the farm in castle Haven neck where they now live, it is a part of a tract called St. anthony's about 75 acres to them and their heirs forever provided provided never the less that he the said Wm. Mitchell do and shall pay to Wm. T. Lecompte his or my legal representatives within five years after my death the sum of twelve hundred dollars good and lawful money – Item fourth I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Hubbard two hundred and fifty dol

lars her husband having received seven hundred and fifty dollars of myself
Item fifth I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Matilda Braton six hundred dollars her husband having received of me four hundred dollars
Item the eighth I give and bequeath to my daughter annamaria Applegarth five hundred dollars her husband having received five hundred dollars of myself
Item seventh I give and bequeath to my daughter Rebeca Lecompte six hundred dollars her husband having received four hundred dollars of myself
Item Eighth I give and bequeath to my son Wm. T. Lecompte L. my negro woman Jane to be free the 31st December 1865 also her infant child Mary to serve till the 31st December 1880 and then to be free also my negro man Joseph Wing to serve till the 31st December 1874 and then to be free
Item ninth I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary E. Lecompte my colored girl Sophia to serve till the 31st December 1867 and then to be free
Item tenth I give and bequeath to my son Wm. T. Lecompte my horses cattle hogs and sheep all farming utensils fixtures and effects that I have on the farm also to him and his mother all my furniture and beding and effects that are in the house to be divided if need be, as they shall agree
In testimony hereof I set my hand and seal this fifteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty eight —

Signed sealed published pronounced and declared by William T. Lecompte as and for his last will and testament in our presence who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto —
Robert Bell
F. J. Henry
E. W. Lecompte

William T. Lecompte (Seal)

State of Maryland Dorchester County to wit:
On the 31st day of August Anno Domini 1859 came William T. Lecompte p. and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that this paper or instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of William T. Lecompte late of Dorchester County deceased was found by him in the desk and among the private papers papers of said deceased since his death and that to the best of his knowledge it is the true and whole last will and testament of said deceased and that he knows of no other of a younger date
Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C.

State of Maryland Dorchester County to wit:
On the 31st day of August Anno Domini 1859 came Robert Bell and Francis J. Henry two of the subscribing witnesses to the within and afore going last will and testament of William T. Lecompte late of Dorchester County deceased and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that they did see said Testator sign and seal said will: that they 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 apprehensions of a sound and disposing mind memory and understanding and that they together with Edward W. Lecompte the other subscribing witness to said will respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other —
Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C.

State of Maryland Dorchester County to wit:
On the 5th. day of September Anno Domini 1859 came Edward W. Lecompte one of the subscribing witnesses to the written and aforegoing last will and testament of William T. Lecompte late of Dorchester County, deceased, and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that he did see said Testator sign and seal said will that he 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 his apprehensions of a sound and disposing mind memory and understanding and that he together with Robert Bell and Francis J. Henry the other subscribing witnesses to said will respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other —
Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. Wills D. C.

Exd

Samuel Travers' Last will and Testament.

In the name of God Amen I Samuel Travers of Dorchester County State of Maryland being of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding — do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say —
After paying all of my just debts and necessary funeral expences — for the payment of which I direct and authorise my Executor herein after mention to sell the tract of land I purchased from James M. Pattison late of Dorchester County deceased
Item — I give devise and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary Travers all of my property real personal and mixed during her life time or widowhood — whichever may determinate first — and after the death or expiration of the widowhood of my wife it is my will request and direction that all of my Estate real personal and mixed shall be equally divided between all of my children then living with the exception of my eldest daughter Jane — who in consideration of what I have already given her I devise and bequeath that she then have the sum of five hundred Dollars and no more of my estate
Never the less should my wife die before my two youngest daughters become of age — I direct devise and bequeath to them the sum of five hundred Dollars each in addition to the aforesaid provision made for them
And lastly I do hereby constitute nominate and appoint my son William H. Travers to be my Executor of this my last will and Testament in testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this twenty sixth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty nine

Samuel Travers (Seal)

Signed sealed published and delivered by Samuel Travers the above named testator — as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us, who at his request, in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto

William W. Cator
John H. Maguire
Thomas H. Travers

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit:
On the 7th. day of September Anno Domini 1859 came Samuel M. Travers and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that this paper or instrument of writing, purporting to be the last will and Testament of Samuel Travers late of Dorchester County, deceased, was deposited in his hands by said deceased, and that, to the best of his knowledge, it is the time and whole last will and testament of said deceased, and that he knows of no other of a younger date —

Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C.

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit:
On the 7th. day of September Anno Domini 1859 came William W. Cator, John H. Maguire and Thomas H. Travers the subscribing witnesses to the aforegoing last will and Testament of Samuel Travers late of Dorchester County, deceased, and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that they did see said Testator sign and seal said will; that they 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 a sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding; and that they respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence, and at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other —

Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C.

Charles Seward's Last Will and Testament

In the name of God Amen I Charles Seward of Dorchester County in the State of Maryland being of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding do 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 herein after named and after my debts and funeral charges are paid and my wifes thirds taken out I devise and bequeath as follows:

I give and devise unto my daughter Elizabeth Rumley her heirs and assigns forever the farm or plantation whereon she now resides near Hutson's Creek called Bachelors delight and addition or by whatever name or names it may be called on condition that she pays to my daughter Sarah Thomas the sum of two hundred dollars in equal installments without interest in one and two years after my death and to my son John Seward the sum of three hundred dollars in equal installments without

interest in one and two years after my death.

Item I give and devise unto my daughter Sarah Thomas her heirs and assigns forever the House and lot on Hutsons Creek where she now resides the said lot begining at a cedar post at the head of Walnut cove and thence running North in a straight line to another cedar post on Haw tree cove and thence running and binding with the water to the begining bounder or post

Item I give and devise unto my youngest four sons Charles Henry Seward, Thomas Jefferson Seward James Seward and Alexander Seward as tenants in common in fee simple the farm or plantation whereon I now reside situated on Brannocks Bay by whatever name or names the same may be called upon the condition that each of them shall pay to my son John Seward the sum of one hundred and twenty five dollars making in all the sum of five hundred dollars

Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Delaney by whatever name she may now be called the sum of one dollar and no more of my estate

Item I give and bequeath unto my negro man Richard Robinson his freedom from and after the first day of January in the year eighteen hundred and sixty eight.

Item. I give devise and bequeath unto my youngest ten children, Charles Henry Seward Thomas Jefferson Seward, James Seward, Alexander Seward Adaline Thomas Louisa Hubbard Hester Ann Cook, Catherine Bennet Margaret Cook and Georgina Mitchell in fee simple to be equally divided between them all the rest and residue of my estate real personal and mixed And it is my will and desire that my Executor hereinafter named and the survivor of them shall hold all the estate real and personal to which my daughter Georgina Mitchell will be entitled under this clause of my will as trustees in trust for her sole and separate use, free from all controle of her husband and all liability for his debts as follows, that is to say the real estate in trust to receive the rents issues and profits thereof and to pay over the same to her during her natural life with power to sell and convey her said real estate by deed executed jointly with her when ever she and they may deem it advantageous and desirable to do so and to invest the proceeds in lands or in some safe security for her benefit and to receive and pay over to her for her sole and seperate use the annual rents and interest accruing from the same and the personal estate aforesaid in trust to invest the same in lands or in some safe security for her benefit and to receive and pay over to her for her sole and seperate use the annual rents and interest accruing from the same her receipt in all cases to be a sufficient acquittance to the said trustees for all payments made by them as aforesaid: and in further trust to deliver and pay over all said real and personal estate and all accumulations and arrears of rents interest and profits arising from the same, to heirs at law and legal representatives immediately after death excluding her husband from all interest therein and every part and parcel thereof.

And Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my four sons Charles Henry Henry Seward Thomas Jefferson Seward James Seward and Alexander Seward to be joint Executors 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 hereto set my hand and affixed my seal this thirteenth day of July in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty seven
Signed sealed published and declared by Charles Seward the above named Testator as and for his last will and testament in our presence who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto

Charles Seward (Seal)

Brice J. Goldsborough
Alex H. Bayly
Danl. M. Henry.

State of Maryland Dorchester County to wit:
On the 30th day of September Anno Domini 1859 came Charles H. Seward one of the within named Executors and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that this paper or instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Charles Seward late of Dorchester County deceased was found by him among the private papers of said Charles Seward since his death and that to the best of his knowledge it is the true and whole last will and testament of said deceased and that he knows of no other of a younger date –

Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C.

State of Maryland Dorchester County, to wit:
On the 30th day of September Anno Domini 1859 came Brice J. Goldsborough Alexander H. Bayly and Daniel M. Henry the subscribing witnesses to the within and aforegoing last will and testament of Charles Seward late of Dorchester County deceased and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that they did see said testator sign and seal said will that they 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 apprehensions of a sound and disposing mind memory and understanding and that they respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other –

Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C.

Mary Hutson's Last will and Testament

"Exhibit A"

In the name of God Amen I Mary Hutson of Dorchester County in the state of Maryland being sick and weak in body but of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof [illegible] 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 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 Three years from after my death or untill all my debts and liabilities are paid I give and bequeath unto Leah Pinder negro my negro man named Aaron Pinder about thirty six years of age to her and her heirs during his natural life and further he the said negro man Aaron Pinder shall serve my Executor herein after named three years from my death or untill all my debts and liabilities are paid
Item Three years from after my death or untill all my debts and liabilities are paid I give and bequeath unto Leah Pinder negro my negro man named Emory Pinder about ~~twenty~~ eight eight years of age to her and her heirs during his natural life and further he the said negro man ~~Emory~~ Pinder shall serve my Executor herein after named three years from my death or untill all my debts and liabilities are paid.
Item: One year from after my death or untill all my debts and liabilities are paid I give and bequeath unto Leah Pinder negro my negro woman named Mary Pinder about twenty three years of age to her and her heirs during her natural life; and further she the said negro woman Mary (Continued) Pinder shall serve my Executor herein after named one year from my death or untill all my debts or liabilities are paid.
Item I give and bequeath unto Leah Pinder negro my negro boy named Denwood Pinder about four years of age the son of the aforesaid Mary Pinder, to the said Leah Pinder and her heirs during his natural life
Item I give and bequeath to Leah Pinder negro my negro girl named Emily Pinder about two years of age the daughter of the aforesaid Mary Pinder to the said Leah Pinder and her heirs during her natural life.
Item I give and bequeath unto Mrs Eliza Hicks one Rocking chair to her and her heirs forever
Item: I give and bequeath unto Miss Sarah R. Hicks the daughter of the said Mrs Eliza Hicks to her and her heirs forever the following articles Viz. one bed bedstead and furniture one bureau one trunk one casket wash stand bowl and pitcher one small pitcher and one looking glass & all the residue of my personal Estate
And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint John B. Leckie to be sole executor 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 25th day of January in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and forty nine.

(Seal)

Signed sealed published and declared by
Mary Hutson the above named testatrix
as and for her last will & 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 -

signed by Wm W. Houston
John W. Dawson
John B. Leeklie

To all Persons Interested

Whereas it has been represented to me that the last will and testament of Mary Hutson late of Dorchester County deceased was duly admitted to probate by the orphans Court of said County, and that the original thereof has been destroyed and certified copy of the same can be found: Notice is hereby given to all persons persons interested that on Monday 19th day of March next at nine oclock A.M. at my office in Cambridge I shall hear and take testimony in regard to the said last will and testament to be reported to the orphans Court that the said court may determine wheather said testimony is sufficient to establish the same.

Charles F. Goldsborough commissioner.

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To Ezekiel Fleming & Sarah R. his wife

Whereas it has been represented to me that the last will and testament of Mary Hutson late of Dorchester County deceased, was duly admitted to probate by the orphans Court of said County and that the original thereof has been distroyed and no certified copy of the same can be found: You are hereby notified that on Monday the 19th day of March next at 9 oclock A.M. at my office in Cambridge I shall hear and take testimony in regard to the said last will and testament, to be reported to the orphans Court that the said court may determine wheather said testimony is sufficient to establish the same

Charles F. Goldsborough
commissioner

February 26th. 1855

To Mrs Eliza Hicks

Where as it has been represented to me that the last will and Testament of Mary Hutson late of Dorchester County deceased was duly admitted to probate by the Orphans Court of said County and that the original thereof has been destroyed and no certified copy of the same can be found: you are hereby notified that on Monday the 19th. day of March inst at 9 oclock A.M. at my office in Cambridge I shall hear and take testimony in regard to the said last will and testament to be reported

to the orphan's Court that the said court may determine wheather said testimony is sufficient to establish the same,

Charles F. Goldsborough
Commissioner

March 5th 1855

To Leah Pinder

Where as it has been represented to me that the last will and testament of Mary Hutson late of Dorchester County deceased was duly admitted to probate by the Orphans Court of said County and that the original thereof has been destroyed and no certified copy of the same can be found: you are hereby notified that on Monday the 19th day of March inst at 9 oclock A.M. at my office in Cambridge, I shall hear and take testimony in regard to the last will and testament to be reported to the orphan's Court that the said Court may determine whether said testimony is sufficient to establish the same.

Charles F. Goldsborough
Commissioner

March 5th. 1855

Dorchester County } The state of Maryland to the Sheriff of Dorchester County
to wit: } Greeting: We command you to summon John B. Leeklie that all excuses and delays set aside he be and appear before me at my office in Cambridge, in the said County on Monday the 19th day of March inst at 9 oclock A.M. to testify the truth of his knowledge in the matter of the last will and testament of Mary Hutson deceased. Hereof you are not to fail and fail not at your peril and have you then and there this writ. Witness my hand this 5th day of March Anno Domini 1855

Charles F. Goldsborough
Commissioner

Dorchester County } The state of Maryland to the Sheriff of Dorchester County
to wit } Greeting: We command you to summon Henry W. Houston that all excuse and delays set aside he be and appear before me at my office in Cambridge in the said County on Monday the 19th day of March instant at 9 oclock A.M. to testify the truth of his knowledge in the matter of the last will and testament of Mary Hutson deceased. Hereof you are not to fail and fail not at your peril and have you then and there this writ. Witness my hand this 5th. day of March Anno Domini 1855.

Charles F. Goldsborough
Commissioner

"Exhibit B."

I was acquainted with Mary Hutson during her life time and remember that shortly after her death her last will and testament properly attested was admitted to probate before the orphans Court of Dorchester County and duly filed and recorded in the office of the Register of Wills. I was Register of said County at the time said will was filed and recorded in the office. The paper writing shown to me Marked "Exhibit A." is to the best of my recollection a true and faithful Copy in substance of the original last will and testament of Mary Hutson. I believe that the said will was destroyed by fire with the Court House as it cannot since be found.

Signed sealed published and declared by
Mary Hutson the above named testatrix
as and for her last will & 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 -

Signed by Hn W. Houston
John W. Dawson
John B. Leckie

To all Persons Interested

Whereas it has been represented to me that the last will and testament of Mary Hutson late of Dorchester County deceased was duly admited to probate by the orphans Court of said County, and that the original thereof has been destroyed and certified copy of the same can be found: Notice is hereby given to all persons persons interested that on Monday 19th day of March next at nine oclock A.M. at my office in Cambridge I shall hear and take testimony in regard to the said last will and testament to be reported to the orphans Court that the said court may determine wheather said testimony is sufficient to establish the same.

Charles F. Goldsborough commissioner.

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To Ezekiel Fleming & Sarah R. his wife

Whereas it has been represented to me that the last will and testament of Mary Hutson late of Dorchester County deceased, was duly admited to probate by the orphan's Court of said County and that the original thereof has been distroyed and no certified copy of the same can be found: you are hereby notified that on Monday the 19th day of March next at 9 oclock A.M. at my office in Cambridge I shall hear and take testimony in regard to the said last will and testament, to be reported to the orphan's Court that the said court may determine wheather said testimony is sufficient to establish the same

Charles F. Goldsborough
Commissioner

February 26th 1855

To Mrs Eliza Hicks

Where as it has been represented to me that the last will and Testament of Mary Hutson late of Dorchester County deceased was duly admited to probate by the Orphans Court of said County and that the original thereof has been destroyed and no certified copy of the same can be found: you are hereby notified that on Monday the 19th day of March inst at 9 oclock A.M. at my office in Cambridge I shall hear and take testimony in regard to the said last will and testament to be reported

to the orphan's Court that the said court may determine wheather said testimony is sufficient to establish the same,

Charles F. Goldsborough
Commissioner

March 5th 1855

To Leah Pinder

Whereas it has been represented to me that the last will and testament of Mary Hutson late of Dorchester County deceased was duly admited to probate by the Orphan's Court of said County and that the original thereof has been destroyed and no certified copy of the same can be found: you are hereby notified that on Monday the 19th day of March inst at 9 oclock A.M. at my office in Cambridge, I shall hear and take testimony in regard to the last will and testament to be reported to the orphan's Court that the said court may determine whether said testimony is sufficient to establish the same.

Charles F. Goldsborough
Commissioner

March 5th. 1855

Dorchester County to wit: } The state of Maryland to the sheriff of Dorchester County Greeting: We command you to summon John B. Leckie that all excuses and delays set aside he be and appear before me at my office in Cambridge, in the said County on Monday the 19th day of March inst at 9 oclock A.M. to testify the truth of his knowledge in the matter of the last will and testament of Mary Hutson deceased. Hereof you are not to fail and fail not at your peril and have you then and there this writ. Witness my hand this 5th day of March Anno Domini 1855

Charles F. Goldsborough
Commissioner

Dorchester County to wit } The state of Maryland to the sheriff of Dorchester County Greeting: We command you to summon Henry W. Houston that all excuses and delays set aside he be and appear before me at my office in Cambridge in the said County on Monday the 19th day of March instant at 9 oclock A.M. to testify the truth of his knowledge in the matter of the last will and testament of Mary Hutson deceased Hereof you are not to fail and fail not at your peril and have you then and there this writ. Witness my hand this 5th day of March Anno Domini 1855.

Charles F. Goldsborough
Commissioner

"Exhibit B."

I was acquainted with Mary Hutson during her life time and remember that shortly after her death her last will and testament properly attested was admited to probate before the orphans Court of Dorchester County and duly filed and recorded in the office of the Register of wills, I was Register of said County at the time said will was filed and recorded in the office. The paper writing shown to me Marked "Exhibit A." is to the best of my recollection a true and faithful copy in substance of the original last will and testament of Mary Hutson. I believe that the said will was destroyed by fire with the Court House as it cannot since be found.

Tho. H. Hicks

"Exhibit C."

I was acquainted, during her life time with Mary Hutson, late of Dorchester County deceased prior to her death at her request I drew her last will and testament which was duly signed and executed by the testatrix in the presence of John W. Dawson Dr. H. W. Houston and myself who in her presence and by her request and in the presence of each other affixed our names as witnesses to said last will and Testament I was named executor in said will the paper writing shown to me marked "Exhibit A." is in my hand writing and was drawn by me from my recollection of the original last will and testament of which I believe it to be in substance a true and correct copy. Said will was carried by me to the Registers office about the fourth of March next preceeding the burning of the court House and I have reason to believe was only admitted to probate before the Orphans Court of Dorchester County in as much as letters testamentary upon the estate of the testatrix were granted to me by said orphans Court.

John B. Leckie

"Exhibit D"

Aaron Pinder
Emory Pinder
Samuel Darkins &
Mary his wife

In the matter of Establishing the will of Mary Hutson late of Dorchester County decd.

I Eliza Hicks do hereby relinquish all my right title claim & interest of in and to the divise to me by Mary Hutson late of Dorchester County deceased, contained In her last will and testament and also of in & to any article or articles mentioned or described in said devise to me.

Witness my hand & seal this 19th day of March A.D. 1855.

Signed sealed and delivered in presence of Thos. J. Hicks

Eliza Hicks (Seal)

"Exhibit E."

I Knew Mrs Mary Hutson, late of Dorchester County she having lived with me for some time prior to her death which occured at my house. I was present when directions were given by Mrs Hutson to John B. Leckie in regard to the drawing of her last will and testament and The paper writing shown to me marked "Exhibit A." corresponds in its provisions with the directions given by Mrs Hutson to Mr. Leckie in my presence and hearing in regard to her said will.

Eliza Hicks

To the Hon. the Judges of the Orphans' Court.

Aaron Pinder
Emory Pinder

Before Charles F. Goldsborough commissioner. application to take testimony to establish the last

Samuel Darkins & Mary his wife

will and testament of Mary Hutson February 24th 1855. — Monday March 19th 1855. This being the day appointed for persons interested in the above case to appear before me &c. Mrs Eliza Hicks and Ezekiel Fleming were present. Leah Pinder appeared by Col. T. A. Spence her attorney. James Wallace Esqr. also appeared as counsel for Ezekiel Fleming the general notice hereto attached had been duly published in the "Cambridge Chronicle" a newspaper printed in Dorchester County and the special notices herewith reported had been returned duly served on the above named Mrs Eliza Hicks Ezekiel Fleming and Sarah R. his wife and Leah Pinder they being the only persons known or represented to me to be interested.

Thomas H. Hicks Esqr a witness of Lawfull age having appeared and been duly sworn by me testified as will appear by the paper herewith reported marked "Exhibit B."

John B. Leckie Esqr. for whome a summons had been issued and returned appeared before me and testified under oath as will appear by the paper herewith reported marked "Exhibit C."

As will be seen by "Exhibit D" one of the papers herewith reported, Mrs Eliza Hicks renounced all her interest as Legatee in the will of Mary Hutson and her testimony being deemed important she was sworn by me and testified as will appear by the paper marked "Exhibit E." herewith reported. Dr Henry W. Houston was returned summoned as a witness but did not appear and I therefore continued the case to Monday the 26th day of March 1855: on this last named day none of the parties attending and no evidence being adduced before me I closed the proceeding.

All which is respectfully submitted

Charles F. Goldsborough
Commissioner

Costs

Sheriff	$2.30
Chron.	2.00
Witnesses	2.62½
	$6.92½

In Dorchester County Orphans Court October 24th. Anno Domini 1857 The aforegoing report and accompanying papers were this day laid before the Court, and thereupon after due examination were ratified and confirmed and ordered to be recorded —

Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C.

See record of will in Liber "T. H. H. Wills," folio 332, 333 and 334 —

William W. Pool's Last will and Testament

In the name of God Amen I William W. Pool of Dorchester County and State of Maryland Being well in body and sound disposing mind memory and understanding and 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 Body to the Earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my executors herein after Named and after my Just debts and funeral charges are paid I devise and bequeath as follows - first I devise unto Mary Andrew Widow of Bersil lay Andrew all all that part of Land lying between the old and new road that divides Caroline and Dorchester Countys during her liftime and also a small peace of wood Land lying in Caroline County and same land adjoining the lands of Nathan Corkran & Jacb Covey during her life and then the same Lands to be the estate of hir daughter Susan Covey in fee Simple. Item I give and devise unto William D. Eaton son of William Eaton and Ezippa Eaton his wife my home plantation Whereon I know Dwell Known by the names of Schooler Ship and Crooked Ridge or whatsoever name or names they may be called and same Lands adjoining the Lands of Mr Josiah Charles Nathan Corkran and Silas Nicals Lands Except ten acres of Land I bought of Elizabeth Walker woodland and the adjoining the Lands of Silas Nicals - and then to run With the old Lion of the home farm to the first boundery of said farm - and if so be that the said William D. Eaton dies and leaves no lawful heirs of his own body. then the same lands to be Estate of his Brother & Sisters in fee Simple Item I give and devise unto Mary E. Eaton daughter of Thomas Eaton and Mary his wife the farm called the Walker farm according to the old Little papers and also a piece of Land I bought of John Rowins and James Williams and adjoining the lands of George Kenedy and also the Eaton land adjoining the Walker farm Begining on the County road leading from the old church field To Paul Conaways Mills Supposed to be the sixty fourth line of schoolership or Schoolership improved and then Runing Straight to the Iron mine Boundery Supposed to be a marked White oak and thence runing Straight to a large sweet gum Standing in the Branch and the same gum to be supposed to stand about ten perches from the school house and up the Branch and from the gum to Josiah Charles lands and up said Branch Binding with said Charles lands to home farm Begining Boundery then up said Branch binding with the home farm to the Lands of Silas Nicals and all them tracts and all them tracts and part of Tracts of Lands lying within said meets and Bounds - and if so be that the said Mary E. Eaton Shoud die and leave no lawful heirs of her own body then the above named Lands to be the estate of hir Brother William E. Eaton and his Sister Sarah A. Eaton In fee Simple. Item I give and devise unto John Wheatley Elizabeth Wheatley Mary Wheatley and William Wheatley Children of William Wheatly and Mary A. Wheatly his wife the farm I bought of Thomas Camper and wife or at sheriff sale with refference to my deed from Solomon Kirwen Sheriff and also the Lands I bought of Spencer Bush and also the Lands I bought of Mr Abel Lowtry and also the Land I Bought of James Williams and also part of the Eaton Land say Begining as supposed on the sixty fourth course of schoolership on the County road leading from

the church old field to paul conoways Mills where there is a stone set in the ground a pine and a dog wood stands growing and then by a straight line to the Iron mine Boundery which is a marked white oak and thence By a straight line to a large sweet gum supposed to be about ten perches distante from the schoolhouse and thence to Josiah Charles Lands and then down the Branch Beriding with said Charles lands to the County road Item I bequeath unto Sarah Wheatley the farm formerly belonging to John Charles and at this time in occupation of Mitchell Hurlock Supposed to contain about one hundred and Eighty acres more or less during hir life time and then the same to be the estate of hir Half Sister named Mary A. Wheatly and hir hir half Brother Thomas B. Wheatley in fee Simple; Item I give and devise unto William D. Eaton my horse called Sam - Item I give and devise unto Mary E. Eaton one Bed bedstead and furniture first Choice Item I give unto Mitchell Hurlock the sum of three Hundred dollars to move out the building which stands on the Walker farm to two of the Walker fields and one of the Eaton fields Joins to Each other on a Hill close to a Tall Cedar Tree - and build and repair to the amount of three hundred dollars and take Ceare of Mary E. Eaton - and give unto said Mitchell the Sum of one Hundred dollars to settle my Estate without any administration on the same and I do give unto Daniel Cannon the sum of one hundred dollars to act as clerk and make calculation for said Hurlock

In testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 20th day of June 1849 -

Signed sealed published and declared by William W. Pool Testator the above named Testater as for his last will and testament in presents of us Who at His Request in the presence of each other have subscribed over names as witnesses thereto

William W. Poole (Seal)

John his X Wright
Thomas mark X Bradly
Sarah mark A. Cannon
Jane Cannon

State of Maryland Dorchester County to wit:

On the 3rd day of July Anno Domini 1854 Then came Daniel Cannon and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that the aforegoing or instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of William W. Poole late of Dorchester County deceased, was deposited in his hands for safe Keeping by the Testator therein named, and that to the best of his Knowledge it is the true and whole last will and testament of the said deceased and that he doth not know of any other of a younger date —

Certified by Tho. H. Hicks Regr. W. D. C.

E - 1858 In the matter of the last will and Testament of William W. Poole late of Dorchester County deceased. Caveat - Filed May 3rd.

To the Honorable the Judges of the Orphans Court of Dorchester County

The petition of Henry Corkran and Elizabeth his wife, John Poole Madison Williams Samuel Poole Sarah Whitely and Daniel Whitely respectfully represents unto your Honours that they are heirs at law and legal representatives of a certain William W. Pole late of Dorchester County deceased your Petitioner further represents that they are informed that a paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of the aforesaid William W. Pool deceased has been exhibited for probate before your Honours, your Petitioner further represents that they object to the admission of the aforesaid paper writing to probate for the following reasons to wit: First, because the said instrument of writing is not a valid last will and testament for the reason that it was not duly and properly signed sealed and executed and attested in accordance with law

Because the aforesaid William W. Poole did not sign seal publish and declare the aforesaid paper writing as and for his last will and testament in the presence of John Wright Thomas Bradly Sarah A. Cannon and Jane Cannon Who appear as subscribing witnesses thereto

Because the said John Wright Thomas Bradly Sarah A. Cannon and Jane Cannon Whose names appear as subscribing witnesses to the said paper writing did not sign their names or make their marks as witnesses to the same at the request of nor in the presence of the said William W. Pool nor in the presence of each other –

Wherefore your petitioners prays that said paper writing may not be admitted to probate as the last will and testament of the aforesaid William W. Poole deceased but that the same may be set aside and ejected and that your Honours will order the states writ of subpoena to be issued and directed to Mary Andrews Susan Covey Wm. D. Eaton Constantine Wright and Mary E. his wife John Wheatly Elizabeth Wheatly Mary A. Wheatly & Thomas Wheatly who are legatees and devisees under said paper writing commanding them to be and appear before this Honourable Court on some certain day to be therein named to answer the premises and abide by and perform such order as may be passed therein

Charles F. Goldsborough
for Caveators

E. 1858 Answer of Mary Andrews, Susan Covey, William D. Eaton, Constantine Wright and Mary E. his wife John Wheatly Elizabeth Wheatly, Mary A. Wheatly and Thomas Wheatly – In the matter of the last will and testament of William W. Poole deceased = Filed June 1st.

To the Honourable the Judges of the Orphans Court of Dorchester County
The answer of Mary Andrews Susan Covey William D. Eaton Constantine Wright and Mary E. his wife John Wheatly Elizabeth Wheatly Mary A. Wheatly and Thomas Wheatly legatees and devisees of William W. Poole deceased to the Petition of Henry Corkran & Elizabeth

his wife John Poole Sarah Whitely and David Whitely

The respondents Answering do not admit that said parties are the heirs at law and legal representatives of William W. Poole They further answer that the said parties or some of them have heretofore filed a caveat against the said will of William W. Poole which has been tried and adjudicated by this Court – whenever the said will was truly fully and legally proven by the surviving witnesses who signed the same and adjudged by this Court in that or other grounds. to be the true and valid last will and testament of William W. Poole deceased and no appeal was taken from the then adjudication of this court – That some two or three years have elapsed since the said adjudication and in the mean time under the direction of this Court the Legacies and devises in said will have passed to the legatees and devisees – And your respondents further answer that the petitioners not content with said adjudication, and notwithstanding the unwarrantable delay in asserting their pretended rights have one or more of them in the mean time endeavored to tamper with and bribe one at least of the witnesses to said will if not more to induce them not to prove said will

And your respondents further answer and allledge that the paper writing purporting purporting to be the last will and testament of William W. Poole deceased is a valid last will and testament duly and properly signed, sealed Executed and attested in accordance with Law.

That the said William W. Poole did sign, seal, publish and declare the same as for his last will and testament in the presence of John Wright Thomas Bradly Sarah A. Cannon and Jane Cannon who appear as subscribing witnesses that the said John Wright Thomas Bradly Sarah A. Cannon and Jane Cannon Whose names appear as subscribing witnesses to the same did sign their names and make their marks as witnesses to the same at the request of and in the presence of the said William W. Poole and in the presence of each other.

Wherefore your respondent pray that said petition may be dismissed and your respondents have their costs and charges to be adjudged to them from the said petitioners. And as in duty &c

Elias Griswold
for respondents

(Filed June 1st 1858)

1858

H. Corkran etals
vs.
Mary Andrews etals } Caveat to will of Wm. W. Poole deceased =
Testimony of witnesses as reduced to writing by order of Court –
Filed Septr 9th, =

Henry Corkran and others
vs.
Mary Andrews and others } In Orphans Court for Dorchester County September 21st 1858
Caveat to the will of William W. Poole deceased &c
Peanary proceedings ordered &c –

Thomas Bradly a witness of lawfull age produced on the part of the caveatees, being duly sworn deposes and says —

Witness says he knew Mr Poole some three or four years previous to his death: some time during the month of June in the year Eighteen hundred and forty nine (1849) I was called upon by William W. Poole to witness his will; I was then in Daniel Cannons Store and Mr Poole came for me and said that he wanted me to go and sign his last Will and Testament. I went with him to Daniel Cannons dwelling house up stairs I found there John Wright, Sarah A. Cannon and Jane Cannon Mr Poole was also there: I can neither read or write: I saw William W. Poole writing upon a paper he then said the paper which he signed was his last Will and testament he said this in the presence of John Wright Sarah A. Cannon Jane Cannon Daniel Cannon and myself who were all present, I then saw Mr John Wright sign the will by making his mark, Mr Cannon wrote his name I then signed it by making my mark Mr. Daniel Cannon having first written my name Miss Sarah A. Cannon and Miss Jane Cannon then signed the will by writing their names we all signed in the presence of each other and I signed the will at Mr Pooles request Mr. Poole signed the will in the presence of all the witnesses, Mr Poole immediately before he signed the will and before the witnesses signed the same declared the paper to be his last will and testament I mean he so declared at the time he signed and just before we signed the will as witnesses — the paper marked "Exhibit A." Was here shown to the witnesses — He points out the mark in his name and says that is his mark he says that he made that mark at the time he has before spoken of that he made that mark at Mr Pooles request as a witness to his will and in his presence and in the presence of John Wright Sarah A. Cannon Jane Cannon and Daniel Cannon and at the time he made this mark he saw Mr. Poole write his name upon the paper on which this mark is made and heard him declare the same to be his last will and testament at the same time I saw John Wright make his mark upon the same paper as a witness, I also saw Sarah A. Cannon and Jane Cannon write their names as witnesses to the said will at same time from recognizing my mark upon the paper referred to I have no doubt that it is the same paper which I saw Mr Poole sign and declare to be his last will and testament and which I saw the witnesses sign as I have stated I think this all happened a little after the middle of the day spoken of —

Cross examination of Thomas Bradly by Caveators

This was in the year Eighteen Hundred and forty nine (1849)

Witness went into the room John Wright Sarah A. Cannon Milcha J Cannon and Daniel Cannon were present I went into the room with William W. Poole; When Mr Poole came for me I was in Daniel Cannons store but it has been so long that I do not recollect who was in there. Mr Cannon had no clerk in the store at that time his daughters Sarah A. Cannon and Jane Cannon attending to it first one and then the other the above is about one hundred yards from the dwelling house, there was somebody in the store with me at the time Mr Poole called me I do not recollect of any one that was in the store at that time Witness being asked the question what reason he can give why he recollects that he was called on by Mr Poole that day and cannot recollect who was in the store? his reply was, that he was accustomed to being down at Mr. Cannons store after dinner and did not charge his mind with who was present — I have had no conversation about this matter with any one except Mr James Poole the following question was asked of Witness, Have you had any conversation with any person about Mr Pooles will or the manner of the execution of it from the time you say you witnessed it down to the present day? Witness says he cannot say that he have had conversation about it, or he may not have had he recollects talking with James Poole about it one day — Witness says he always makes his mark in the same way and thinks he can identify it wherever he sees it, there may be other marks made in the same way — after Mr Poole and myself got up stairs he told me that he wanted me to sign his will as a witness I dont know wheather it was before or after we got up stairs that Mr Poole said the paper I said I signed was his will but I think it was after we got up up stairs Witness thinks Mr Pole had not the paper meaning the will in his hands when he came after me to sign it I think I did not see the paper untill after I got up stairs, Witness does not know wheather he saw the will in any body's hands but thinks it may have been lying on the stand is not positive that it was in any body's hands but knows that it was up stairs Witness says that he saw Mr Poole sign the will Question How do you know that Mr Poole signed that will? Witness says because he saw him writing but has no learning — Witness says he swears positively that after he went up into the room in Daniel Cannons Dwelling House William W. Pool told Witness that that was his last Will and testament which he wanted him to sign as a witness Witness says that at the former trial four years ago of William W. Pooles will he was a witness in that trial Witness was asked the following question — did you or not at the former trial in regard to the paper purporting to be the last will of William W. Pole and filed in this cause as "Exhibit A." testify that at the time you signed said paper you did not know what it was and was not told what it was? Witness answered and says I do not know what I said Question Are you positive that at the former trial you did not so swear? answer answers I did not so testify — did you or not say at that trial that you did not see William W. Poole sign that will marked "Exhibit A."? Witness says that he did not so swear —

Thomas Bradly reexamined by caveatees — Witness does not now recollect seeing Mrs Cannon in the store when Mr Poole came for him I have sometimes seen Miss Angeline Cannon attending to the store I do not now particularly recollect what I testified to on the former trial but I think I then testified as I now

do - Witness says that Mr Poole nor any of the Caveators have ever offered him any bribe or approached him in regard to his testimony — 1858 September 28th.

Mrs Jane Mann a witness produced on the part of the Caveators being duly sworn deposes and says — Witness says her name was formerly Jane Cannon but that she is now the wife of Dr. Joseph H. Mann was married last fall was a witness to William W. Pooles Will, Mr Pooles himself called upon me to be a witness to his Will sometime during the month of June in the year eighteen hundred and forty nine (1849) — Witness says she is the daughter of Daniel Cannon and was in the Dining room at her Fathers house when called upon by Mr Poole to be a witness to his Will I was alone in the room at the time Mr Pool asked me if I would be a witness to his Will I went with him up stairs when we got to the room my father Daniel Cannon my sister Sarah A. Cannon and Mr John Wright were in the room Mr Thomas Bradly was not then in the room but came in shortly after — Mr Poole went after Mr Bradly after I went up to the room — The paper marked "Exhibit A." was here shown to the witness — Witness says she saw Mr Poole sign his name to that paper at the time he signed it he said it was his last will and testament, at the time William W. Poole signed that paper and said it was his last will and testament my Father Daniel Cannon my Sister Sarah A. Cannon Mr John Wright Mr Thomas Bradley and myself were all present in the room Mr John Wright Mr Thomas Bradley my Sister Sarah A. Cannon and myself then signed the will as witnesses in the presence of Mr Poole and in the presence of each other — Mr John Wright signed first my Father writing his name and Mr Wright making his mark, Mr Bradly signed next my Father writing his name and Mr Bradley making his mark, My sister Sarah A. Cannon next signed as a witness; have frequently seen my sister write during her life time, said Sarah A. Cannon is now dead having died about four years ago I would know her hand writing the signature of Sarah A. Cannon to paper marked "Exhibit A." is genuine, I saw her write it — the witnesses all left the room shortly after the will was executed —

Cross examination of Jane Mann by Counsel for Caveators — Witness says that William W. Poole the Testator was not living at her Fathers House at this time he lived about three miles from my father as he was in the habit of frequently visiting at my fathers house — Mr. Poole came to my Fathers I think in the morning of the day on which the Will was made I did not see him as he approached the house, I had seen him on that day before he came to the dining room for me to witness his will I saw him at dinner: I think he came alone but do not know have no knowledge of Mr Poole's age at that time he was not a very old man but cannot say what his age was Mr Poole had no children he was not a married man — (The testimony in relation to his marriage

relations &c. is here excepted to by counsel for Caveators and by consent of Counsel and permission of the Court reserved untill final argument and decisiion of Court) — Witness thinks Mr Poole never was married; Witness knows nothing about the relationship between Mr. Poole and Mary Andrews does not know wheather there was any relationship between them does not know wheather Susan Covey was any relation of Mr Poole's does not know wheather William D. Eaton was a relative of Mr Poole's does not know whether Mary E. Eaton was a relative of Mr Poole's William E. Eaton and Sarah A. Eaton were not related to William W. Poole I do not know wheather John Wheatly Elizabeth Wheatly Mary Wheatly or William Wheatly children of William Wheatly and Mary A. his wife were any relation to William W. Poole I think Sarah Wheatly was related to Mr Pole but do not know what relation she bore to him: I do not know whether Mary A. Wheatly or Thomas B. Wheatly were related to Mr Pole does not know whether Mitchell Hurlock was any relation of Mr Poole's My Father Daniel Cannon was no relative of Mr Poole's — At the time Mr Pole came for me in the dining room he did not have his will in his hands I first saw the will in the room up stairs in my Fathers house, it was on the stand in the room I went up stairs with Mr Pole Mr Pole left the room soon after I went up and before the will was signed none of the witnesses signed the will before Mr Poole went after Mr Bradly Mr Wright signed the will first as witness Mr Bradly next my sister Sarah A. Cannon and Lastly myself Mr Pole signed the will before the witnesses — I think the Caveators the names being read to the witnesses, are related to Mr Pole does not know what relation any of them bore to Mr Pole but only states the fact that they were related to him —

Reexamined by Counsel for Caveators Witness cannot say positively that her Father was a Justice of the Peace in 1849, but thinks he was he has acted as a Justice of the peace for many years where he resides. it is within the knowledge of Witness that for many years past her father has been in the habit of drawing instrument, of writing for his neighbours and others (Counsel for Caveators except to the testimony on reexamination so far, under the terms of former exceptions by Caveators) — Witness says she has no personal knowledge of the relationship of the Caveators to Mr Poole or wheather the devisees in the will are related to him or wheather he was married or had children as far as she has testified on that subject it has been from information John Wright a witness produced on the part of the Caveators being duly sworn deposes and says — That he resides in this County and has ever since he has known anything was a witness to the will of William W. Poole deceased Mr Poole called on me to be a witness to the Will I was out in the yard at Mr Cannons house when he called on me I had been at work at Mr Cannons I lived with Mr Cannon at the time: Mr Poole asked me if I would not go up stairs with him and turned and went up stairs in Mr Cannons house and I followed him up there I found Daniel Cannon Mr Poole and Mr Cannons two daughters Sarah A. Cannon and Jane Cannon Mr Bradly was not then there, but came in a few minutes I think Mr Poole went for him I think this was after dinner When Mr Bradly came in I saw Mr Poole sign his will the paper was laying on the stand. Mr Pole at the time of signing the paper said that that was his last will and testament at the time he signed the paper and said it was his last will and Testament I was present Daniel Cannon Thomas Bradly Sarah A. Cannon and Jane Cannon were also present at the same time — Thomas Bradley Sarah A. Cannon Jane Cannon and

myself all signed the will after he had signed as witnesses in the presence of Mr Poole and in the presence of each other I was there as a witness to the will at the request of Mr Poole Witness says he can neither write nor read writing - I signed the will first as a witness Mr Cannon wrote my name and I made my mark Thomas Bradley signed the will next as a witness Mr Cannon wrote his name and he made his mark Sarah A. Cannon next signed as a witness the two last named witnesses writing their own names. Mr Poole wrote his own name to the will - "Exhibit A." being here shown to the witness - He says it is the same paper he has referred to and which he signed his name to or made his mark on and which he saw Mr Pole sign for his will at the time I made my mark on that paper Mr Poole was present and signed the same and declared it to be his last will and Testament Thomas Bradly Sarah A. Cannon and Jane Cannon were also present at the same time and signed the same as witnesses Witness thinks this was about the year Eighteen hundred and forty (1840) he has no learning can neither read or write, and does not recollect in what month it was has no recollection how many years back it was -

Cross examination by counsel for caveators of John Wright

Witness says he has had no particular or general conversation in regard to this will since the death of Mr Poole has had no conversation with Mr. Cannon in regard to it was out in the yard when Mr Poole came for him, Mr Poole asked him if he would not walk up stairs with him said nothing to him about the will untill he got up stairs Witness is positive that Miss Jane Cannon now Mrs Mann was present in the room when he got up there was a witness to the case of Wm. W. Pooles will which was tried before Witness says that after he went up stairs heard Mr Poole say and acknowledge that the paper refered to was his last will and testament is positive of this fact the question being asked The question being asked are you as positive of the truth of what you have last stated as you are that these circumstances took place in the year Eighteen hundred and forty (1840)? Witness says yes, I reckon so - Witness says he cannot say how long it has been since he signed the paper I cannot say whether in answer to the Counsel for the Caveatees, I said a short time ago that I thought it was about four years ago that Mr Pole signed the will - Witness says that he is positive that he saw Mr Poole sign the paper as his will, he said at the time that it was his last will and testament Witness is positive of this - Witness says that he testified on the former trial of Pooles will as he has testified to day to the best of his knowledge, The question being asked witness Did you or not say at the time of the former trial in regard to Wm. Pooles will in July or August 1854 in the court house in the town of Cambridge that you did not know what it was that you were signing, whether it was a deed or a will or a bond that no body told you what it was and that you did not know what it was or words to that effect objections made to aforegoing question by counsel for Caveatees the Court decided that the question is an improper one as stated that the words "or words to that effect" are improper and the court rule the question out in the form put to the witness - Exception to the ruling of the Court by Counsel for Caveators - The following question was then

asked witness. Did you or not say at the time of the former trial in regard to Wm. Pooles will in July or August 1854 in the court house in the town of Cambridge that you did not know what it was that you were signing whether it was a deed or a will or a bond that no body told you what it was and that you did not know what it was? Witness says that he did not so testify - Did you or not, some three or four weeks ago state to Ebenezer Todd near Williamsburg in Dorchester County that you and Thomas Bradley were in a potato patch together and that Mr Pole came and told you that he wanted you to sign a paper and that you both went to Mr Daniel Cannons store and there signed a paper but did not know what it was and that you left soon after? Witness says that he did not - Witness says that he always makes his mark pretty much in the same way thinks he is pretty apt to know his mark again - The paper marked "Exhibit A." was here shown to witness for him to point out his mark - Witness after examining the paper says that he cannot find his mark The counsel for the caveators having pointed out to him the marks made by witness and Thomas Bradley on "Exhibit A" telling him to point out which was his Witness pointed out the letter "O" in Thomas Bradleys name as his witness, mark -

Examination in Chief resumed -

Witness says that he can neither read or write nor can he read writing; has a distinct and positive recollection of being called on by Mr Poole to witness his will Witness distinctly and positively recollects going up stairs to a room in Daniel Cannons house and in the presence of William W. Poole, Daniel Cannon, Sarah A. Cannon Jane Cannon and Thomas Bradley I saw William W. Poole sign a paper upon a stand which he said was his last will and Testament, at the same time I made my mark Mr. Cannon writing my name, Thomas Bradley making his mark Mr. Cannon first writing his name, Sarah A. Cannon and Jane Cannon writing their names as witnesses to said will in the presence of said Poole and in the presence of each other Witness says he thinks it was about four years ago that he testified about this will up stairs in the Courtroom in Cambridge it was before that time that I was called upon to witness Mr Pooles will how long before I cannot tell Witness thinks in a former answer made to Counsel for Caveatees, that he told him that he thought it was about four years ago that he was called upon to sign the will he thinks he then alluded to witnessing the will -

1858 Sept. 29th. Daniel Cannon a witness of lawful age produced on the part of the Caveatees being duly sworn (objections by the Caveators to the admissibility of Mr Cannons testimony on the grounds of interest by reason of being Guardian for William D. Eaton one of the Caveators - The court decided that Mr Cannons testimony is admissible - Exception to the decision of the Court by the Counsel for Caveators)

Daniel Cannon deposes and says sometime during or about the month of June in the year eighteen hundred and forty nine (1849) Mr William W. Poole called on me to write his last will and testament for him I took some paper and a pen and ink in a room up stairs in my house I then set down and commenced writing the will When he gave me directions how he wanted his will made and I wrote the will according to Mr Pooles directions: during the writing of the will and after the first Item had been written When I come to direct about the "home" farm, I asked him if he was going to leave nothing to his relations, and suggested to him that there was James Poole who had

never done him any harm, his reply was that he was good for nothing and that he did not want him to have a cent of his property; Witness then went on and wrote the will precisely according to Mr Pooles directions Witness told him after he had finished writing the will that he would have to go and get some witnesses to the will and told him that it would require three Mr Poole then said that he would have four Mr Poole then went down stairs Witness does not know where he went, and presently he sent up my two daughters Sarah A. Cannon and Jane Cannon and John Wright and came up stairs himself Witness told him that he thought those three would be enough. Mr Poole said no he wanted four he then went down and presently returned with Thomas Bradley; when they were all up there Mr Poole sat down at the table and said this is my last will and testament I want you all to see me sign it he then wrote his name to the will he then called John Wright up in the presence of us all and repeated to him this is my last will and testament I want you to sign it as a witness Witness had written Mr Wrights name before he called him Mr Wright then made his mark Mr Poole then called Thomas Bradley up Witness wrote Mr Bradley's name for him and he made his mark in the name to the will Sarah A. Cannon then signed as a witness at Mr Pooles request, and lastly Jane Cannon now Jane Mann signed the will as a witness: The parties named together with witness were all present in the room when this was done, which was in the evening after dinner Witness says he thinks this was on the twentieth day of June in the year Eighteen hundred and forty nine "Exhibit A" being here shown to witness, He says that it is the will which he wrote for Mr Pole on the occasion refered to he wrote that will at the request of Mr Poole and as he directed he saw Mr Pole write his name to that will opposite to the seal thereon he wrote his name to that will opposite to that seal, in the presence of John Wright Thomas Bradley Sarah A. Cannon Jane Cannon and witness and at the same time he declared it to be his last will and testament at the same time John Wright and Thomas Bradley signed the will as witnesses by making their marks and Sarah A. Cannon and Jane Cannon signed the same as witnesses in the presence of each other and in the presence of Mr. Poole and at his request

Counsel for Caveatees notifies his intention of resting here with his testimony—

Counsel for Caveators states that he has no witnesses that he wants examined and submits the case &c —

1858 September 29th—
Test: Edward W. Lecompte, Clerk

1858 Henry Corkran & others vs. Mary Andrews & others
Caveat to William W. Pooles will &c. — Judgment of Court—
Filed September 29th =

Henry Corkran et als vs Mary Andrews et als } In the orphans Court for Dorchester County Caveat to the paper purporting to be the last will and testament of William W. Poole deceased filed May 3d 1858

1858 Sept. 29th. The court having heard the testimony submitted by the parties in above cause and the argument of Counsel and the cause being submitted and the proceedings therein being read and considered — It is hereby ordered and adjudged by the Court and by the authority thereof that the said Caveat be dismissed and that the said will be and is hereby established and admitted to probate — And it is further ordered that the costs of this proceeding be paid out of the estate by the Administrator will annexed of said William W. Poole deceased —

Algernon Thomas
Tadock H. Roper
Levin Jones

Test Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C.

1859 Henry Corkran & others vs. Mary Andrews & others =
Record from Circuit Court for Dorchester County — Filed April 23d. =

Maryland Dorchester County to wit:

At a circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit of the State of Maryland begun and held at Cambridge in and Dorchester County aforesaid on the on the fourth Monday of January (being the twenty fourth day of said month in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty nine

Was Present
Honorable Thomas A. Spence Judge
William T. Vickers Esquire Sheriff
Francis J. Henry Clk

Among other were the following proceedings to wit:

Henry Corkran and Elizabeth his wife John Poole Madison Williams Samuel Poole Sarah Whitely and Daniel Whitely
vs
Mary Andrews Susan Covey William D. Eaton Constantine Wright and Mary E. his wife John Wheatly Elizabeth Whitely Mary A. Wheatley and Thomas Wheatley

Be it remembered that heretofore to wit: On the twentieth day of October in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty eight the Judges of the orphans Court of Dorchester County in pursuance of the act of assembly in such case made and provided transmited to the Circuit Court here the record and proceedings of a Cause which was lately depending before them in the said Orphans Court between Henry Corkran and Elizabeth his wife John Poole Madison Williams Samuel Poole Sarah Whitely and Daniel Whitely Caveators and Mary Andrews Susan Covey William D. Eaton, Constantine Wright and Mary E. his wife John Wh

-eatly Elizabeth Wheatley Mary A. Wheatley and Thomas Wheatley Caveators in the following words To Wit: In the orphans Court for Dorchester County May 3rd. A.D. 1858. Caveat to the paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of William W. Poole late of Dorchester County deceased.

Caveat

To the Honourable the Judges of the orphans Court of Dorchester County The petition of Henry Cockran and Elizabeth his wife John Poole Madison Williams Samuel Poole Sarah Whitely and Danie Whitely respectfully represent unto your Honors that they are heirs at Law and Legal representatives of a certain William W. Poole late of Dorchester County deceased, Your petitioner further represent that they are informed that a paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of the aforesaid William W. Poole deceased has been Exhibited for probate before your Honors— your petitioners further represent that they object to the admission of the aforesaid paper writing to probate for the following reasons to wit:

First, because the said Instrument of writing is not a valid last will and testament for the reason that it was not duly and properly signed, sealed, Executed and attested in accordance with Law— Because the aforesaid William W. Poole did not sign seal publish and declare the aforesaid paper Writing as and for his last Will and testament in the presence of John Wright Thomas Bradley Sarah A. Cannon and Jane Cannon Who appear as subscribing witnesses thereto—

Because the said John Wright Thomas Bradley Sarah A. Cannon and Jane Cannon whose names appear as subscribing Witnesses to the said paper writing, did not sign their names or make their marks as witnesses to the same at the request of nor in the presence of the said William W. Poole nor in the presence of each other— Wherefore your petitioners pray that said paper writing may not be admitted to probate as the last will and testament of the aforesaid William W. Poole deceased but that the same may be set aside and ejected and that your Honors will order the States writ of subpoena to be issued and directed to Mary Andrews Susan Covey William B. Eaton Constantine Wright and Mary E his wife John Wheatley Elizabeth Wheatley Mary A. Wheatley and Thomas Wheatley Who are Legatees and devisees under said paper Writing commanding them to be and appear before this Honorable Court on some Certain day to be therein named to answer the premises and abide by and perform such decree as may be passed therein—

Charles F. Goldsborough
for Caveators

Filed May 3rd. 1858.

Answers

To the Honorable the Judges of the orphans Court for Dorchester County.— The Answer of Mary Andrews Susan Covey William

B. Eaton Constantine Wright and Mary E. his wife John Wheatley Elizabeth Wheatley Mary A. Wheatley and Thomas Wheatley legatees and devisees of William W. Poole deceased to the petition of Henry Cockran & Elizabeth his wife John Pool Madison Williams Samuel Poole Sarah Whitely and Danie Whitely These respondents answering do not admit that said parties are the heirs at Law and legal representatives of William W. Poole— They further answer that the said parties or some of them have heretofore filed a Caveat against the said Will of William W. Poole which has been tried and adjudicated by this court— Wherein the said Will was duly fully and legally proven by the surviving witnesses who signed the same and Adjudged by this court on that or other grounds to be the true and valid last will and testament of William W. Poole deceased and no appeal was taken from the then adjudication of this court— That some two or three years have elapsed since the said adjudication and in the mean time under the direction of this court the Legacies and devisees in said will have passed to the legatees and devisees—

And your respondents further Answer that the petitioners not Content with said Adjudication and notwithstanding the unwarrantable delay in asserting their pretended right have one or more of them in the meantime endeavored to tamper with and bribe one at least of the witnesses to said Will if not more to induce them not to prove said Will—

And your respondents further answer and allege that the paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of William W. Pole deceased is a valid last will and testament duly and properly signed sealed Executed and attested in accordance With Law.

That the said William W. Poole did sign seal publish and declare the same as and for his last will and testament in the presence of John Wright Thomas Bradley Sarah A. Cannon and Jane Cannon who appear as subscribing witnesses— That the said John Wright Thomas Bradly Sarah A. Cannon and Jane Cannon whose names appear as subscribing witnesses to the same did sign their names and make their marks as witnesses to the same at the request of and in the presence of the said William W. Poole and in the presence of each other.

Wherefore your respondent pray that said petition may be dismissed and your respondents have their cost and Charges to be adjudged to them from the said petitioners. And as in duty &c

Elias Griswold
for respondents

(Filed June 1st. 1858)

Henry Cokran and Elizabeth his wife John Poole Madison Williams Samuel Poole Sarah Whitely and Daniel Whitely

In Dorchester County orphans Court Sept. 21st. 1858— Plenary proceedings prayed for by Caveators and ordered by the court and E. Wil

[illegible] Mary Andrews Susan Covey William D. Eaton Constantine Wright and Mary E. his wife John Wheatley Elizabeth Wheatley Mary A. Wheatley & Thomas Wheatly

Lecompte appointed clerk to take down testimony by consent of Counsel—
The oath to the bill and answer waived by consent of counsel untill next adjournment of court in this case.

"Exhibit A" filed

The counsel for the caveatees object to all questions as to what was testified to at the former trial and by agreement of counsel and consent of court the exceptions are reserved untill the final argument of the case—

"Exhibit A."

In the name of God Amen I William W. Poole of Dorchester County and State of Maryland Being well in body and sound disposing mind memory and understanding and 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 herein after named and after my Just debts and funeral charges are paid I devise and bequeath as follows—first I devise unto Mary Andrew widow of Bersilley Andrews all all that part of Land Lying between the old and new road that divides Caroline and Dorchester County, during her life time and also a small peace of woodland lying in Caroline County and some Land adjoining the Lands of Nathan Corkran and Jacob Covey during hir life and then the same Lands to be the estate of hir daughter Susan Covey in fee simple—

Item I give and devise unto William D. Eaton Son of William Eaton and Ezipa Eaton his wife my home plantation whereon I know dwell known known by the names of crooked ridge and schoolership or whatsoever name or names they may be called and some Lands adjoining the land of Mr Josiah Charles Nathan Corkran and Silas Nicols Lands except Tre acres of Land I bought of Elizabeth Walker wood Land and the adjoining the Lands of Silas Nicols and then to run with the old lion of the home farm To the first Boundery of said farm and if so be that the said William D. Eaton dies and Leaves no Lawfull heirs of his own body then the same land To be Estate of his Brothers & sisters in fea Simple

Item I give and devise unto Mary E. Eaton Daughter of Thomas Eaton and Mary his wife the farm called the Walker farm according to the old title papers and also a peace of Land I bought of John

Rowins and James Williams and adjoining the Lands of George Kennedy, and also the Eaton Land adjoining the Walker farm Begining on the County road leading from the old church field To Paul Conaways mills supposed to be the sixty fourth line of schoolership or schoblership Improved and then running straight to the Iron mine boundery supposed to be a marked white oak and thence Running straight To a Large sweet gum standing in the branch and the same Gum to be suposed To stand about Ten perches from the school House and up the Branch and from the gum To Josiah Charles Lands and up said Branch Binding with said Charles lands to home farm Begining boundery then up said Branch binding with home farm to the Lands of Silas Nicols and all them tracts and part of Tracts of Land Lying within said meets and bounds—and if so be that the said Mary E. Eaton Shoud die and leave no lawful heirs of hir own body then the above named Lands To be the estate of hir Brother William E. Eaton and his sisters Sarah A. Eaton In fee simple—

Item I give and devise unto John Wheatley Elizabeth Wheatley Mary Wheatley and William Wheatley Children of William Wheatley and Mary A. Wheatley his wife the farm I bought of Thomas Camper and wife or at Sheriff sale with Refference to my deed from Solomon Kirwan Sheriff and also the Lands I bought of Spencer Bush and also the Lands I bought of Mr Abel Gowtry and also the Land I bought of James Williams and also part of the Eaton Land say Begining as supposed on the sixty fourth course of Schoolership on the County road leading from the church old field to Paul conoways mill where there is a stone set in the ground a pine and a dog wood stands growing and then by a straight line to the Ironmine Boundery which is a marked white oake and then by a straight Line to a large sweet gum [illegible] ed to be about Ten perches distant from the school House and thence to Josiah Charles Lands and then down the Branch Binding with said Charles Land to the County road—

Item I Bequeath unto Sarah Wheatley the farm formelly belonged to John Charles and at this time in occupation of Mitchell Hurlock Suposed to contain about one hundred & eighty acres more or less during hir life time and then the same to be the estate of hir half Sister named Mary A. Wheatley and hir half Brother Thomas B. Wheatley in fea Simple Item I give and devise unto William D. Eaton my Horse called Sam—

Item I give and devise unto Mary E. Eaton one bed bedstead and furniture first choise

Item I give unto Mitchell Hurlock the sum of three Hundred Dollars To move out the building which stands on the Walker farm to two of the Walker fields and one of the Eaton fields Joins To Each other on a hill close to a tall Cedar Tree and build a repair To the amount of three hundred dollars and take ceare of Mary E. Eaton and give unto said Mitchell the sum of one Hundred dollars to settle my Estate without any administration one the same—And I do give unto Daniel Cannon the sum of one hundred dollars to act as clerk and make calculations for said Hurlock—

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal This 20th day of June 1849—

Signed sealed published and declared by William W. Poole testator as for his last will and testament in presents of us who at his request in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto—

John his mark x Wright
Thomas his mark x Bradly
Sarah A. Cannon mark
Jane Cannon

William W. Poole (Seal)

State of Maryland Dorchester County to wit:

On the 3rd day of July Anno Domini 1854 Then came Daniel Cannon and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that the aforegoing paper a instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of William W. Poole late of Dorchester County deceased was deposited in his hands for safe keeping by the Testator there in named and that to the best of his knowledge it is the ~~[illegible]~~ true and whole last will and testament of the said deceased and that he doth not know of any other of a younger date—

Certified by Thomas H. Hicks Reg. W. D. C.

(Filed September 21st 1858)

Henry Corkran & others
vs
Mary Anderson & others

In the Orphans Court for Dorchester County Sept. 21st. 1858.
Caveat to the will of William W. Poole deceased
Plenary proceedings ordered &c—

Thomas Bradley a witness of lawful age produced on the part of the Caveators being duly sworn deposes & says Witnes says he knew Mr Poole some three or four years previous to his death Some time during the month of June in the year Eighteen hundred and forty nine (1849) I was called upon by William W. Poole to witness his will I was then in Daniel Cannons store and Mr Poole came for me and said that he wanted me to go and sign his last will and testament I went with him to Daniel Cannons Dwelling house up stairs: I found there John Wright Sarah A. Cannon and Jane Cannon Mr. Poole was also there I can neither read or write I saw William W. Poole writing upon a paper he then said the paper which he signed was his last will and testament, he said this in the presence of John Wright Sarah A. Cannon Jane Cannon Daniel Cannon and myself who were all present I then saw Mr John Wright sign the will by making his mark Mr Cannon wrote his name I then signed it by making my mark Mr Daniel Cannon

having first written my name Miss Sarah A. Cannon and Miss Jane Cannon then signed the will by writing their names we all signed it in the presence of each other (B) and I signed the will at Mr Pooles request Mr Poole signed the will in the presence of all the witnesses Mr Poole immediately before he signed the will and before the witnesses signed the same declared the paper to be his last will and testament I mean he so declared at the time he signed and just before we signed the will as witnesses— The paper marked "Exhibit A." was here shown to the witness He points out the mark in his name and says that is his mark; he says that he made that mark at the time he has before spoken of that he made that mark at Mr Pooles request as a witness to his will and in his presence and in the presence of John Wright Sarah A. Cannon Jane Cannon and Daniel Cannon and at the time he made this mark he saw Mr Poole write his name up on the paper on which this mark is made and heard him declare the same to be his last will and testament and at the same time I saw John Wright make his mark up on the same paper as a witness I also saw Sarah A. Cannon and Jane Cannon write their name a witnesses to the said will at same time: from recognising my mark upon the paper referred to I have no doubt it is the same paper which I saw Mr Poole sign and declare to be his last will and testament and which I saw the witnesses sign as I stated I think this all happened a little after the middle of the day I have spoken of —

Cross examination of Thomas Bradly by Caveators

This was in the year 1849 Eighteen hundred and forty nine witness went into the room (3rd) John Wright Sarah A. Cannon Milcha Jane Cannon Daniel Cannon [illegible] were present I went into the room with William W. Poole when Mr Poole called for me I was in Daniel Cannons store but it has been so long that I do not recollect who was in there Mr. Cannon had no clerk in the store at the time his daughter Sarah A. Cannon and Jane Cannon attending to it first one and then the other the store was about one hundred yards from the dwelling House there was some body in the store with me at the time Mr. Poole called me I do not recollect of anyone that was in the store at that time— Witness being asked the question— What reason he can give why he recollected that he was called on by Mr Poole that day and cannot recollect who was in the store his reply was that he was accustomed to be ing down at Mr Cannons after dinner and did not change his mind with who was present— I have had no conversation about this matter with any one except Mr James Poole— The following question was asked of witness, Have you had any conversation with any person about Mr Pooles will or the manner of the Execution of it from the time you say you witnessed it down to the present day witness says that he cannot say that he may have had conversation about it or he may not have had he recollects talking with James Poole about it one day Witness says he always makes his mark in the same way after Mr Poole and myself got up stairs he told me that he wanted me to sign his

Will as a witness. I dont know whether it was before or after we got up stairs that Mr Poole said the paper I said I signed was his will but I think it was after we got up stairs, Witness thinks Mr Poole had not the paper meaning the will in his hands when he came after me to sign it I think I did not see the paper untill after I got up stairs. Witness does not know whether he saw the will in any body's hands but thinks it may have been lying on the stand is not positive that it was in any body's hands but knows it was up stairs – Witness says he saw Mr Poole sign the will – Question. How do you know Mr Poole signed that will Witness says because he saw him writing. but has no learning – Witness says he swears positively that after he went up into the roome in Daniel Cannons Dwelling House William W. Poole told Witness that that was his last will and testament which he wanted him to sign as a witness – Witness says that at the former Trial four years ago of William W. Pooles will he was a witness in that trial – Witness was asked the following question did you or not at the former Trial in regard to the paper purporting to be the last will of William W. Poole and filed in the (5) Cause as "Exhibit A." testify that at the time you sign said paper you did not know what it was and was not told what it was: Witness answers and says I do not know what I said – Question are you positive that at the former trial you did not so swear Witness answers I did not so testify Did you or not say at that trial that you did not see William W. Poole sign that will marked "Exhibit A" Witness says that he did not so swear

Thomas Bradly recxamined by Caveatees Witness does not now recollect of seeing Mrs Cannon in the store when Mr Poole came for him. I have some times seen Miss Angeline Cannon attending to the store. I do not not now particularly recollect what I testified to on the former trial but I think I then testified as I now do – Witness says that Mr Poole nor any of the Caveators have ever offered him any bribe or approached him in regard to his testimony –

1858 September 28th.

Mrs Jane Mann a witness produced on the part of the Caveatees being duly sworn deposes and says – Witness says he name was formerly Jane Cannon but that she is now the wife of Dr Joseph H. Man was married last fall: was I witness to William W. Pooles will Mr Pool himself called upon me to be a witness to his will, some time during the month of June in the year Eighteen Hundred & forty nine (1849) – Witness says she is the daughter of Daniel Cannon and was in the dining roome at (6) her fathers house when called upon by Mr Poole to be a witness to his will. I was above in the room at the time Mr Poole asked me if I would witness his will I went with him up stairs when we got to the room my father Daniel Cannon my sister Sarah A Cannon and Mr John Wright were in the roome Mr Thomas Bradley was not then in the room but came in shortly after – Mr Poole went after

Mr Bradley after I went up to the room – The paper marked "Exhibit A." was here shown to the witness – Witness says she saw Mr Poole sign his name to that paper at the time he signed it he said it was his last will and testament at the time Will W. Poole signed that paper and said it was his last will and testament my Father Daniel Cannon my sister Sarah A. Cannon Mr John Wright Mr Thomas Bradley and my self were all present in the roome Mr John Wright Mr Thomas Bradley and my sister Sarah A. Cannon and my self then signed the will as witnesses in the presence of Mr Poole and in the presence of each other – Mr John Wright signed first my Father writing his name and Mr. Wright making his mark Mr Bradley signed next my father writing his name and Mr Bradley making his mark, my sister Sarah A. Cannon next signed as a witness Have frequently seen my sister during her lifetime Said Sarah A. Cannon is now dead having died about four years ago: I would know her hand writing the signature of Sarah A. Cannon to paper marked "Exhibit A." is genuine I saw her write it The witnesses all left the room shortly after the will was executed –

Cross Examination of Jane Mann

by (5) Counsel for Caveators –

Witness says that William W. Poole the testator was not living at he fathers house at this time he lived about three miles from my fathers he was in the habit of frequently visiting at my fathers house. Mr. Pole came to my fathers I think in the morning of the day on which the will was made: I did not see him as he approached the house I had seen him on that day before he came to the dining room for me to witness his will I saw him at dinner I think he came alone but do not know have no knowledge of Mr Pooles age at that time he was not a very old man but cannot say what his age was Mr. Poole had no children he was not a married man –

(The testimony in relation to his marriage relations &c is here excepted to by Counsel for Caveatees and by consent of Counsel ~~pending~~ decision of the Court, reserved until final agreement and decision of court)

Witness thinks Mr Poole never was married Witness knows nothing about the relationship between Mr Poole and Mary Andrews does not know whether there was any relationship between them does not know whether Susan Covey was any relation of Mr Pooles does not know whether William D. Eaton was a relative of Mr Pooles does not know whether Mary E. Eaton was a relative of Mr Pooles William E. Eaton and Sarah A. Eaton were not related to William W. Poole I do not know whether John Wheatley Elizabeth Wheatley Mary Wheatley or William Wheatley children of Wheatley and Mary A. his wife were any relation to William W. Poole I think Sarah Wheatley was related to Mr Poole but do not know what relation she bore to him I do not know whether (8) Mary A Wheatley or Thomas B. Wheatley were related to Mr Poole does not know whether Mitchell Hurlock was any relation of Mr Pooles – at the time Mr Poole came for me in the dining room he did

not have his Will in his hand I first saw the Will in the room up stairs in my fathers House it was on the stand in the room I went up stairs with Mr Poole Mr Poole left the roome soon after I went up and before the will was signed none of the witnesses signed the Will before Mr Poole went after Mr Bradley Mr Wright signed the Will first as a witness Mr Bradley next my sister Sarah A. Cannon and lastly myself Mr Poole signed the Will before the witnesses I think the Caveators the names being read to the Witness one related to Mr Poole does not know what relation any of them bore to Mr Poole but only states the fact that they were related to him –

Re-examination by Counsel for Caveates

Witness cannot say positively that her father was a justice of the peace in 1849 but thinks he was he has acted a Justice of the Peace for many years where he resides it is with the knowledge of Witness that for many years past her father has been in the habit of drawing instruments of writing for his neighbours and others (Counsel for Caveators except to the testimony on reexamination so far under the terms of former Exceptions of Caveates)

Witness says she has no personal knowledge of the relationship of the Caveators to Mr Poole or whether the devisees in the Will are related to him or whether he was married or had children as far as she has testified on that subject it has been from information –

John Wright a witness produced on the part of the Caveates being duly sworn deposes and says That he resides in this County and has ever since he knew any thing was a Witness to the Will of William W. Poole deceased Mr Poole called on me to be a witness to the Will I was out in the yard at Mr Cannons House when he called on me I had been at work at Mr Cannons I lived with Mr Cannon at the time Mr Poole asked me if I would not go up stairs with him and turned and went up stairs in Mr Cannons House and I followed him up there I found Daniel Cannon Mr. Poole and Mr Cannons two daughters Sarah A. Cannon and Jane Cannon Mr. Bradley was not there then but come in a few minutes I think Mr. Poole went for him I think this was after dinner when Mr Bradly came in I saw Mr Poole sign his Will the paper was lying on the stand Mr Poole at the time of signing the paper said that that was his last will and testament at the time he signed the paper and said it was his last will and testament I was present Daniel Cannon Thomas Bradley Sarah A. Cannon and Jane Cannon were also present at the same time – Thomas Bradley Sarah A. Cannon Jane Cannon and myself all signed the will after he had signed it as witness as in the presence of Mr Poole and in the presence of each other I was there as a witness to the will at the request of Mr. Poole Witness says he can neither write nor read writing I signed the will first as a witness Mr Cannon wrote my name and I made my mark Thomas Bradley signed the will next as a witness Mr Cannon wrote his name and he made his mark (x) Sarah A. Cannon next signed as a witness and then Jane Cannon signed as a witness the two last named witnesses writing their own names, Mr Poole wrote his own name to the will "Exhibit A." being here shown to the witness He says it is the same paper he has referred to, and which he signed his name to or made his mark on and which he saw Mr Poole sign for his will at the time I made my mark on that paper Mr Poole was present and signed the same and declared it to be his last will and testament Thomas Bradley Sarah A. Cannon and Jane Cannon were also present at the same time and signed the same as witnesses Witness thinks this was about the year Eighteen hundred and forty (1840) he has no learning can neither read nor write and does not recollect in what month it was has no recollection how many years back it was –

Crop examination by Counsel for Caveators of John Wright. Witness says he has had no particular or general conversation in regard to this will since the death of Mr Poole had no conversation with Mr Cannon in regard to it was out in the yard when Mr Poole came for him Mr Poole asked him if he would not walk up stairs with him, said nothing to him about the will until he got up stairs: Witness is positive that miss Jane Cannon now Mrs Mann was present in the room when he got up there was a witness in the case of William W. Pooles Will which was tried before. Witness says that after he went up stairs he heard Mr Poole say and acknowledge that the paper referd to was his last will and testament is positive of this fact – The question being asked are you as positive of the truth of (w) what you have last stated as you are that these circumstances took place in the year Eighteen hundred and forty (1840)? Witness says yes I reckon so – Witness says he cannot say how long it has been since he signed the paper: I cannot say whether in answer to the Counsel for the Caveates I said a short time ago that I thought it was about four years ago that Mr Poole signed the will – Witness says that he is positive that he saw Mr Poole sign the paper as his will he said at the time that it was his last will and testament Witness is positive of this – Witness says that he testified on the former trial of Pooles will as he has testified to day to the best of his knowledge –

The question being asked Witness, Did you not say at the time of the former trial in regard to Wm. Pooles Will in July or August 1854 in the Court House in the town of Cambridge that you did not know what it was that you were signing whether it was a deed or a will or a bond: that no body told you what it was, and that you did not know what it was or words to that effect?

Objections made to the aforegoing ~~Questions~~ by Counsel for Caveatees. The Court decides that the question is an improper one as stated that the words "or word to that effect" are improper and the Court

ruled the question out in the form put to the witness —
Exceptions to the ruling of the court by Counsel for Caveators)
The following question was then asked Witness did you or not say at the time of the former trial in regard to Wm. Pooles Will in July or August 1854 in the Court House in the town of Cambridge that you did not know what it was that you were signing whether it was a deed or a will or a bond, that nobody told you what it was and that you did not know what it was? Witness says that he did not so testify did you or not some three or four weeks ago state to Ebenezer Todd (12) near Williamsburge in Dorchester County that you and Thomas Bradley were in a potato patch together and that Mr Poole came and told you that he wanted you to sign a paper and that you both went to Mr Daniel Cannons store and there signed a paper but did not know what it was and that you left soon after Witness says that he did not — Witness says that he always makes his mark pretty much in the same way thinks he is pretty apt to know his mark again —

The paper marked "Exhibit A." was here shown to Witness for him to point out his mark Witness says after examening the paper says that he cannot find his mark, the counsel for the caveators having pointed out to him the marks made by Witnesses and Thomas Bradley on "Exhibit A." telling him to point which was his — Witness pointed out the Letter "O." in Thomas Bradleys name as his Witness,s mark —

Examination in Chief resumed —

Witness says that he can neither read or write nor can he read writing has a distinct and positive recollection of being called on by Mr Poole to witness his will Witness distinctly and positively recollects going up stairs to a room in Daniel Cannons House and in the and in the presence of William W. Poole Daniel Cannon, Sarah A. Cannon Jane Cannon and Thomas Bradley, I saw William W. Poole sign a paper upon a stand which he said was his last will and testament, at same time I made my mark, Mr Cannon writing my name Thomas Bradley making his mark Mr Cannon first writing his name Sarah A. Cannon and Jane Cannon writing their names as witnesses (13) to said will in presence of each other Witness says he thinks it was about four years ago that he testified about this will up stairs in the Court room in Cambridge it was before that time that I was called upon to witness Mr Pooles will how long before I cannot tell — Witness thinks, in a former answer made to Counsel for Caveatees that he told him that he thought it was about four years ago that he was called upon to sign the will he thinks he then alluded to witnessing the will —

1858. September 29th.

Daniel Cannon a witness of Lawful age produced on the part of the

Caveatees being duly sworn Objections by the Caveators to the admissibility of Mr Cannons testimony, on the ground of interest by reason of being guardian to William B. Eaton one of the Caveatees — The court decided that Mr Cannons testimony is admissable — Exception to the decission of the court by the Counsel for Caveators —

Daniel Cannon deposes and says — Some time during or about the month of June in the year Eighteen hundred and forty nine (1849). Mr William W. Poole called on me to write his last will and testament for him I took some paper and a pen and ink in a room up stairs in my house I then sat down and commenced writing the will when he gave directions how he wanted his will made and I wrote the will according to Mr Pooles directions during the writing of the will and after the first item had been written. When I came to direct about the "Home Farm" I asked him if he was going to leave nothing to his relatives and suggested to him that there was James Poole who had never done him any harm his reply was that (14) he was good for nothing, and that he did not want him to have a cent of his property; Witness then went on and wrote the will precisely according to Mr Pooles directions; Witness told him after he had finished writing the will that he would have to go and get some Witnesses to the will and told him that it would require three Mr Poole then said he would have four. Mr Poole then went down stairs. Witness does not know where he went and presently he sent up my two Daughters Sarah A. Cannon and Jane Cannon and John Wright and came up stairs himself Witness told him that he thought those three would be enough Mr Poole said no he wanted four he then went down and presently returned with Thomas Bradley when they were all up there Mr Poole sat down at the table and said this is my last will and testament, I want you all to see me sign it he then wrote his name to the will he then called John Wright up in the presence of us all and repeated to him this is my last will and testament, I want you to sign it as a witness, Witness had written Mr Wright name before he called him Mr Wright then made his mark Mr Poole then called Thomas Bradley up Witness wrote Mr Bradleys name for him and he made his mark in the name to the will Sarah A. Cannon then signed as a witness at Mr Pooles request and lastly Jane Cannon now Jane Mann signed the will as a witness: the parties named together with Witness were all present in the room when this was done which was in the evening after dinner — Witness says he thinks this was on the (15) twentieth day of June in the year Eighteen hundred and forty nine — "Exhibit A." being here shown to witness: — He says that it is the will which he wrote for Mr Poole on the occasion referred to he wrote that will at the request of Mr Poole and as he directed he saw Mr Poole write his name to that will opposite to the seal thereon he wrote his name to that will opposite to that seal in the presence of John Wright Thomas Bradley Sarah A. Cannon Jane Cannon and Witness and at the same time he declared it to be his last will and testament at the same time John Wright and Thomas Bradley signed the will

as witnesses by making their marks and Sarah A. Cannon and Jane Cannon signed the same as witnesses in the presence of each other and in the presence of Mr Poole and at his request—

Counsel for Caveatees notified his intention of resting here with his testimony—

Counsel for caveators states that he has no witnesses that he wants examined and submits the case &c—
(Filed September 29th. 1858)

Henry Corkran Etals vs. Mary Andrews Etals	In the Orphans Court for Dorchester County Caveat to the paper purporting to be the last will and testament of William W. Poole deceased filed May 3rd 1858.

1858 September 29th The court having heard the testimony submitted by the parties in above cause and the agreement of Counsel and the cause being submitted and the proceedings therein being read and considered—

It is hereby ordered and adjudged by the court and by the authority thereof that the said caveat be dismissed and that the said will be and is hereby Established and admitted to probate—

And it is further ordered that the costs of this proceeding be paid out of the estate by the Administrator will annexed of said William W. Poole deceased—

Algernon Thomas
Ladock H. Rose
Levin Jones

Test Levin L. Keenes Reg. W. D. C.
(Filed Sept 29th. 1858.)

Henry Corkran and Elizabeth his wife John Poole Madison Williams, Samuel Poole Sarah Whitely and Daniel Whiley— vs Mary Andrews Susan Covey William William D. Eaton Constantine Wright and Mary E. his wife John Wheatley	In Dorchester County Orphans Court September 29th 1858 The Caveatees having finished their testimony for the present. The Counsel for Caveators notified the court that he had no witnesses to Examine Case submitted without argument Judgment of Court filed— Appeal prayed from the Judgment of the Court to the Circuit Court for Dorchester County, by Caveators and granted by order of Court

Elizabeth Wheatly Mary A. Wheatly and Thomas Wheatley—	by consent of Counsel for caveatees—

Caveators Costs.

Register of Wills	$ 23.30
Sheriff of Caroline County	2.03½
Sheriff of Dorchester County	8.41½
Clerk to take testimony	12.00
Witnesses	13.50
	$ 59.25

Caveatees Costs

Register of Wills	$ 4.23
Sheriff	2.30
Witnesses	14.26
	$ 20.79

State of Maryland Dorchester County to wit:

I hereby certify that the aforegoing is truly and faithfully copied from the record of the proceedings of the Orphans Court for Dorchester County

Seal (The Orphans Court Dorchester County)

In testimony whereof I hereunto subscribe my name and affix the Seal of my office on the twentieth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and fifty Eight—

Levin L. Keene Reg. Wills for Dorchester County.

And afterwards to wit: on the second Monday of November in the year Eighteen hundred and fifty eight the said Henry Corkran and Elizabeth his his wife John Poole Madison Williams Samuel Poole Sarah Whitely and Daniel Whitely by Charles F. Goldsborough their attorney and the said Mary Andrews, Susan Covey, William D. Eaton Constantine Wright and Mary E. his wife, John Wheatley Elizabeth Wheatley Mary A. Wheatley and Thomas Wheatley by Elias Griswold Esqr their attorney came into Court here and thereupon the said Henry Corkran and Elizabeth his wife John Poole Madison Williams Samuel Poole Sarah Whitely and Daniel Whitely by Charles F. Goldsborough & George M. Russum Esquires their attorneys filed suggestion for removeal and affidavit thereon in the following words to wit:

Henry Corkran and Elizabeth his wife & others vs. Mary Andrews Susan Covey & others	No 105 Trials Record from Orphans Court & The Plaintiffs in this case suggest to the Honourable the Judges of the Circuit Court for Dorchester County they do not believe that a fair and impartial

trial of the above cause can be had in this court and pray your honor that the same may be removed to an adjoining County according to the act of assembly in such

cases made and provided

Charles F. Goldsborough
George M. Russum
attys for Plffs.

Maryland Dorchester County Sct. } On this tenth day of November Eighteen hundred and fifty Eight before the subscriber a Justice of the peace of the State of Maryland in and for Dorchester County personally appeared John Poole and James Poole and did solemly sincerely and truly declare and affirm that the facts set forth in the foregoing motion are true as therein stated

affirmed before
R. R. Robertson J.P.

But because the Court here are not advised to give their Judgment of and upon the premises day thereof is given to the parties aforesaid before the court here untill the fourth monday of January next to hear their Judgment of and upon the premises because the Court now here thereof are not yet advised &c. at which said fourth monday of January in the year Eighteen hundred and fifty nine came again into Court here the parties aforesaid by their attorneys aforesaid And thereupon it is considered by the Court here that the motion for the removal of the record and proceedings aforesaid be dismissed And it is further considered by the court here that the Judgment aforesaid given in form aforesaid be in all things ratified and confirmed and that the clerk of the circuit court for Dorchester County transmit a copy of this proceeding and Judgment to the orphans court of Dorchester County and the same is transmitted accordingly

Maryland Dorchester County Sc.

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is truly taken and copied from the records of proceedings of the Circuit court for Dorchester County.

In testimony whereof I hereto subscribe my name and the seal of my office affix this 22nd. day of April 1859

Francis J. Henry Clerk
Circuit Court for
Dorchester County

Caveators costs
clerk $8.30
Attorney 3.33⅓
$11.63⅓

Caveatees costs
Clerk $15.70
Attorney 3.33⅓
$19.03⅓

John Dunnock's Last Will and Testament

In the name of God amen I John Dunnock of Dorchester County in the State of Maryland being sick and 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 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 Executrix hereinafter named and after my debts and funeral charges are paid I devise and bequeath as follows, I give and bequeath to my Brother Levin Thomas Dunnock my negro man Moses to him the said Levin Thomas Dunnock his heirs and assigns forever I devise and bequeath all the rest and residue of my estate both real and personal to my brother Levin Thomas Dunnock and lastly. I do hereby constitute and appoint my Brother Levin Thomas Dunnock 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 hereto set my hand and affixed my seal this sixteenth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty nine —

Signed sealed published and declared by John Dunnock the above named testator to his last will and testament in the presence of us

John his + mark Dunnock (Seal)

Zebedee Harper
William A. Lewis

State of Maryland Dorchester County to wit:

On the 21st. day of November Anno Domini 1859 came Zebedee Harper and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that this paper or instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of John Dunnock late of Dorchester County deceased was deposited in his hands for safe keeping by said Testator and that to the best of his knowledge it is the true and whole last will and testament of said deceased and that he knows of no other of a younger date — and further that he did see said Testator sign and seal this will that he heard him publish pronounce and declare the same to be his last will and Testament, that at the time of so doing he was to the best of his apprehensions of a sound and disposing mind memory and understanding: and that he together with William A. Lewis the other subscribing witness to this will respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of the testator and in the presence of each other —

Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C.

State of Maryland Dorchester County to wit:

On the 12th day of December Anno Domini 1859 came William A. Lewis one of the subscribing witnesses to the aforegoing last will and testament of John Dunnock late of Dorchester County deceased and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that he did see said Testator sign and seal said will that he 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 his apprehensions of a sound and disposing mind memory and understanding and that he together with Zebidee Harper the other subscribing witness to said Will respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other — Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C.

Mary Cooper's Last Will and Testament

In the name of God Amen I Mary Cooper of Dorchester County in the state of Maryland being sick and weak of body but of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding and 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 as follows to wit:

First and principally I commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it and Body to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executor herein after named and after my Debts and burial Expences are paid I give devise and bequeath as follows

I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Margaret Emily Willey wife of Uriah Willey negro girl Emily Jane to serve said Margaret Emily Willey and her heirs for thirty years from the time of my decease and then said Emily Jane to be free and my said Daughter Margaret Emily Willey to have no more of my estate

I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Julia ann Dean my negro girl Mary Rachel to serve my said Daughter Julia ann Dean and her heirs for thirty years from the time of my decease and then said negro girl Mary Rachel to be free one Bed & furniture No. 1. and my said Daughter Julia Ann Dean to have no more of my Estate

I give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Olevia Elizabeth Dean my negro woman Charlotte to serve my said Daughter Olevia Elizabeth Dean & her heirs for three years after my decease and then the said negro woman Charlotte to be free and act and do for herself

I give to my said Daughter Olevia Elizabeth Dean all the ballance and remainder of my Estate both real and personal and mixed to her her heirs and assigns for ever

And Lastly I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint William Warfield of said County to be my sole executor 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 the said Mary Cooper have hereunto set

my hand and affixed my seal this 31st day of December 1859

Signed sealed published and declared by Mary Cooper the above named testatrix as and for her last will and testament in the presence of us who at her request and in her presence and in the presence of each other have have hereto subscribed our names as witnesses thereto — (Seal)

David W. Tyler
Slater his mark Dean

State of Maryland Dorchester County to wit:

On the 7th. day of February A. D. 1860 came William Warfield the within named Executor and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that this paper or instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Mrs Mary Cooper late of said County deceased was deposited in his hands for safe keeping by said testatrix: and that to the best of his knowledge it is the true and whole last will and testament of said deceased and that he knows of no other of a younger date — Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C.

State of Maryland Dorchester County to wit:

On the 7th. day of February A. D. 1860 came Slater Dean one of the subscribing witnesses to the aforegoing last will and Testament of Mrs Mary Cooper late of said County deceased and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that he did see said Testatrix sign and seal said will that he 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 his apprehensions of a sound and disposing mind memory and understanding and that he together with David W. Tyler the other subscribing witness to said will respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of the Testatrix and in the presence of each other

Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C.

State of Maryland Dorchester County to wit:

On the 12th. day of March A. D. 1860 came David W. Tyler one of the subscribing witnesses to the aforegoing last will and testament of Mary Cooper late of Dorchester County deceased and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that he did see said Testatrix sign and seal said will that he 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 his apprehensions of a sound and disposing mind memory and understanding and that he together with Slater Dean the other subscribing witness to said will respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of the Testatrix and in the presence of each other —

Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C.

Augustus Cannon's Last Will and Testament.

In the name of God, Amen, I Augustus Cannon of Dorchester County, and State of Maryland being in perfect Health of Body and of sound and disposing mind memory do make and ordaine this to be my Last will and Testament in manner and form as follows to wit= Item. I give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Eliza Van Buren Cannon Todd Two thirds of my plantation where I now Reside known by the names as follows, Joseph Lane, Robinson Rang, and Williams prevention Containing One Hundred & Fifty acres of Land more or Less - To her and her heirs forever - Item I give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Eliza Van Buren Cannon Todd Two thirds of all my Cattle Hogs & Sheep, and all the remains of my personal estate, unto her and her heirs and assigns forever - Item - I give and Bequeath unto Jane Todd the Mother of my Daughter Eliza Van Buren Cannon Todd The other third of Real and personal Estate during her Single Life or Death, and the day after her Marriage or Death which will first Happen - then I give and Bequeath the same one third unto my Daughter Eliza Van Buren Cannon Todd unto her and her heirs forever.

And Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint Jane Todd the mother of said Eliza Van Buren Cannon Todd 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 no other to be my Last Will and Testament where I the said Augustus Cannon Hath hereunto set Subscribed his name and affixed His seal this the 14th. day of November In the year of our Lord One thousand Eight Hundred & Fifty one, (1851.)

Signed Sealed published and Declared By Augustus Cannon the above named Testator as and for his Last Will and Testament in the Presence of us who at his Request in his presence and in the presence of each other have Subscribed our names as witness thereto -

Augustus Cannon (Seal.)

Ezekiel Cannon
John Robinson
Priscillia her X mark Robinson

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit: On the 5th. day of February Anno Domini 1857 came Asbury McNamara and made oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that this paper or instrument of writing, purporting to be the last will and

testament of Augustus Cannon late of Dorchester County, deceased, was handed to him since the death of said deceased, and that, to the best of his Knowledge, it is the true and whole last Will and testament of said deceased, and that he knows of no other of a younger date -

Certified by Tho. H. Hicks Reg. W.D.C.

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit: On the 10th. day of May Anno Domini 1858 came Caleb MacNamara and made oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that he staid with Augustus Cannon, late of Dorchester County, deceased, one night sometime previous to his death, and sometime during the year eighteen hundred and fifty six; that said Cannon then showed him this paper or instrument of writing and requested him to read it, which he did; said Cannon then told him it was his last Will, and the last one he ever expected to make. Also that he is acquainted with the hand writing of said Augustus Cannon, and believes the signature to the said Will to be the true and genuine signature of said Augustus Cannon, deceased; also that he is acquainted with the hand writing of Ezekiel Cannon one of the subscribing witnesses to said will and believes his signature to this will, as a witness, to be genuine, also that the body of the will is in the hand writing of said Ezekiel Cannon, who is now dead - Sworn to in open Court -

Test, Levin L. Keene Reg. W.D.C.

James Edmondson's Last Will and Testament.

In the name of God, Amen. I, James Edmondson of Dorchester County in the State of Maryland, being sick and weak in body but of sound and disposing mind, memory & 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 mentioned and after my debts, and funeral expences are paid, I devise and bequeath as follows, Item: I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter

Henrietta Edmondson my negro girl Elizabeth — Item: I give and bequeath unto my hand-son James Oliver Edmondson my negro girl Eliza — Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Rebecca Five hundred dollars in cash & my negro girl Henrietta upon the following conditions that my Executors shall pay the said legacies or pay the said legacy of Five hundred dollars & deliver the said negro girl Henrietta unto Samuel M. Travers, who I hereby constitute and appoint Trustee, to hold the said legacies & to pay the annual income of the same unto my daughter Rebecca until her marriage or death, provided nevertheless that in the event of her dying, without having previously married, or of her marrying Levi Pagan of Taylor's Island Dorchester County, Maryland, then the said Samuel M. Travers Trustee shall dispose of and divide the said property equally between my two sons James & Jeremiah H. Edmondson, but should my daughter Rebecca Edmondson marry any man, except the aforesaid Levi Pagan, then twelve months from the date of her marriage the said Saml. M. Travers Trustee for my daughter Rebecca Edmondson shall pay over to my daughter Rebecca the aforesaid legacy of five hundred dollars cash & deliver into her possession the aforesaid negro girl Henrietta (if living) —

Item — I give and bequeath unto my daughter Rebecca one dollar & no more of my estate, provided she marries the aforesaid Levi Pagan — Item — I devise and direct that my Executors hereinafter mentioned shall dispose at public sale all of my real estate, & the proceeds of the sale of the said land together with my personal and mixed estate (except the aforesaid legacies) to be equally divided between my two sons James & Jeremiah H. Edmondson —

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my sons James Edmondson and Jeremiah H. Edmondson to be Executors of this my last Will and testament —

In testamony whereof I have have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal (over) this seventh day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fifty nine —

Test: Levi D. Travers —

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

James ✗ Edmondson (Seal)

Levi D. Travers
William W. Cater
Sam. M. Travers

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit: On the 19th. day of February Anno Domini 1859 came Samuel M. Travers and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God, that this paper in instrument of writing, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of James Edmondson late of Dorchester County, deceased, was deposited in his hands for safe keeping by said Testator; and that, to the best of his knowledge, it is the true and whole last Will and Testament of said deceased, and that he knows of no other of a younger date —

Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C.

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit: On the 19th. day of February Anno Domini 1859 came Captain Samuel M. Travers, one of the subscribing witnesses to the aforegoing last Will and Testament of James Edmondson late of Dorchester County, deceased, and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that he did see said Testator sign and seal said will; that he 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 his apprehension, of a sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding; and that he together with Levi D. Travers and William W. Cater the other subscribing witnesses to said will, respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence, and at the request of the Testator, and in the presence of each other —

Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C.

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit: On the 7th. day of March A. D. 1859 came Levi D. Travers and William W. Cater, two of the subscribing witnesses to the aforegoing last Will and Testament of Jas. Edmondson late of Dorchester County, deceased, and made oath in the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that they did see said Testator sign and seal said will; that they 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 apprehensions, of a sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding; and that they respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto, together with Samuel M. Travers the other subscribing witness, in the presence and at the request of the Testator, and in the presence of each other —

Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C.

To the Hon'ble. the Judges of the Orphans Court of Dorchester County —

I Samuel M. Travers appointed by the last Will and

Testament of James Edmondson, deceased, Trustee, do hereby refuse to accept the trust imposed upon me therein, and pray that your Honors will order this relinquishment of said Trust to be filed with the administration papers of said estate -

November 21st. 1859 - Sam. M. Travers Trustee -

(Filed November 21st. 1859 -

Caveat of Sarah R. Edmondson &c.

To the Honorable, the Judges of the Orphans' Court of Dorchester County. The petition of Sarah Rebecca Edmondson of Dorchester County, respectfully represents, that a certain James Edmondson late of said County, deceased, departed this life about the first day of February in the year eighteen hundred and fifty nine leaving Jeremiah H. Edmondson, James Edmondson Jr. and your petitioner his only children and heirs at law. That after his death, to wit, on the nineteenth day of February in the year aforesaid, a certain paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of the said James Edmondson, deceased, was produced to the Orphans' Court of said County and thereafter admitted to probate by your honorable Court, and letters testamentary were granted to the said Jeremiah H. Edmondson, who is named in the said paper writing as one of the Executors thereof, the other party, the said James Edmondson Jr., who is named therein as co-executor having renounced his right to act as co-executor thereof - Your petitioner avers and charges that the said paper writing purporting to be the last Will and testament of the said James Edmondson, deceased, is not the last Will and testament of the said James Edmondson, deceased -

1st. Because the said James Edmondson at the time of executing the said paper writing was not of sound and disposing mind, and was not capable of executing a valid deed or contract -

2ndly. Because the said paper writing is void by reason of undue influences, importunities, fraudulent devices, misrepresentations and deceits, practiced upon the said James Edmondson by the said Jeremiah H. Edmondson or by his procurement to induce him to execute the same - Your petitioner further states, that in the said paper writing the said Jeremiah H. Edmondson, James Edmondson Jr., Henrietta Edmondson, James Oliver Edmondson and your petitioner are named as the legatees and devisees of the property of the said James Edmondson, deceased, as by reference to a certified copy of the said paper writing herewith filed, marked "Exhibit A", will fully and at large appear -

That your petitioner may have such relief as her case may

require, she therefore prays your Honors to grant unto her the State's writ of subpoena directed to the said Jeremiah H. Edmondson and Henrietta Edmondson of the County aforesaid and James Edmondson Jr. and James Oliver Edmondson of the City of Baltimore, commanding them to be and appear in this Court by a certain day to be therein named, to answer this petition and abide by and perform such order or decree as may be passed therein, and as in duty bound &c.

Brice J. Goldsborough &
Danl. M. Henry
Attys. for Petitioner.

(Filed July 28th. 1859) -

(Exhibit A.)

James Edmondson's last Will and Testament. || - In the name of God, Amen, I James Edmondson of Dorchester County in the State of Maryland being sick and weak in body, but of sound and disposing mind, memory & 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 Executor hereinafter mentioned and after my debts and funeral expenses are paid I devise and bequeath as follows.

Item - I give and bequeath unto my grand-daughter Henrietta Edmondson my negro girl Elizabeth -

Item - I give and bequeath unto my grand-son James Oliver Edmondson my negro girl Eliza -

Item - I give and bequeath unto my daughter Rebecca five hundred dollars in cash & my negro girl Henrietta upon the following conditions, that my Executor shall pay the said legacies or pay the said legacy of five hundred dollars & deliver the said negro girl Henrietta unto Samuel M. Travers who I hereby constitute and appoint Trustee to hold the said legacies & to pay the annual income of the same unto my daughter Rebecca until her marriage or death, provided nevertheless, that in the event of her dying without having previously married, or of her marrying Levi Pagan of Taylor's Island Dorchester County Maryland then the said Samuel M. Travers Trustee shall dispose of and divide the said

property equally between my two sons James & Jeremiah H. Edmondson, but should my daughter Rebecca Edmondson marry any man except the aforesaid Levi Pagan, then twelve months from the date of her marriage the said Saml. M. Travers Trustee for my daughter Rebecca Edmondson shall over to my daughter Rebecca the aforesaid legacy of five hundred dollars Cash & deliver into her possession the aforesaid negro girl Henrietta (if living) -

Item - I give and bequeath unto my daughter Rebecca one dollar & no more of my estate, provided she marries the aforesaid Levi Pagan.

Item - I devise and direct that my Executors hereinafter mentioned shall dispose at public sale all of my real estate & the proceeds of the sale of the said land together with my personal and mixed estate, (except the aforesaid legacies) to be equally divided between my two sons James & Jeremiah H. Edmondson -

And lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my sons James Edmondson & Jeremiah H. Edmondson to be Executors of this my last Will and Testament -

In testimony whereof I have have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal - over - this seventh day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fifty nine -

Test; Levi D. Travers -

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

James X Edmondson (Seal.)

Levi D. Travers
William W. Cator
Sam. M. Travers -

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit: On the 19th. day of February Anno Domini 1859 came Samuel M. Travers and made oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that this paper or instrument of writing, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of James Edmondson late of Dorchester County, deceased, was deposited in his hands for safe keeping by said Testator; and that, to the best of his knowledge, it is the true and whole last Will and Testament of said deceased, and that he knows of no other of a younger date -

Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C.

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit: On the 19th. day

of February Anno Domini 1859 came Captain Samuel M. Travers one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing last Will and Testament of James Edmondson late of Dorchester County, deceased, and made oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that he did see said Testator sign and seal said will; that he 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 his apprehension, of a sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding; and that he together with Levi D. Travers and William W. Cator the other subscribing witnesses to said will respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other -

Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C.

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit: I hereby certify that the foregoing copy is truly and correctly taken from the original will now on file and of record in my office -

In testimony whereof I hereto subscribe my name and affix the seal of my office on the twenty fourth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty nine -

The Orphans' Court of Dorchester County, Maryland Seal.

Levin L. Keene Register of Wills for Dorchester County.

(Filed July 28th. 1859) -

Answer of Jeremiah H. Edmondson and others -

To the Hon. The Judges of the Orphans' Court of Dorchester County -

The answer of Jeremiah H. Edmondson, Henrietta Edmondson, James Edmondson Jr. and James Oliver Edmondson to the petition of Sarah Rebecca Edmondson of Dorchester County, exhibited as a

Caveat to the will of James Edmondson late of Dorchester County, deceased - These respondents not denying that on the 19th. day of February 1859 a certain paper writing being the last will and testament of James Edmondson deceased, was admitted to probate by the Orphans Court of Dorchester County and letters testamentary granted to Jeremiah H. Edmondson named in the said will as one of the Executors thereof, and that James Edmondson Jr. named therein as co-executor renounced his right to act as such - Entirely deny the allegations of said petitioner that the said paper writing "is not the last Will & testament of the said James Edmondson, deceased", and allege that it is the valid last will and testament of said James Edmondson, deceased - And further answering they deny that the said James Edmondson at the time of executing the said paper writing was not of sound and disposing mind and was not capable of executing a valid deed or contract, and allege the contrary that he was at the time of executing the said paper writing of sound and disposing mind and capable of executing a valid deed or contract -

And they deny that the said paper writing is void by reason of undue influences, importunities, fraudulent devices, misrepresentations and deceits practiced upon the said James Edmondson by the said Jeremiah H. Edmondson or by his procurement to induce him to execute the same, and allege the contrary, that the same was executed freely & voluntarily and no undue influences, importunities, fraudulent devices, misrepresentations or deceits were practiced upon the said James Edmondson by the said Jeremiah H. Edmondson or by his procurement to induce him to execute the same - And your respondents do not deny that in said paper writing the said Jeremiah H. Edmondson, James Edmondson Jr., Henrietta Edmondson, James Oliver Edmondson (and the said Petitioner under certain conditions & restrictions therein named) are named as legatees & devisees of the property of said James Edmondson, deceased - And your Respondents submit that all these matters may be properly inquired of and adjudicated - And as in duty &c -

Chs. F. Goldsborough
Elias Griswold
Attys. for Respondents -

(Filed September 27th. 1859)

Replication.

To the Honorable, the Judges of the Orphans Court of Dorchester County.

Your petitioner, Sarah Rebecca Edmondson for replication to the answer of Jeremiah H. Edmondson, Henrietta Edmondson, James Edmondson Jr. and James Oliver Edmondson to her petition

and caveat filed in your honorable Court, joinissue on all the averments and denials in the said answer contained, and respectfully prays your Honorable Court to pass an order directing issues to be made up and sent to the Circuit Court for Dorchester County, for trial therein.

And as in duty &c -

Brice J. Goldsborough
Dan'l. M. Henry
Attys. for Sarah Rebecca Edmondson -

(Filed Oct. 18th. 1859)

Issues.

Sarah Rebecca Edmondson
vs.
Jeremiah H. Edmondson
Henrietta Edmondson
James Edmondson Jr. and
James Oliver Edmondson

In the Orphans Court of Dorchester County -

In the matter of the Caveat &c of the paper writing purporting to be the last Will and testament of James Edmondson.

Upon the petition of Sarah Rebecca Edmondson, filed in this cause, it is ordered by the Court that the following issues be sent to the Circuit Court for Dorchester County for trial therein, viz:

1st. Whether, at the time of the execution of the said paper-writing purporting to be the last will and testament of the said James Edmondson deceased, the said James Edmondson was of sound and disposing mind and capable of executing a valid deed or contract?

2nd. Whether at the time mentioned in the preceding issue, the said James Edmondson was urged and induced to execute the said paper-writing by the undue influence, or importunities of the said Jeremiah H. Edmondson which the said James Edmondson was too weak to resist, and under circumstances which left him not free to act in the disposition of his property?

3rd. Whether the execution of the said paper-writing by the said James Edmondson was procured by fraudulent devices, misrepresentations and deceits, practiced upon him by the said Jeremiah H. Edmondson to induce him to execute the same?

4th. Whether the said paper writing be void by reason of undue influence, fraudulent devices, importunities, impositions, misrepresentations and and deceits practiced by the said Jeremiah H. Edmondson, or by others by his procurement, upon the said James Edmondson, to induce him to execute the same?

Algernon Thomas
Zadock H. Rose
Levin Jones

October 24th. 1859 -
(Filed October 24th. 1859) -

Record from Circuit Court for Dorchester County.—

In the Circuit Court for Dorchester County, No. 87 Trial.
November term, 1857.

Sarah Rebecca Edmondson vs. Jeremiah H. Edmondson, Henrietta Edmondson, James Edmondson and James Oliver Edmondson.	Record from the Orphans Court. Trial. 1859 December 5th. Caveat withdrawn, each party to pay their own costs. Test. T. S. Henry, Clk.

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, Sct.

I hereby certify that the preceding is truly taken from the Docket of the Circuit Court for Dorchester County aforesaid.

Circuit Court for Dorchester County, Maryland.

In testimony whereof I hereunto subscribe my name & affix the seal of the Circuit Court for Dorchester County, this 22nd. day of October Anno Domini 1861.

Francis J. Henry, Clk.

(Filed October 22nd. 1861)-

Samuel Sewell's Last Will and Testament.

In the name of God, Amen I, Samuel Sewell of Dorchester County in the State of Maryland being sick and weak in body, but of sound and disposing mind, memory, and understanding considering the 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 executor hereinafter named, and after my debt and funeral charges are paid, and my wife's thirds taken out, I devise and bequeath as follows:

I give and bequeath to my dear wife Harriet my negro servant Sarah for the term of two years and then to be free-

I give and bequeath to my daughter Ann Catharine, the wife of DeWitt C. Handley, seventy five dollars to be paid by my Executor out of the commission allowed on my estate-

I give and bequeath to my daughter Adaline M. Hicks, the wife of Thos. J. Hicks the unexpired term of one negro called Milly.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Susan E. Gore, the wife of

James Gore, seventy five dollars to be paid out of the commission allowed on my estate.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Margaret Ellen one negro called Ann Maria.

I devise and bequeath all the rest and residue of my estate, both real and personal, to be equally divided among my daughters, Ann Catharine, Adaline Matilda, Susan Elizabeth, and Margaret Ellen, in equal portions, share and share alike -

And lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint Thomas J. Hicks to be sole Executor 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 22nd. day of June Eighteen hundred & fifty nine 1859.

Saml. Sewell (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published and declared by Samuel Sewell, the above named Testator, as and for his last will and testament, in the presence of us, who at his request, in his presence, and in the presence of each other, have subscribed our names as witnesses, thereto-

Edward K. Bramble
H.W. Houston
Kilby B. Fletcher-

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit:

On the 9th. day of January A.D. 1860 came Kilby B. Fletcher and made oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that the within paper or instrument of writing, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Samuel Sewell late of Dorchester County, deceased, was handed to him, since the death of said Testator, by Dr. H.W. Houston to deposit in the Register's Office, and that, to the best of his knowledge, it is the true and whole last Will and Testament of said deceased, and that he knows of no other of a younger date -

Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W.D.C.

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit;

On the 9th. day of January A.D. 1860 came Edward K. Bramble and Kilby B. Fletcher two of the subscribing witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of Samuel Sewell late of Dorchester County, deceased, and made oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they did see said Testator sign and seal said will; that they heard him publish, pronounce, and declare the same to be his last Will and testament; that at the time of his ordering he was, to the best of their apprehensions, of a sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding; and that they together with Henry W. Houston, the other subscribing witness to said will, respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of the Testator, and in the presence of each other-

Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W.D.C.

John H. Willoughby's Last Will and Testament and Codicil.

I, John H. Willoughby, being in feeble health, but of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, do make and publish this my last Will & testament. Imprimis. My negroes to wit: Ann Maria, aged thirty nine years in December next, Harriet Ann, aged nineteen years in April next, Tamar Sophia, aged sixteen years in January next, Charles Henry, aged twelve years in July next, and Leah Ellen, aged three years in November next, I will free from and after the death of my dear wife Ann Willoughby, and in case that event should happen before the young negroes should be able to obtain a livelihood, I desire they may be bound to serve some humane and kind master until they are able to obtain a livelihood and then to be free, and I do hereby manumit and set them free as aforesaid. If any of said negro women should have children born during the life of my wife, it is my will that they be also free at the death of my wife, and if unable to gain a livelihood at my wife's death, then to be bound out as is provided for the young negroes named above.

I give to my nephew William Richard Willoughby, son of my brother William, my silver watch heretofore belonging to my father, and now in the possession of my said nephew.

I give all the rest of my estate, Real, personal or mixed to my dear wife Ann Willoughby, to her and her heirs and assigns, including the service of my said said servants, during her life.

I nominate and appoint my special and particular friend James Higgins Esqr. Executor of this my last Will and testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereto set my name and affixed my seal this tenth day of September One thousand eight hundred and fifty six.

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced and declared by John H. Willoughby as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us, who at his request, and in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

Jno: H. Willoughby (Seal.)

T. J. Henry
Josiah Jump
Edwd. W. LeCompte

Codicil.

Whereas I have made & executed my last Will & testament bearing date on the tenth day of September 1856, as above and before appears, every clause & bequest I hereby ratify & confirm save & except only as shall be rendered inoperative by this codicil to my said last Will and

testament, & now desiring to make some change in the disposition of such negro children as may be too young to be freed by law, at the death of my dear wife Ann Willoughby, as well those may hereafter be born of my servant women, as those already born and that may be under the age to be freed at the death of my said wife, Ann therefore revoke that provision of my said last Will and testament which looks to and directs the binding out the said negro children until they shall be capable of providing for themselves, and I hereby will & bequeath the said negroes, after the death of my said wife to — — — — until they shall severally reach the ages as follows, the males at eighteen years & the females the age of sixteen years, and then said negroes having attained such age shall then be free, Provided, my wife's death shall occur before they shall severally attain the ages above specified.

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced & declared by John H. Willoughby as a Codicil for his last Will & Testament, which I desire & direct shall be taken & operate in Law as a part of my last Will & testament.

As witness my hand & seal, this 6th. day of October Anno Domini 1859.

Thos. H. Hicks
Wm. Grason Jr.
Joseph Bradshaw

J. H. Willoughby (Seal.)

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, SS.

On the 19th. day of January A.D. 1860 came Mrs. Ann Willoughby and made oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that this paper writing, purporting to be the last Will and testament of John H. Willoughby late of Dorchester County, deceased, and the Codicil thereto, was found by her, since his death, among the private papers of said deceased, and that, to the best of her knowledge, it is the true and whole last Will and testament of said deceased, and that she knows of no other of a younger date.

Certified by Levin L. Keene Regr. W.D.C.

State of Maryland, Dorchester County SS.

On the 19th. day of January Anno Domini 1860 came Francis T. Henry and Edward W. LeCompte two of the subscribing witnesses to the aforegoing last Will and Testament of John H. Willoughby late of Dorchester County, deceased, and made oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they did see said Testator sign and seal said will; that they 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 apprehensions, of a sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding; and that they, together with Josiah Jump the other subscribing witness to said will, respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence, and at the request of the Testator, and in the presence of each other.

Certified by Levin L. Keene Regr. W.D.C.

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, S.S.

On the 27th. day of January Anno Domini 1826 came Joseph Bradshaw one of the subscribing witnesses to the aforegoing Codicil to the last Will and Testament of John H. Willoughby late of Dorchester County, deceased, and made oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that he did see said Testator sign and seal said Codicil; that he heard him publish, pronounce and declare the same to be a Codicil to his last Will and testament; that at the time of his so doing he was, to the best of his apprehensions, of a sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, and that he together with Hon. Thomas H. Hicks and William Nagen Jr., the other subscribing witnesses to said Codicil, respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of the Testator, and in the presence of each other -

Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W.D.C.

Levin Wall's Last Will and testament.

In the name of God, Amen. I Levin Wall of Dorchester County in the State of Maryland, being of perfect sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding do make and ordain this my last Will and testament in manner and form following, To wit:

Item - I give and bequeath unto Susan Pettle for and during the time or term she remains single, the house and lot where she now resides, together with the free privilege of getting fire wood on and from my lands for the support of the fire place in said house, and also to have and get rail timber from the same since sufficient to keep said house and lot under good enclosure, so long as she the said Susan Pettle lives single and continues to occupy the said house and lot - But if in case the said Susan Pettle should marry or remove away from the said house and lot, then in that case I give and bequeath the said house and lot with all the privileges unto her granted unto my son Levin Wall Hall and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten -

Item - I give unto Mary Pettle the infant daughter of Susan Pettle one negro boy Moses, and one negro girl Mary, to her and her heirs forever.

Item - I give and bequeath unto Martin Luther Pettle son of Susan Pettle, one negro boy John, one negro boy Harry, one negro boy Hicks, one negro boy Major, one negro boy Job and two negro girls one called Eliza and the other called Nell, to him and his heirs forever.

Item - I give and bequeath unto Margaret Wall widow of my brother Samuel Wall, one negro girl Hetty, to her and her heirs forever -

Item - After my debts and funeral charges are paid I give and

devise to my son Levin Wall Hall all the balance and residue of my real and personal estate of every description both in law and equity, except as hereinbefore bequeathed and devised - to him and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten - But if in case my son Levin Wall Hall should die without heirs of his body lawfully begotten, then it is my will and desire, and I do in such event give and devise to Martin Luther Pettle the whole of the estate which I have herein before given to my son Levin Wall Hall -

Item - I do hereby constitute and appoint my son Levin Wall Hall Guardian to Martin Luther Pettle until he arrives to the age of twenty one years, and to direct and give him the said Levin Wall Hall the entire management and control of the said Martin Luther Pettle and his property until he shall arrive to the age of twenty one years - Item - It is my will and desire that there be no administration on my estate, but direct my Executor hereafter named and appointed to give bond for his compliance with this my said last Will and testament.

And lastly I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my son Levin Wall Hall the whole and sole Executor of this my last Will and testament, hereby annulling all former wills and bequests by me heretofore made, ratifying and confirming this only as my last Will and testament -

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this second day of December one thousand eight hundred and twenty five -

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced and declared by Levin Wall the within named Testator in our presence as and for his last Will and testament, who in his presence and at his request and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto -

James L. Compton
Levin Richardson
Martin L. Wright -

Levin Wall (Seal)

Dorchester County S.S. On the 23d. day of October Anno Domini 1827, then came Levin Wall Hall the within named Executor and made oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that the within and aforegoing instrument of writing was deposited in his hands for safe keeping, and that it is the true and whole last Will & testament of Levin Wall late of Dorchester County, deceased, that hath come to his hands in possession, and that he doth not know of any other of a younger date -

Certified pr. William W. Eccleston Regr. W. D. County.

Dorchester County, Sct. On the 5th. day of November Anno Domini 1827, then came James LeCompte and Levin Richardson two of the subscribing witnesses to the within and aforegoing last Will and Testament of Levin Wall late of Dorchester County, deceased, and made oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they did see the Testator herein named sign and seal this will, and that they 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 apprehensions of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, and that they together with Martin L. Wright the other witness, respectively subscribed their names as witnesses to this will in the presence and at the request of the Testator, and in the presence of each other –

Certified pr. William W. Eccleston Regr. Will, D.C.

In testimony that the aforegoing Will is truly copied from the original duly proved and remaining in the Office of the Register of Wills for Dorchester County – I have hereto set my name and the seal of my office affixed this the 16th. day of November 1827 –

(The Orphans Court for Dorchester County Seal.)

W. W. Eccleston Regr. W. D. C.

(Filed February 8th. 1860)

Levin Colston's Last Will and Testament

In the name of God, Amen – I, Levin Colston of Dorchester County in the State of Maryland, being sick and weak in body but sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, do make and publish this my last Will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say – First I commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God, relying and depending on his mercy through Jesus Christ alone, for the pardon of all my sins; and further, I require my Executor hereinafter named to have my body decently buried, as befits circumstances and situation in life, and after all my just debts and funeral charges are paid, I devise and bequeath as follows –

I give and bequeath unto my wife Ann my plantation where I now dwell, (lying and being in Black-Water, with all my land cleared woodland and marsh attached or belonging thereto, of whatever name or names the same may be called) for and during her life, provided she shall remain a widow; but if she should marry, therefrom and after her marriage or decease, I give and bequeath all the above mentioned land to my son Richard and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten; but in

default of such issue to my son Gladson and his heirs and assigns in fee simple – Item, I give and bequeath to my son Gladson my two negro boys, the one named Draper the other named Dennis to him and his heirs – Item, I give and bequeath to my daughter Rose Ann the wife of Haddock Cropper my negroes Sylva and Milly, and Milly's youngest child Alexander. Item, I give and bequeath to my daughter Caroline, my negro girl named Mary.

Item, I give and bequeath all the residue of my property not heretofore disposed of, to be equally divided among my wife Ann, and my two sons Richard and Gladson, and my daughter Caroline in equal portions share and share alike –

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint Thomas J. H. Eccleston to be my sole Executor 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 27th. day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty five.

Levin Colston (Seal.)

Signed, sealed, published, and declared by Levin Colston the above named Testator as and for his last Will and testament, in the presence of us, who at his request, in his presence, and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto –

John B. Barnes
John Meekins
Ammon Porter
William Stapleford –

Dorchester County, Sct. On the 30th. day of July Anno Domini 1832 Thomas J. H. Eccleston the within named Executor and made oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that the aforegoing instrument of writing was delivered in his hands for safe keeping, and that it is the true and whole last Will and testament of Levin Colston late of Dorchester County deceased, and that he doth not know of any other of a younger date –

Certfd. by W. W. Eccleston Regr. W. D. C.

Dorchester County Sct. On the 30th. day of July Anno Domini 1832 Then came William Stapleford one of the subscribing witnesses to the within and aforegoing last Will and testament of Levin Colston late of Dorchester County, deceased, and made oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that he did see the Testator therein named sign and seal this will; that he 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 his apprehensions of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding; and that he together with John B. Barnes, John Meekins and Solomon Porter the other three witnesses to this will respectively subscribed their names as witnesses to this will in the presence and at the request of the Testator, and in the presence of each other.

William H. Eccleston Regr. W.D.C.

I hereby certify that the aforegoing will is truly and faithfully copied from the original filed in my office of record.

Dorchester County, Orphans Court. Seal. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my name and the public seal of my office affixed this 3rd. day of September Anno Domini 1832.

William H. Eccleston Regr. W.D.C.

(Filed February 8th. 1861).

Chapman Andrews' Last Will and Testament.

In the name of God, Amen, I Chapman Andrews of Dorchester County in the State of Maryland being sick and weak of 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, to wit:

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 burial expences and debts are paid I give, devise and bequeath as follows.

I give, devise and bequeath unto my son Abisha Andrews him his heirs and assigns forever all that part of the farm or plantation whereon I now reside that lieth to the South & West of the middle or second cross fence that crosses the field of said farm with a parallel line with said fence across the timbered lands to the lands of William O. Cooper, also an equal and undivided right jointly with my daughter hereinafter named to all my marsh.

Do. I give, devise and bequeath unto my daughter Mary A. Andrews her her heirs and assigns forever all the balance and remainder of my Real estate that I have not given to my son Abisha.

It is also my will and wish that my son Abisha his heirs and assigns have full and free privilege to pass & re-pass over that part of my lands

given to my daughter Mary A. Andrews forever. It is also my will and wish that my daughter Mary A. Andrews her heirs and assigns have the same privilege to pass and re-pass on the lands given to my son Abisha.

I give and bequeath to my said son Abisha & daughter Mary A. Andrews all the residue and remainder of my estate Real, personal & mixed that has not heretofore been given away, to be divided equally between them, share and share alike to them their heirs and assigns forever.

And lastly I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint David W. Tyler to be my sole Executor 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 fifth day of August eighteen hundred and fifty eight 1858.

Signed, sealed, and published and declared by Chapman Andrews the above named Testator as and for his last Will and testament in the presence of us who at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

Chapman his + mark Andrews (Seal)

D. W. Tyler
Martin L. Wall
William O. Cooper.

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, S.S.

On the 12th. day of March Anno Domini 1861 came David W. Tyler and made oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that this paper or instrument of writing, purporting to be the last Will and testament of Chapman Andrews late of Dorchester County, deceased, was deposited in his hands for safe keeping by said Testator, and that, to the best of his knowledge, it is the true and whole last Will and testament of said deceased, and that he knows of no other of a younger date. And that he did see said Testator sign and seal said will; that he 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 his apprehensions, of a sound and disposing mind, memory, and understanding; and that he together with Martin L. Wall and William O. Cooper, the other subscribing witnesses to said will, respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence, and at the request of the Testator, and in the presence of each other.

Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W.D.C.

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, S.S.

On the 28th. day of April A.D. 1860 came William O. Cooper one of the subscribing witnesses to the aprexing last Will and testament of Chapman Andrews late of Dorchester County, deceased, and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that he did see said Testator sign and seal said will; that he 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 his apprehensions, of a sound and disposing mind, memory, and understanding; and that he together with David W. Tyler and Martin L. Wall the other subscribing witnesses to said will, respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of the Testator, and in the presence of each other—

Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. W. D. C.

Sarah Moore's Last Will and Testament.

In the name of God, Amen. Sarah Moore of Dorchester County, in the State of Maryland, being in perfect health of body and sound and disposing mind memory and understanding, considering the certainty of Death and the uncertainty 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 Executor hereinnamed and after my debts and funeral charges are paid, I devise and bequeath as follows—

Pecuniary Legacy

Item— I give and bequath to my Daughter Mary Douglass The sum of Two dollars of my estate and no more.

I devise and bequath to my Daughter Marget Harris the sum of Two dollars of my Estate and no more.

I devise to my son Sollomon Moore the sum of Two dollars of my Estate and no more.

I devise to my Daughter Catharine Venables The sum of Two dollars of my Estate and no more.

I devise to to my son Stephen Moore the sum of Two dollars of my Estate and no more.

I devise and bequath To my Grand daughter Sarah Ann Moore the sum of Twenty cent of my Estate and no more

I devise and bequath to my Grand daughter Marget A. Moore The

sum of Twenty of my Estate and no more.

I devise and bequeat to my Grand son David H. Moore The sum of Twenty cents out of my Estate and no more

Residue of my Estate

I dives and bequeath all the residue of my Estate, real and personal to my Daughter Sarah A. Moore and to her heirs forever also all my wearing apparel consisting what sort or kind They may be.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint Thomas Wallace To be sole Executor 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 hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal Twenty ninth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eighteen hundred & forty nine

Sally her X mark Moore

Signed seal, published, and declared by Salah A. Moore the above Testator, 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.

Witness
Ely Bradley
Collins his X mark Vinson
Thos. Wallace

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, S. S. — On the 14th day of March, A. D. 1860, came Thomas Wallace and made Oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that this paper of instrument of writing, purporting to be the last will and Testament of Sarah Moore late of Dorchester County, deceased, was deposited in his hands for safe keeping by said Testatrix, and that to the best of his knowledge, it is the true and whole last will and Testament of said deceased, and that he knows of no other of a younger date— Also, that he did see said Testatrix sign and seal said will; that he 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 his apprehensions, of a sound and disposing mind, memory, and understanding; and that he, together with Eli Bradley and Collins Vinson the other subscribing witnesses to said will respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of the Testatrix, and in the presence of each other.

Certified by Levin L. Keene, Reg. W. D. C.

Dr. Yadock H. Rose's Last Will and Testament.

In the name of God, Amen, I Yadock H. Rose of Dorchester County State of Maryland, being of sound and disposing mind, and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs, do make and publish this as my last will and testament.

First. It is my desire that my remains be interred near those of my first wife in the family burying ground of John Newton, near Hicksburgh.

Secondly. After my funeral expenses and my debts shall have been paid, I devise and bequeath all the rest and residue of my estate, both real and personal to my beloved wife Deborah M Rose, for the maintaining and educating my children during her natural life, and at her decease to be equally divided among my children –

Thirdly. For the better educating my children it is my wish and desire, that my Executrix shall sell the farm whereon we live and buy a house and lot in New-Market or some other town convenient to School –

Lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my dear wife Deborah M. Rose sole Executrix of this my last will and testament, wishing her only to take out letters of Collection and to give bond for the payment of my debts –

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal in the presence of witnesses this 17th day of February. 1851.

Yadock H. Rose. (Seal.)

Signed sealed & delivered by Yadock H. Rose as his last will & testament and subscribed by each of us as witness in his presence & in the presence of each other.
Witness Jacob Wilson
Witness John Vincent
Witness F. S. Henry
Witness Daniel M. Henry

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit: – On the 24th day of April. A. D. 1860. came Brice S. Goldsborough and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that this paper or instrument of writing, purporting to be the last will and Testament of Dr. Yadock H. Rose late of Dorchester County, deceased, was handed to him by Mrs. Deborah M. Rose the widow of said Testator, since his death, to deposit in the proper office, and that, to the best of his knowledge, it is the true and whole last will and Testament of said deceased, and that he knows of no other of a younger date.

Certified by Levin L. Keene, Reg. W. D. C.

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit: – On the 24th day of April Anno Domini 1860, came Francis J. Henry and Daniel M. Henry two of the subscribing witnesses to the within and aforegoing last will and Testament of Dr. Yadock H. Rose, late of Dorchester County, deceased, and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that they did see said Testator sign and seal said Will; that they 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 apprehensions, of a sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, and that they, together with Jacob Wilson and John Vincent (since deceased), the other subscribing witnesses to said will, respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence, and at the request of the Testator, and in the presence of each other.

Certified by Levin L. Keene, Reg. W. D. C.

Sarah Coahs Last Will and Testament

In the name of God Amen I Sarah Coah of Dorchester County in the State of Maryland being weak in body but of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding and 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 I do hereby make and publish this my last will and testament in the manner and form following that is to say

I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Ann Mariah Hubbard one Bed and furniture now in her possession one negro boy Harrison and one negro girl Sarah to her and her heirs forever

I give unto my grand son Joseph Hubbard son of Ann Mariah Hubboard one negro girl Harriett to him and his heirs forever.

I give unto my Daughter Sarah Ann Hurlock one bed and furniture now in her possession also one other Bed and furniture now in my possession also one negro man Jo one negro girl Ann one negro boy Henery Clay one negro girl Luvena one negro girl Edney one negro girl Celia one negro woman Ann & one negro woman Darky During her natural life and at her death I will that they shall go free

I give unto my son Freeborn Garrison Hurlock twenty five cents and no more of my estate

I give and devise unto my son Mitchell Hurlock and my Daughter Sarah Ann Hurlock all residue or balance of my estate.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 29th Day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty three.

Sarah her x mark Coah (Seal.)

Signed sealed published and declared by Sarah Coak the above or within named testator as and for her laste will and testament in the presents of us who at her request and in her presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnessis thereto.

Stephen Andrews
Celia Andrews
Rebecca Andrews

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit:— On the 23rd day of May, A. D. 1861 came Stephen Andrews and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that this paper or instrument of writing, purporting to be the last will and Testament of Sarah Coak late of Dorchester County, deceased, was deposited in his hands for safe keeping by said Testatrix; and that to the best of his knowledge, it is the true and whole last will and Testament of said deceased, and that he knows of no other of a younger date—

Certified by Levin L. Keene, Reg. Wills, D. C.

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit:— On the 23rd day of May, A. D. 1861, came Stephen Andrews and Rebecca Andrews two of the subscribing witnesses to the aforegoing last Will and Testament of Sarah Coak, late of Dorchester County, deceased, and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God, that they did see said Testatrix sign and seal said 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 a sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding; and that they, together with Celia Andrews, the other subscribing witness to said will, respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence, and at the request of the Testatrix, and in the presence of each other—

Certified by Levin L. Keene, Reg. Wills, D. C.

Ebben E. Payne's
Last Will and Testament.

In the name of God amen I Eben E. Payne of Dorchester County and State of Maryland being weak in body but of a sound disposing memory and understanding and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs and there by be the better prepared to leave this ~~this~~ world when it shall please God to call me hence, I do therefore make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say In the first place I commend my soul to God hoping he will receive it through the merits of Christ and my body to the earth to be decently buried at the direction of my Executor hereinafter mentioned after my burial expencis and just debts are paid In the first I give and bequeath all my real and personal estate to my

beloved wife Mariah E. Payne Except the one half of the saw mill that I purchased of Thomas B. Sharman in the second place I give and bequeath unto my son William James Payne the half of the sawmill which I purchased of Thomas B. Sharman by his paying to Thomas B. Sharman the balance of the purchased money and interest thereon In the third place I leave it to my wife the privilege of giving to each of the rest of my children what a mount of property she chooses namely Margaret A. Payne, Hester J. Payne Eben E. L. Payne Mary F. Payne Robert K. Payne Mariah A. Payne and Benjamin F. Payne In the last place I hereby appoint my wife Mariah Payne executrix of this my last will and testament working and annulling all other wills by me before made do pronounce publish and declare this to be my last and none other. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 17th day of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and sixty signed sealed published and declared by Eben E. Payne the testator as and for his last will and testament in the presents of us who in his presents and at his request and in the presents of each other hear respectfully subscribed our names as witnesses

Ebben E. Payne. (Seal.)

Samuel Brohawn.
James N. Sherman
James B. Merritt

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit:— On the 25th day of July Anno Domini 1861 came Samuel Brohawn and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that this paper or instrument of writing, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Ebben E. Payne late of Dorchester County, deceased, was deposited in his hands for safe keeping by said Testator, and that, to the best of his knowledge, it is the true and whole last will and Testament of said deceased, and that he knows of no other of a younger date—

Certified by Levin L. Keene, Reg. Wills, D. C.

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit:— On the 25th day of July Anno Domini 1861 came Samuel Brohawn and James N. Sherman two of the subscribing witnesses to the aforegoing last will and Testament of Ebben E. Payne late of Dorchester County, deceased, and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God, that they did see said Testator sign and seal said Will; that they 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 apprehensions, of a sound and disposing mind, memory, and understanding, and that they together with James B. Merritt the other subscribing witness to said will, respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of the Testator, and in the presence of each other.

Certified by Levin L. Keene, Reg. W. D. C.

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit:— On the 13th day of September, A. D. 1860, came James B. Merritt one of the subscribing witnesses to the aforegoing last Will and Testament of Ebben E. Payne, late of Dorchester County, deceased, and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that he did see said Testator sign and seal said Will; that he heard him publish, pronounced, 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 his apprehensions, of a sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding; and that he, together with Samuel Brohawn and James N. Sherman, the other subscribing witnesses to said Will, respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of the Testator, and in the presence of each other.—

Certified by Levin L. Keene, Reg. W. D. C.

Henry Bibby's Last Will and Testament.

In the name of God Amen I Henry Bibby of Dorchester County in the State of Maryland, being sick and weak in body but of sound and disposing mind and 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.

1st 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—

2nd I devise my wife Sarah E. Bibby my sons George E. Bibby John H. Bibby William F. Bibby and my Partner James Bibby to be my joint Executors and they to receive no commission for the same.

3rd— I desire the Partnership business now existing between James Bibby and my self to continue as at present. My afore mentioned Executors to collect all debts due the said firm and to pay all debts which have been contracted by said firm and to proceed as speedily as practicable to dispose of all the lumber now on hand belonging to said firm for the purpose of liquidating the debts, and to manage and controul all business connected with said firm as it has been done dureing my Life time—

4th— I desire all my property and Effects now in my possession

of every discription to go into my estate to remain in the hands of my Executors and them to proceed as speedily as practicable to pay all my just debts,

5th— I desire after all my just debts are paid That all my property of whatever nature consisting may be devided Equally between my wife Sarah E. Bibby and all my children share and share alike and the share of my wife.

6th— I desire that Charles F. Goldsborough to be the Attorney whenever my Executors shall require Legal advice.

In testimony whereof I hereto set my hand and affix my seal this 18th day of July 1860.

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of us—
Tho. King Carroll, Jr.
Annie Maria Hart.
John E. Graham

Henry Bibby. (Seal)

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit:— On the 26th day of July Anno Domini 1860 came John E. Graham and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God, that this paper or instrument of writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Henry Bibby, late of Dorchester County, deceased, was handed to him, since the death of said Testator, by Mrs. Sarah E. Bibby the widow of said deceased, to deposit in the proper office; and that to the best of his knowledge it is the true and whole last Will and Testament of said deceased, and that he knows of no other of a younger date—

Certified by Levin L. Keene, Reg. Wills, D. C.

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit:— On the 26th day of July Anno Domini 1860 came Thomas K. Carroll Jr. and John E. Graham two of the subscribing witnesses to the aforegoing last Will and Testament of Henry Bibby late of Dorchester County, deceased, and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that they did see said Testator sign and seal said Will; that they 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 apprehensions, of a sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding; and that they together with Annie Maria Hart, the other subscribing witness to said will, respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto, in the presence and at the request of the Testator, and in the presence of each other.

Certified by Levin L. Keene, Reg. Wills, D. C.

The undersigned Sarah E. Bibby, John H. Bibby, William F. Bibby and James Bibby, appointed Executors in the last Will and Testament of Henry Bibby late of Dorchester County, deceased, do hereby refuse to act as Executors of said Will, and do therefore renounce all our right to Letters Testamentary upon said deceased's estate, and all

right, title and claim that we may, or coluld have had, by virtue of said appointment.

In testimony whereof we hereunto subscribe our names this 14th day of August A. D. 1860.

Sarah E. Bibby, James Bibby
John H. Bibby William T. Bibby

William Andrews, Sr., Last Will and Testament

In the name of God Amen I, William Andrews, Jr., of Dorchester County in the State of Maryland being sick and weak of body, but of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding and 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 may and shall please God to call me hence do therefore make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit: 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 Burial expenses and debts are paid I give Devise and Bequeath as follows

I Give Bequeath and Devise unto my Beloved wife Harriet T. Andrews during her natural life or widowhood for the support of herself and our Children all my estate Both Real and personal or mixed. but should my said wife marry again it is my will and wish that my said wife have her thirds as she is entitled to by law and no more of my estate

And after the marriage or Death of my said wife it is my will and wish that all of my estate both real and personal or mixed after taking out my wifes thirds in case she should marry again be divided equally between all of my surviving Children share and share alike –

And lastly I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my father William Andrews Sno: to be sole Executor of this my last will and testament revoking and annulling all former wills and testaments by me heretofore made ratifying and confirming this and none other to be my last will and Testament.

In testimony whereof I the said testator have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 25 day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty nine 1859 –

William Andrews. (Seal.)

Signed sealed and published and declared by William Andrews the above named Testator as his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our

names as witnesses thereto
Witness – Henry Fallin
Levin A. Insley
William H. Edger

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, S. S. – On the 11th day of September, A. D. 1860, came William Andrews the within named Executor, and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that this paper or instrument of writing, purporting to be the last will and Testament of William Andrews, Jr., late of Dorchester County, deceased, was handed to him by Harriet T. Andrews the widow of said Testator, since his death, to deposit in the Register Office; and that to the best of his knowledge, it is the true and whole last will and Testament of said deceased, and that he knows of no other of a younger date.

Certified by Levin L. Keene Reg. Wills, D. C.

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, S. S. – On the 11th day of September, A. D. 1860, came Henry Fallin, Levin A. Insley and William H. Edger the subscribing witnesses to the aforegoing last will and Testament of William Andrews, Sr., late of Dorchester County, deceased, and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that they did see said Testator sign and seal said will, that they 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 apprehensions, of a sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding; and that they respectively subscribed their names as witnesses to the Said Will in the presence and at the request of said Testator and in the presence of each other –

Certified by Levin L. Keene, Reg. Wills, D. C.

Thomas J. Saxton's Last Will and Testament.

In the name of God amen, I Thomas J. Saxton of Dorchester County in the State of Maryland being sick in body of sound disposing mind, memory and understanding, 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 make and publish this my last will and Testament, in manner and form following to wit: 1st. I commend my soul to God, hoping he will receive it through the merits of Christ, and my body to the earth to be decently buried by my Executrix hereinafter mentioned –

2nd – I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Harriet all my real, mixed and personal Estate after paying to my eldest son William the sum of three hundred dollars, current money

And lastly, I do hereby nominate and constitute my beloved wife Harriet Saxton sole Executrix of this my last will and testament, revoking

and annulling all other wills by my heretofore made and do pronounce publish and declare this to be my last and none other.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this twenty-sixth day of February in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and fifty-six.

Signed sealed published and declared by Thomas J. Sexton the testator as and for his last Will and testament in the presence of us, who in his presence and at his request and in the presence of each other have respectfully subscribed our names as witnesses.

Thomas J. Sexton. (Seal.)

Thomas B. Sherman,
A. F. Gould,
Nimrod Newton,

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit:— On the 24th day of September, Anno Domini, 1861, came Nimrod Newton and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God, that this paper, or instrument of writing, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Thomas J. Sexton late of Dorchester County, deceased, was found by him in the desk and among the private papers of said Testator, since his death; and that to the best of his knowledge, it is the true and whole last will and Testament of said deceased, and that he knows of no other of a younger date — And the said Nimrod Newton, who is one of the subscribing witnesses to the within and aforegoing last Will and Testament of said Thomas J. Sexton, deceased, further makes oath, that he did see said Testator sign and seal said Will; that he 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 his apprehensions, of a sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding; and that he together with Thomas B. Sherman and A. F. Gould, (who has since removed from this County) the other subscribing witnesses to this will respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence, and at the request of the Testator, and in the presence of each other.

Certified by Levin L. Keene, Reg. W. D. C

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit:— On the 28th day of September, A. D. 1861, came Thomas B. Sherman one of the subscribing witnesses to the aforegoing last will and Testament of Thomas J. Sexton late of Dorchester county, deceased, and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that he did see said Testator sign and seal this Will; that he 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 his apprehen-

sions, of a sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding; and that he together with A. F. Gould (who has since removed from this county), and Nimrod Newton, the other subscribing witnesses to said Will, respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other.

Certified by Levin L. Keene, Reg. Wills, D. C.

Rachel Stewarts Last Will and Testament.

In the name of God, Amen! I Rachel Stewart, widow of the late Joseph Stewart, do hereby declare this Instrument of Writing to be my last Will and Testament, to wit:— After the payment of my debts, and the expenses of administration on my estate, I give and bequeath all the rest and residue of my property to my youngest daughter Nicolina Stewart.

It is further my wish and desire, that James A. Stewart, officiate as Executor of my Estate.

In witness whereof, I have hereto set my hand this 9th day Oct: 1845.

Test: John Smith. Rachel her × mark Stewart.

Baltimore City, S. S.— On the 25th day of October, 1858, came John Smith, the subscribing witness to the aforegoing last will and Testament of Rachel Stewart late of said City, deceased, and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God, that he did see the Testatrix sign this Will; that he 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 his apprehensions of a sound and disposing mind, memory, and understanding; and that he subscribed his name as witness to this Will, in her presence, at her request, and in the presence of each other.—

Sworn to in open Court.

Test: Isaac P. Cook, Register of Wills for Baltimore City.

In Testimony that the aforegoing is a true copy, taken from "Wills— Liber J. P. C.— No. 28.— Folio 305." being one of the Records in the office of the Register of Wills for Baltimore City—

(Seal.)

I hereunto subscribe my name, and affix the seal of my office, this ninth day of July, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and sixty.

Test: Isaac P. Cook, Register of Wills for Baltimore City.

John Dorsey's Last Will and Testament.

Know all men by these presents that I John Dorsey, of Dorchester County, and State of Maryland, do make and constitute this my last will & Testament, in manner and form following, to wit:

In the first place I give and devise unto my sister Emily Dorsey the dwelling plantation where I now reside, with all the wood & timber lands attached, connected to or adjacent the arable lands, and lying upon the opposite side of the County road from the aforesaid arable land, to her during her natural life, and then to my brother James L. Dorsey, and his heirs forever. I also give unto my said sister the window blinds and window screens now in the dwelling house where I reside & the large iron kettle & brick work fitted up on the said farm or plantation to her during her life & then to my brother James L. Dorsey. I also give unto my sister Emily Dorsey three hundred dollars, to be paid to her out of the proceeds of my personal estate.

I also devise unto my Executor hereinafter named, a tract of land known as the Smith Lot containing about thirty six acres more or less, also a parcel of land purchased by me at different times situated lying & being upon the Black water road leading from Church creek to Black Water Bridge and adjoining the lands of Levin L. Keene, in trust for the purposes hereinafter mentioned.

I give unto my niece Emily Byus the sum of thirty dollars to be paid to her by my Executor out of the proceeds of sales of my personal estate

I hereby direct my Executor hereinafter to be named to sell & dispose of all the residue of my personal estate & convert the same into money, and I hereby also direct him to sell at public sale to the highest & best bidder the real estate devised to him in trust in one of the foregoing clauses of this will upon such terms as his judgment may decide best for the interests of my legatees, and convert the same into money, and after my debts & the expenses of settling up my estate, and the aforesaid pecuniary legacies are paid and satisfied, then I further direct him to divide the residue into five equal parts, and to pay over one fifth to himself, one fifth to Thomas D. Esgate, one fifth to John Esgate, one fifth to James Esgate, and to hold the other fifth in trust for the use of Emily Byus the wife of John Byus, during the lifetime of the said John Byus, and I hereby direct my said Executor to pay to the said Emily the interest annually accruing upon said legacy during the lifetime of the said John Byus, and if the said John Byus should die before the said Emily then I direct my Executor to pay over to the said Emily the principal of said last mentioned legacy, but if the said Emily should die before

the aforesaid John Byus then I direct my said Executor to pay over the said legacy being the fifth part of the residue as aforesaid, to the children of the aforesaid Emily Byus now living to wit: Mary Byus & Anny or Angeline Byus in equal portions, as they respectively arrive at the age of eighteen years with any interest that may have accrued

It is my will & desire that my family shall remain undisturbed upon my farm, & take care of the property thereon & use the same for their support & comfort, until the out living crops now growing are secured

Lastly I make & appointment my Brother James L. Dorsey the whole & sole Executor of this my last will and testament

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this fourth day of June A. D. Eighteen hundred and fifty nine

John Dorsey (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published, & declared by John Dorsey the above named testator as and for his last will & testament, in the presence of us, who at his request, and in his presence, & in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

John R. Keene
Thos King Carroll, Jr.
Wm A. Bailey
Thoms Byus

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit:— On the 12th day of November Anno Domini, 1860, came John R. Keene and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that this paper or instrument of writing, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of John Dorsey late of Dorchester County, deceased, was deposited in his hands for safe keeping by said Testator, and that, to the best of his knowledge, it is the true and whole last will and Testament of said deceased, and that he knows of no other of a younger date—

Certified by Levin L. Keene, Reg. W. D. C.

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit:— On the 12th day of November Anno Domini 1860, came John R. Keene, Thomas King Carroll Jr., William A. Bailey and Thomas Byus the subscribing witnesses to the within and aforegoing last will and Testament of John Dorsey, late of Dorchester County, deceased, and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God, that they did see said Testator sign and seal said will; that they 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 apprehensions, of a sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding; and that they respectively subscribed their names as wit-

nesses to this will in the presence and at the request of the Testator, and in the presence of each other. Certified by Levin L. Keene, Reg. W. D. C.

James D. Twilley's Last Will and Testament.

In the name of God, Amen, I, James D. Twilley farmer, of Dorchester County in the State of Maryland, being sick and weak in body, but of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding, considering the certainity 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 & form following, that is to say,

First & principally, I commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God, trusting in the merits of Christ, my Redeemer, that I shall inherit a crown eternal & life everlasting — my body to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors hereinafter named —

Item 2nd — I give and devise unto my son Benjamin Franklin all that tract or tracts of land, known by me & called "Twilley's Seat" whereon I now reside lying on the County road & extending back to a ditch cut by the late James Thompson and issuing out of my woods and leading to the meadow, thence to a sliped sapling in a maple thicket on the north east side of a marsh the lot whereon William now lives, it being the divisional line between the cleared lands of my two farms — this division is not intended to extend its control over either the out-wood of the brick House farm or the woods wad of the home farm — together with all the woodlands that are not hereafter included in devise to infant unborn — to him, the said Benjamin with these express premises & this understanding: — That the farm shall be rented out by my Executors to a faithful tenant at a moderate rent, the proceeds thereof to be invested by them for the use of said son, — if not otherwise hereafter bequeathed — until he shall arrive at the age of twenty Five years, then to be paid over to him annually the interest on said investment & the rent of said farm until he shall arrive at the age of Thirty years, then, it is my desire that my Executors shall give up full possession & not till then, to my said son Benjamin, of said property.

Item 3rd. I give and devise unto my unborn infant (my wife being now enciente) the tract or tracts of cleared land whereon Thomas Laird now lives, known as the Brick House farm, lying between Dr. Hodson's lands and the divisional line mentioned in devise to son Benjamin together with all the woodland on the S. E. side of my farms and twenty acres of woodland on the other side to be laid off next to and parallel with Dr. Hodsons line also another piece of woodland within the following lines — commencing with said Thompsons ditch mentioned in devise to son Benjamin, running northward with said ditch to Wrightsons land & with said land to a new ditch which I cut in 1859, thence with said ditch to the cleared

land — said land I purposed clearing — and further it is my will & desire that the timber on this last mentioned land shall be used jointly for the use of the said farms.

Item 4. If there should not be a sufficiency of personal estate without selling my negroes, to pay my just debts & funeral expenses, it is then my will and desire that my executors shall rent out my farms & hire out the negroes from year to year & the proceeds thereof applied to the payment of my debts until all shall be paid off.

And lastly, I do hereby constitute & appoint my dear friends Robt. F. Thompson & James E. Norman to be sole Executors 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 hereto set my hand & affixed my seal this tenth day of November in the year eighteen Hundred and sixty.

James D. Twilley (Seal.)

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said James D. Twilley the above named testator, as and for his last will & Testament, in the presence of us, who have at his request hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses thereto, in the presence of the said Testator, and of each other. Nov. 10/60

William H. Yates
John H. Stewart
Truston H. Davis

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit: On the 19th day of November, A. D. 1860 came Robert F. Thompson one of the within named Executors, and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that this paper instrument of writing, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of James D. Twilley late of Dorchester County, deceased, was deposited in his hands for safe keeping by said Testator, and that to the best of his knowledge, it is the true and whole last will and Testament of said deceased, and that he knows of no other of a younger date —

Certified by Levin L. Keene, Reg. W. D. C.

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit: — On the 19th day of November, A. D. 1860 came William H. Yates, John H. Stewart and Truston H. Davis, the subscribing witnesses to the aforegoing last will and Testament of James D. Twilley late of Dorchester County, deceased, and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God, that they did see said Testator sign and seal said Will; that they 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 apprehensions, of a sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding; and that they respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence and

at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other.

Certified by Levin L. Keene. Reg. Wills D. C.

I, Robert F. Thompson, one of the Executors appointed in the last will and Testament of James D. Finley, late of Dorchester County, deceased, do hereby refuse to act as one of the Executors of said Will, and renounce all the trusts contained in the said Will, and do therefore renounce all my right to Letters Testamentary upon said deceased's estate, and all right, title and claim that I may, or could have had, by virtue of said appointment.

In testimony whereof I hereunto subscribe my name this 19th day of November A. D. 1860.

Witness, E. W. Le Compte. (Filed November 19th. 1860) Rob. F. Thompson

I, James E. Norman, one of the Executors appointed in the last will and Testament of James D. Finley late of Dorchester County, deceased, do hereby refuse to act as one of the Executors of said will, and do therefore renounce all my right to Letters Testamentary upon said deceased's estate, and all right title and claim that I may, or could have had, by virtue of said appointment.

In testimony whereof I hereunto subscribe my name this 4th day of December A. D. 1860.

Witness. E. W. Lecompte J. E. Norman.

(Filed December 4th. 1860.)

Hugh Neild's Last Will and Testament.

In the name of God Amen I Hugh Neild of Dorchester County in the State of Maryland being sick and 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 Executor hereinafter named and after my debts and funeral charges are paid I devise and bequeath as follows

I give and bequeath unto my dear wife Mary Ann Neild the sum of three thousand dollars in cash the same to be paid to her by my Executor hereinafter named in three equal annual instalments that is to say, the sum of one thousand dollars one year after my death, the sum of one thousand dollars in two years after my death, and the sum of one thousand dollars three years after my death, none of

the payments to bear interest, I also give and bequeath unto my dear wife the use of any one room of the house where I now live which she may select, together with any furniture about the house with which she may desire to furnish said room, during her natural life.

I give and bequeath unto each of my dear Grand Children Asbury Jones and Thomas Jones the sum of one thousand dollars to be applied to their education as follows, it is my will and desire when the said children shall arrive at the age of sixteen years, that they be sent to some school or college selected by my Executor hereinafter named, and that their school or college expenses be paid by my Executor hereinafter named out of the money hereby appropriated to each of said children until the same shall be all expended, and in case either of said children shall die before he arrives at the age of sixteen years, then the one thousand dollars hereby appropriated to him to be applied to the more thorough education of the surviving one, and in case either shall die after a part of the money hereby appropriated has been expended upon him, then the balance shall be applied to the more thorough education of the surviving one, and in case said children shall both die before they arrive at the age of sixteen years, then the money hereby appropriated to their education I give and bequeath to my dear son John R. Neild, and in case the said children shall both die after a part of said money has been expended upon their education, then I give and bequeath the balance to my dear son John R. Neild, and in case their parents or guardians shall not consent for said children to be sent to any school or college which my Executor hereinafter named shall select, then the money hereby appropriated to their education, I give and bequeath to my dear son John R. Neild

I give and bequeath unto my dear Nephew Neild Moore all that part of my land in Black Water on the East side of a line beginning at a branch between our farms, and running with the fence between our farms and continued straight until it intersects my back line, in fee simple

I will and bequeath my negro man Levin Campen to be free at my death, I also give and bequeath unto the said Levin Campen the house where Jacob Jackson now lives with all the cleared land attached thereto with the privilege of getting dead and down timber for fire wood, and fence rails to enclose his ground on any part of my timber land which he may select during his life, and at his death I give and bequeath the said house and lot to my dear son John R. Neild in fee simple

I will and bequeath to my negro man Martin Bowly to be free at my death, and I also give and bequeath to the said Martin Bowly, the house where Charles Sanders now lives, with five acres of land attached thereto, with the privilege of getting dead and down timber for fire wood, and fence rails to enclose his ground on any part of my timber Land which he may select, during his life, and at his death I give and bequeath said House and Lot to my dear son John R. Neild in fee simple

I will and bequeath my negro man York Campen to be free at my death

I will and bequeath my negro Boy Jerry to serve my dear son John. R. Neild for fifteen years, after my death, then to be free

I give and bequeath unto my dear son John. R. Neild all the rest and residue of my real Estate in fee simple, I also give and bequeath unto my dear son John R. Neild all the rest and residue of my personal Estate.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my dear son John. R. Neild to be sole Executor 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 hereto set my hand and affixed my seal this twenty ninth day of July in the year Eighteen hundred and fifty eight

Signed, sealed, published and declared by Hugh Neild as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us, who have hereto set our hands and seals this twenty-ninth day of July eighteen hundred and fifty eight

Hugh Neild. (Seal)

Z. W. Linthicum (Seal)
Thos King Carroll Jr. (Seal)
Edward R. Christopher (Seal)

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit:— On the 22nd day of November Anno Domini 1860, came John R. Neild, the within named Executor and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that this paper or instrument of writing, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Hugh Neild late of Dorchester County, deceased, was found by him, since the death of said Testator, among his private papers, and that, to the best of his knowledge, it is the true and whole last will and Testament of said deceased, and that he knows of no other of a younger date—

Certified by Levin L. Keene, Reg. W. D. C.

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit:— On the 22nd day of November Anno Domini 1860, came Zachariah W. Linthicum, Thomas King Carroll Jr. and Edward R. Christopher, the subscribing witnesses to the within and aforegoing last will and Testament of Hugh Neild late of Dorchester County, deceased, and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that they did see said Testator sign and seal said Will; that they 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 apprehensions, of a sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding; and that they respectively subscribed their names as witnesses to this will in the presence and at the request of the Testator, and in the presence of each other—

Certified by Levin L. Keene, Reg. W. D. C.

John Wright's Last Will and Testament

In the name of God Amen I John Right of Dorchester County in the State of Maryland being of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding do make and publish this my last will and Testament in manner and forme 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 Discression of my Executor hearinafter named and after my debts and funeral charges are paid I devise and bequeath as follows I give and devise unto my sonn Robert James Wright his heirs and assigns forever the farme or plentation whereon I Now Reside neare Hutson Creek Called Bushes dail or by what ever name it may be Called on Condition that he pay to my Daughters Lidy Jane Wright the sum of one Hundred Dollars and my daught Emley Anne Wright the sum of one Hundred dollars and to my daught Ann Merial Wright the sum of one Hundred Dollars and to my Daught Bursity Wright the sum of one Hundred dollars makeing in all four hundred Dollars to be paid to thi in Equel instalment in one two and three years after my death with out interes I also Devise and bequeath unto Robert James My son one sorel mare by him supporting my wife Nelly Wright During his widow hood Item I give and bequeath unto my four Daught Lyda Jane Wright Mealy, Ann Wright Emeline Wright and Bersitia Wright all my personal Estate of what Ever kind or nature the same may be of to be equel Devided between them and lastly I do hearely constitute and appoint my son Robert James Wright to be Executor of this my last will and testement revoking and annulling all former wills heretofore made ratifying and confurming this and none other to be my last Will and testiment

In testimony whereof I have hearete set my hand and affixed my seal this twenty Eight day of Augus in the yeare of our Lord Eighteen hundred and sixty

John his x mark Wright (Seal.)

Signed sealed published and declared by John Wright the above named Testator as and for his last will and testament in our presence who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

James N. Wright,
Robert Marshall
James Hubbard.

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit: On the 7th day of December A. D. 1860 came James Hubbard and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that this paper or instrument of writing, purporting to be the last will and Testament of John Wright late of Dorchester County, deceased, was deposited in his hands

for safe keeping by said Testator, and that, to the best of his knowledge, it is the true and whole last will and testament of said deceased, and that he knows of no other of a younger date –

Certified by Levin L. Keene, Reg. Wills, D. C.

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit: – On the 7th day of December, Anno Dominii 1860, came James H. Wright, Robert Marshall and James Hubbard the subscribing witnesses to the aforegoing last Will and Testament of John Wright, late of Dorchester County, deceased, and made oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they did see said Testator sign and seal said Will; that they 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 apprehensions, of a sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding; and that they respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence, and at the request of the Testator, and in the presence of each other –

Certified by Levin L. Keene, Reg. Wills, D. C.

I, Amelia Wright, widow of John Wright late of Dorchester County, deceased, do hereby renounce and quit all claim to any bequest, or devise made to me by the last will of my husband exhibited and proved according to law; and I elect to take in lieu thereof, my dower or legal share of the estate of my said husband.

In testimony whereof I hereunto subscribe my name and affix my seal this 18th day of February A. D. 1861.

Witness. Joab LeCompte. Amelia x Wright (Seal)

Edward N. Brambles Last Will and Testament.

In the name of God, Amen I Edward N. Bramble of Dorchester County in the State of Maryland, being sick and weak in body but of sound and disposing mind, memory & understanding, considering the certainty of death, and the uncertainty of the time thereof and 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 as follows that is to say First and principally I commit 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 give and bequeath unto my so. Alonzo L Bramble a certain tract of land being the same I purchased of John H. Bramble & wife containing ninety acres more or less, to him and his heirs forever.

I give and bequeath unto my said son Alonzo one bound boy

William Neal to serve until he is Twenty one years of age to him & his heirs

I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Ida R. Bramble one negro girl Mary a slave for life to her and her heirs forever – Also I give and bequeath unto my said Daughter Ida one colored boy (indentured) called Healey to serve until he is Twenty one years of age to her and her heirs,

I give and bequeath unto my dear beloved wife Maggie L. D. Bramble one mulatto girl Emely (indentured) to serve until she is eighteen years old to her and her heirs – I also give unto my said beloved wife Maggie provided she the said dear wife Maggie shall and does relinquish her right of dower and all her interest in the above mentioned legacies (to my son Alonzo L Bramble) of both the land and indentured boy Bill Neal, as also the above legacies of Negro Girl Mary slave for life and an indentured boy Healey – to my Daughter Ida R. Bramble in consideration of my said beloved wife's Dower or interest in the before described legacies to my said son Alonzo and my said Daughter Ida in money the sum of Three hundred & sixty six Dollars and sixty six cents to her and her heirs forever –

And further it is my wish and desire that after the foregoing legacies are applied as heretofore devised that the residue of my property shall be sold and after my debts are paid and other charges settled the ballance shall be equally divided between my beloved wife Maggie L. D Bramble and my son Alonzo L Bramble and my Daughter Ida R. Bramble share and share alike.

It is also my wish and desire that Major S. Fletcher be appointed Guardian for my two children Alonzo L Bramble and Ida R. Bramble,

It is also my wish and desire that my stock of goods in Store be disposed of either by wholesale or retail at Public or private sale as my Executor shall consider most advantageous.

And lastly, I do constitute and appoint my brother John H. Bramble, to be sole Executor 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

N. B. between the seventh & eighth line of this page are the following words inserted (in the before described legacies to my said son Alonzo and my said daughter Ida)

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixt my seal this twentieth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and sixty –

Signed, sealed, published and declared by Edward N. Bramble the above named Testator, as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in the presence of each other witness the same.

Nimrod Newton
Major S. Fletcher
Joseph V. Davis

E. N Bramble (Seal)

State of Maryland, Dorchester County to wit: — On the 14th day of January Anno Domini 1861, came Major S. Fletcher and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that this paper or instrument of writing, purporting to be the last will and Testament of Edward K. Bramble late of Dorchester county, deceased, was deposited in his hands for safe keeping by said Testator, and to the best of his knowledge, it is the true and whole last will and Testament of said deceased, and that he knows of no other of a younger date —

Certified by Levin L. Keene, Reg. W. D. C.

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit: — On the 14th day of January Anno Domini 1861, came Nimrod Newton and Major S. Fletcher, two of the subscribing witnesses to the aforegoing last will and Testament of Edward K. Bramble late of Dorchester County, deceased, and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that they did see said Testator sign and seal said will; that they 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 apprehensions, of a sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding; and that they, together with Joseph V. Davis the other subscribing witness to said will, respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of the Testator, and in the presence of each other.

Certified by Levin L. Keene, Reg. Wills, D. C.

State of Maryland, Dorchester County to wit: — On the 11th day of February, A. D. 1861, came Joseph V. Davis one of the subscribing witnesses to the aforegoing last will and Testament of Edward K. Bramble late of Dorchester County, deceased, and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God, that he did see said Testator sign and seal said Will; that he 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 his apprehensions, of a sound and disposing mind, memory, and understanding; and that he, together with Nimrod Newton and Major S. Fletcher, the other subscribing witnesses to said Will, respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of the Testator, and in the presence of each other —

Certified by Levin L. Keene, Reg. Wills D. C.

Cambridge, May 30th, 1861.

I Margaret L. D Bramble, widow of Edward K. Bramble late of Dorchester County, deceased, do hereby renounce and quit all claim to any bequest or devise made to me by the last will of my husband, exhibited and proved according to law; and I elect to take in lieu thereof, my dower or legal share of the estate of my said husband.

Test. E. W. Le Compte Margaret L. D. Bramble.

Edward Willing's Last Will and Testament.

In the name of almighty God Amen I Edward Willing of Dorchester County in State of Maryland being in helth of Body and sound mind and uner standing considering the certenty of death and being desireous to settle my worley afairs I there fore doe mak and publish this my last will and testement in the maner and form following that is to say I Desire all my Just Debts to be paid

Item I gave and bequith unto my wife Phebe Willing one third of my lands and tenements with fire wood and rail timber During her life, also all my house furniture and stock of all kinds catele and sheep & hogs. Item I bequeth unto Charles Henery Bramble one third of my land he and his hiers forever —

Item I bequeath unto Levi Pritchett of Levi pritchett Decst one third of my lands he and his hiers for ever and if either C. H. Bramble or L. Pritchett should die before havving posesion of the afore said lagusey the other shall have all and at my wifes Decse her third shall be Equely Devided between the two C. H. Bramble and L. Pritchett — and I opoint my beloved frend Asberry McNemara my Executor of this my last will and testement writen with my own hand this fifteenth Day of October in ansor to our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty — 8

I revoke all other Wills maid by me Edward Willing (Seal.)

Signed seald and acknowledged in presents of

Wm R. Mills

Elijah Murphy

State of Maryland Dorchester County, to wit: — On the 7th day of January Anno Domini 1861, came Asbury Mac Namara, the within named Executor, and made oath on the Holy Evangely of almighty God that this paper or instrument of writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Edward Willing late of said County, deceased, was deposited in his hands for safe keeping by said Testator, and that, to the best of his knowledge, it is the true and whole last will and Testament of said deceased, and that he knows of no other of a younger date —

Certified by Levin L. Keene, Reg. Wills D. C.

State of Maryland, Dorchester County to wit: — On the 21st day of January Anno Domini 1861, came Elijah Murphy, one of the subscribing witnesses to the aforegoing last will and Testament of Edward Willing, late of Dorchester County, deceased, and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that he did see said Testator sign and seal said will; that he 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 witnesses apprehensions, of a sound, and disposing mind, memory and understanding; and that he, together with William R. Mills the other subscribing witness to said Will, respectively subscribed their names as

witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other. Certified by Levin L. Keene, Reg. Wills, D. C.

James Billings Steele's Last Will and Testament.

In the name of God, Amen! I James Billings Steele of Dorchester County in the State of Maryland, being sick and weak in body, but of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, do 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 in a plain coffin; and I desire that no mourning dresses shall be purchased for my family or servants to be worn at my burial, as I wish all needless expense to be avoided on the occasion.

And after my debts and funeral charges are paid I devise and bequeath as follows:

Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Sarah Yerbury Steele my horse Bob and my carriage and one of my silver plated Albata waiters. There is one silver waiter in the house with her family mark upon it, which belongs to her in her own right.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Sarah Yerbury Steele, my servant woman, Jane during the natural life of my said wife, and at her death, I give and bequeath my said servant Jane and such children if any, as may be born of her after my death, to such of my children by my said wife, as my said wife may appoint by her last will and testament, or by any instrument of writing executed by her in the presence of two witnesses.

Item – If my beloved wife, Sarah Yerbury Steele shall continue to keep house after my death, I give and bequeath to her during her natural life, all my household and kitchen furniture, all my plate – with the exception of the waiter herein before given to her absolutely – my two cows and all my corn and provender; and at her death I give and bequeath all the plate aforesaid to all my children to be equally divided among them, and all the other articles of property embraced in this clause of my will which shall not have been consumed or destroyed by use or natural decay, to my five children by my said wife to be equally divided among them; but if my said wife should not keep house after my death, or at any time before her death should break up housekeeping, then all such articles embraced in this clause as she may not wish to retain as necessary for the comfort and convenience of herself and such of her children as may continue to live with her, shall be disposed of as follows, that is to say, the plate not retained shall be equally divided among all my children and the other articles not retained by her or consumed or destroyed as aforesaid

shall be sold and the proceeds of sale thereof equally divided among my children by my said wife; and at her death all the plate which she may have retained as aforesaid shall be equally divided among all my children, and such other articles of said property retained by her as aforesaid, which may not have been consumed or destroyed as aforesaid shall be equally divided among my children by my said wife.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son James Billings Steele his choice of my duck guns and all my ammunition.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son, Clarence Hutchins Steele my other duck gun, my double barrel gun, my rifle and all other fire arms about my house and my gun case.

Item. I give and bequeath to my sons, James Billings Steele and Clarence Hutchins Steele all my gunning apparatus to be equally divided between them.

Item. I give and bequeath to my grandson, Arthur Gale Steele the sum of one thousand dollars.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son, Clarence Hutchins Steele, the sum of fifteen hundred dollars to be paid to him in addition to the share of my estate hereinafter given to him.

Item. I hereby authorise and direct my Executor hereinafter appointed to pay to the creditors of my deceased son, Amelius Steele, the principal of all such claims against him as may be found among my papers after my death – except the respective claims of Joseph Hamlin and Joseph & George Hamlin – if they should be proved to his satisfaction by proper affidavits, and also a claim of Dr. Smith not to exceed twenty dollars and the claim of Dr. Ohr, upon proof as aforesaid; but I expressly direct that not more than one half the amount of the respective claims of Joseph Hamlin and Joseph & George Hamlin shall be paid in any event and that no interest shall be allowed on any of the claims aforesaid.

It has always been my desire to settle such of said claims as are just, upon the terms above stated, although I am under no obligation to pay them.

Item. I give, devise and bequeath to my son James Billings Steele and my daughter Maria Amelia Handy the one half part of all the rest and residue of my estate real personal and mixed not herein before disposed of, to be equally divided between them, share and share alike, being influenced in giving them this portion of my estate by conversations had with their mother in her life-time and also by the value of the property which I obtained through her.

Item. I give, devise and bequeath to my five children, Mary Louisa Rixey Hooper, Williamina Elizabeth Henry Steele, Ellen Golds-

borough Steele, Sally Isabella Steele and Clarence Hutchins Steele all the remaining half part of the aforesaid rest and residue of my estate real, personal and mixed to be equally divided among them, share and share alike.

And lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my nephew, Daniel W. Henry to be the sole Executor of this my last will and testament and wish him to receive seven hundred dollars clear of the State tax on commissions as his compensation for settling my estate; and I hereby revoke and annull 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 hereto set my hand and seal this thirty-first day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty.

Jas: B. Steele. (Seal.)

Signed, sealed published and declared by James Billings Steele the above named testator, as and for his last will and testament, in the presence of us, who at his request, in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto

Thomas J. Dail
Wm Kirby
John F. Jackson

Whereas, I, James Billings Steele of Dorchester County in the State of Maryland, have duly made and executed my last will and testament in writing, bearing date on the thirty first day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty, which said last will and testament and every clause, bequest and devise therein contained, I do hereby ratify and confirm (except in so far as the same is hereafter altered), and being desirous to make some alteration therein and to make an addition thereto; do therefore hereby make this my codicil, which I will and direct shall be taken and held as part of my said will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say:

I give and bequeath to my four daughters, Mary Louisa Nixon Hooper, Williamina Elizabeth Henry Steele, Ellen Goldsborough Steele and Sally Isabella Steele, the sum of one thousand dollars to be equally divided between them, being the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars to each of them: in addition to the devises and bequests made to them in my said last will and testament: the aforesaid sum of one thousand dollars to be taken out of, and deducted from, that half part of the rest and residue of my estate which in my said last will and testament is given and devised to my son James Billings Steele

and my daughter Maria Amelia Handy.

In testimony whereof, I have hereto set my hand and affixed my seal, this twelfth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty one.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by James Billings Steele, the above named testator, as and for a codicil to his last will and testament, in the presence of us, who at his request, in his presence and in the presence of each other, have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

Jas. B. Steele (Seal.)

Charles F. Goldsborough.
J. Winfield Henry, Jr
William H. Laird

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit:— On the 30th day of January Anno Domini 1861 came Daniel W. Henry, the within named Executor, and made oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that these papers or instruments of writing, purporting to be the last will and Testament and a codicil thereto, of James Billings Steele late of Dorchester County, deceased, were deposited in his hands for safe keeping by the said Testator; and that, to the best of his knowledge, it is the true and whole last will and Testament, and a codicil thereto of the said deceased, and that he knows of no other of a younger date.

Certified by Levin L. Keene, Regr. Wills for Dorchester County.

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit:— On the 30th day of January Anno Domini 1861 came Thomas J. Dail, William Kirby and John F. Jackson, the subscribing witnesses to the aforegoing last Will and Testament of James Billings Steele late of Dorchester County, deceased, and made oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that they did see said Testator sign and seal said will; that they 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 apprehensions, of a sound and disposing mind, memory, and understanding, and that they respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence, and at the request of the Testator, and in the presence of each other.

Certified by Levin L. Keene, Register of Wills for Dorchester County.

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit:— On the 30th day of January Anno Domini 1861 came Charles F. Goldsborough, J. Winfield Henry, Jr. and William H. Laird, the subscribing witnesses to the aforegoing Codicil to the last Will and Testament of James Billings Steele late of Dorchester County, deceased, and made oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that they did see said Testator sign and seal said Codicil; that they heard him publish, pronounce, and declare the same to be a Codicil to his last will and Testament; that

at the time of his so doing he was, to the best of their apprehensions, of a sound and disposing mind, memory, and understanding; and that they respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence, and at the request of the Testator, and in the presence of each other –

Certified by Levin L. Keene,
Register of Wills for Dorchester County.

John Muir's Last Will and Testament.

In the name of God Amen, I John Muir of Dorchester County, in the State of Maryland, being sick and weak in body but of sound and disposing mind, memory and understang 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 devise unto my son Hugh S. Muir one undivided fourth part of Cookes point land called Speedens regulation Item I give and devise unto my son in law James N. Dawson one fourth part of one half of Hills Point land called Jordans Point or Worcester, and no more of said tract to him

Pacifick legacy I give and devise unto James N. Muirs wife and children the sum of three thousand dollars and in case James N. Muir should die and his Widdo marry again then said legacy is for the benefit of said children

Item I give and devise unto my grand son John D. Muir the son of James N. Muir Twenty shares of the Farmers and Planters Bank of Baltimore and James N. Muir shall draw the dividend untill his son shall arive at the age of twenty one years old Item I give and devise unto Sarah Speddew the sum of five hundred dollars and in case the said Sarah Speddew should die before she receives said sum then said sum shall go to Laury Wolf and Isabell Wolf

Item I give and devise unto Silvester Wolf and George Wolf, the sum of five hundred dollars each Item I give and devise unto Robert H. Muir one negro man called Jacob Wing Item It is my desire that Hugh S. Muir shall have a deed from James A. Wallace and Benjamin G. Keene trustees for William B. Leompt when the obligation for said land

has been complyed with by my executors. Provided the said Hugh S. Muir shall pay over to my executors the sum of three thousand dollars. Item I give and devise unto Robert H. Muir and James N. Muirs children the one fourth part of the Home farm wherein I now reside and James N. Muir shall become guardian or trustee for his sad Children Item I give and devise unto my son in law James N. Dawson the other one forth part of the one half of Hills Point land called Jordans Point or Worcester by he the said James N. Dawson paying to my Executors interest on the claims that is due me since the year of Eighteen hundred and fifty five Item I give and devise unto Robert H. Muir my one fourth part of the lands in Raggid Point called division

It is my desire that the farm called Thomas Chance and a small tract called Nimcock be sold by my executors at private or public sale Item I give and devise unto James N. Dawson one Male and one female slave and the balance of my slaves to be equally divied at a fare valuation between Robert H. Muir James N. Muirs children and Hugh S. Muir

Item I give and devise unto Robert H. Muir James N. Muirs children Hugh S. Muir and Catharine Dawson all the ballance of my estate Real and Personal to be equally divided between them. The said James N. Dawson and Catharine Dawson are not to have any more of my slaves except the male and female given unto James N. Dawson except they take them at a fare valuation and pay for the same And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint Robert H. Muir Hugh S. Muir and James N. Dawson to be sole executors of this my last will and testament revoking and annulling all former Wills by me heretofore made ratifying and confirming this and none other

In testimony whereof I have here unto set my hand and and affixed my seal this first day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty one

John Muir (Seal)

Signed sealed published and declared by John Muir the above named testator as his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto

Thomas R. Cook
Wm Frazier
A. C. Bamberger

State of Maryland, Dorchester County to wit: On the 15th day of April A.D. 1867 came Thomas R. Cook and made oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that this paper or instrument of writing, purporting to be the last will and Testament of John Muir late of Dorchester County, deceased, was deposited in his hands for safe keeping by the said Testator, and that to the best of his knowledge it is the true and whole last will and Testament of said deceased, and that he knows of no other of a young date

Certified by Levin L. Keene, Reg. W. D. C.

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit: On the 18th day of April A.D. 1861 came Thomas R. Cook, William Frazier and Abraham C. Bamberger, the subscribing witnesses to the within and aforegoing last will and Testament of John Meir late of Dorchester County, deceased, and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that they did see said Testator sign and seal said will; that they 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 apprehensions, of a sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding; and that they respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other.

Certified by Levin L. Keene, Reg. Wills D. C.

Susan L. Weathely's Last Will and Testament.

In the name of God Amen I Susan L. Weathely of sound mind memory and understanding considering the certainty of Death and the uncertainty of the time thereof do therefore make this my last will and Testament.

Viz: I give and bequeath to my grand Daughter Williamanna Austin my seven servants viz Patience and her Child by Albert, Ann Maria, Elmira, Daniel, Frain, Henry and my silver spoons and forks my Bed and Furniture to her and her heirs for ever but in case of Williamannas Death not leaving any heirs of her body I wish the servants to be equally devided between her Mother and Sister.

Viz: I give and bequeath to my Grandson Edward L. Austin my boy Alfred to him and his heirs forever.

Viz. I give and bequeath to my Grandson George L. Austin my boy Isaac, to him and his heirs forever.

Viz: I give and bequeath to my Grand Daughter Mary S. Austin my two servants Elbin and Amelia, to her and her heirs forever.

Viz. I give and bequeath to my Grand son R. Frederick Austin my boy Irving Handy, to him and his heirs for ever.

Viz I give and bequeath to my Grand son Charles S. Austin my Girl Sarah Lennia to him and his heirs for ever.

And it is my will that those servants that I have Devised to my five Grand Children (viz Edward George Mary Fredrick Charles) shall remain in the hands of their Father and for his use and profit til those children arrive at Lawful age and he George Austin is to have the sole Benefit of them without hire. Viz I give and bequeath to my son George E. Austin the remainder of my estate to him and his heirs for ever, and he is to pay all of my just Debts I wish no Administration on my Estate Those servants that I have de-

vised away in this will are my own they were born mine and never did belong to Edward Austins Estate dec

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my hand and seal this seventeen day November in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred and fifty nine.

Susan L. Weathely (Seal)

Signed, sealed published and declared by Susan L. Weathely the with named Testatrix as her last will and Testament in the presence of us who at her request and in her presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

Margaret E. Parsons
Richard Lemmon

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit: – On the 19th day of November, A.D. 1860, came Whitfield Woolford and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that this paper or instrument of writing, purporting to be the last will and Testament of Susan L. Weathely late of Dorchester County, deceased, was handed to him, since the death of said Testatrix, by George W. Slater, to deposit in the Register Office, and that to the best of his knowledge, it is the true and whole last will and Testament of said deceased, and that he knows of no other of a younger date – Certified by Levin L. Keene, Reg. Wills, D. C.

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit: – On the 18th day of June A.D. 1861 came Margaret E. Parsons, one of the subscribing witnesses to the aforegoing last will and testament of Susan L. Weathely late of Dorchester County, deceased, and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that she did see said Testatrix sign and seal said will; that she 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 witnesses apprehensions, of a sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding; and that she together with Richard Lemmon, the other subscribing witness to this will, respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of the Testatrix, and in the presence of each other.

Certified by Levin L. Keene, Reg. Wills, D. C.

James Thompson's Last Will and Testament.

In the name of God Amen I James Thompson of Dorchester County in the State of Maryland being sick but of sound mind and Disposing mind and memory and understanding Considering the certainty of Death and the uncertainty of the time therefore desirous to settle my worldly affairs 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-
-cretion of my Executors hereafter named.

I Devise and Bequeath as Follows –

Item I give unto my son Samuel I. Thompson my half of the farm whereon I now reside By his paying Lemuel Thompson and Mahala Jane Thompson my Daughter the sums of one hundred and twenty five dollars each Also Fifty Dollars To my son Alexander Thompson and after my Debts and Funeral Expenses are paid by my Executors hereafter named All of my personal Estate to Equally Divided between Amasa Thompson Samuel I. Thompson & Lemuel Thompson and Mahala J Thompson

And lastly I do herby Constitute and appoint my sons Amasa Thom-
-son and Samuel I Thompson to be sole Executors of this my Last Will and testament Revoking and annuling all Former wills by me heretofore made Ratifying and confirming this and none other to be my last will and tes-
-tament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this Fourteenth Day of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hund-
-red and sixty-one.

James his × mark Thompson (Seal)

Signed sealed and delivered by James Thompson the above named testator as and for his last will and and Testament In the presence of us who at his request in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto

Thomas Lambdin
Thomas R. Lambdin Jr.

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit: – On the 29th day of July, A. D. 1861 came Thomas Lambdin and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that this paper or instrument of writing, purporting to be the last will and Testament of James Thompson late of Dorchester County, deceased, was deposited in his hands for safe keeping by said Testator, and that, to the best of his knowledge, it is the true and whole last will and Testament of said deceased, and that he knows of no other of a younger date; and further, that he did see said Testator sign and seal said will; that he heard him pub-
-lish, pronounce, and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament; that at the time of so doing he was, to the best of witnesses apprehension of a sound and disposing mind, memory, and understanding; and that he, together with Thomas R. Lambdin Jr the other subscribing witness to this

will, respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence, and at the request of the Testator, and in the presence of each other.

Certified by Levin L. Keene, Reg. Wills, D. C.
Taylor's Island, Nov. 11th, 1861.

This is to certify that I Samuel I. Thompson do relinquish or give up all my right as Executor of James Thompson, died to, my Brother Amasa Thompson.

Samuel I. Thompson.

Algernon Thomas' Last Will and Testament.

In the name of God, Amen. I Algernon Thomas of Dorchester County, State of Maryland, being weak in body, but of sound mind do make and ordain this my last will and Testament, (thereby revoking all others heretofore by me made and ordained), in manner and form following – Imprimis, My immortal spirit I resign to God who gave it, and my body to the dust from whence it came, to be decently buried by my Executor and, after my fun-
-eral charges and all my just debts are paid, my will is that the amount of my worldly estate shall be disposed of in manner and form following.

Item 1st. I give and bequeath to my oldest daughter Deborah Carroll all that tract of land called addition to British Hope, purchased of Mrs. D. Collins lying on Hunting Creek, that lies north of the stream of branch which runs from the intersection of the lines of said tract with the land of Mrs. Susan Connelly to Hunting Creek containing three Hundred acres more or less to her and her heirs forever.

Item 2nd I give and bequeath to my son James Henry Thomas the Home place whereon I now reside, called the "Grove" containing two hundred and fifty acres more or less, also the tract adjoining the above land called the "Manor or Grove" or whatever name it may be called, containing two hundred and twenty acres more or less also a lot of woodland purchased of Mrs. Susan Connely containing 15 acres more or less also one purchased of Kendal M. Jacobs containing 15 acres more or less, to him and his heirs forever, and I further will that my son James Henry Thomas shall pay unto my Daughter Emily Thomas five hundred dollars in an-
-nual instalments of one hundred dollars with interest till paid.

Item 3d I give and bequeath to my youngest Daughter Emily Thom-
-as that tract of land whereon my son James now resides called "Roches-
-ter" containing 223 acres more or less and a tract of land called Murray's Manor containing twenty six one fourth acres more or less and another tract of land called "Murray's Manor" containing four and one fourth acres more or less Also one other tract of land called Murray's Manor containing ten acres more or less, also ano-
-ther tract of land called Murray's Manor containing ten acres of

land more or less; all these tracts or parcels of land were deeded by Samuel G. Collins & wife unto myself & Nicols Wright and by said Wright deceased to me Reference to those deeds will more fully describe them.

Also a part of a tract of land purchased of Mr. Jacob Covey called Murray's Manor containing twenty three and one half acres of Land more or less, also that part of the tract of land which I purchased of Mrs. Deborah Collins called "Addition to British Hope" lying south of the stream of the branch which runs through the land of Jas. H. Lowe and thence through the aforesaid land in a westerly direction and enters into Hunting Creek, being the same branch referred to in my bequest to my Daughter Deborah Carroll, also five hundred dollars to be paid by my son James Henry Thomas as mentioned in my bequest to him; also five hundred dollars to be paid by my executor out of the proceeds of the rent of the Hunting Creek mill property after the expenses of the mill are cancelled to her and her heirs forever.

Item 4th- I give and bequeath to my grand son Thomas Leckie the part of a tract of land which I purchased of John Rowins called Faulks Delight. Hardekins Beginning "Hardekins Conclusion" &c. lying & being in the fork of Hunting Creek and on the west side of the County load, also the Lower Hunting Creek mill seat saw mill & grist mill Houses & lots which Capt. Eaton & myself purchased of Jacob Severton and which I afterwards purchased of said Eaton also a house & lot near the saw mill which I purchased of Mr. Elisha Cockran, also a lot from which the Store house was burned formerly owned by Mr. C. Snow to him and his heirs- It is my will and desire that should the said Thomas Leckie die before he attains the age twenty one and without lawfully begotten heirs that the before mentioned property willed to him, should be equally divided between my children by my wife Deborah, namely the afore mentioned Deborah Carroll, James Henry Thomas, & Emily Thomas. The aforementioned property willed to my Granason Thomas Leckie it is my will and desire shall remain in charge of my son James H. Thomas hereafter to be mentioned as my executor, till the said Thomas Leckie attains thy age of twenty one, the income of said property to be applied to said Thomas Leckie's use after deducting the five hundred dollars which I will and desire to be paid to my Daughter Emily Thomas as aforementioned in my bequest to her.

Item 5th- I give and bequeath to my wife Deborah Thomas the house and Lot which I purchased of Capt. Eaton in Hunting Creek opposite the old burnt store lot, over and above her dower of a third of my estate which it is my will and desire she should have,

to her and her heirs forever.

Item 6 It is my will and desire that the tract of land known as the "Saw yard" and adjoining my home place and the part of a tract of land which I purchased of John Rowins called "Faulks delight" lying on the east side of the county road and adjoining the land of Nicols Wright being a part of the tract, that I bequeath to the other part to Thomas Leckie, should be sold by my Executor J. H. Thomas to the best advantage either at private or public sale as he may think best the proceeds to be added to my personal estate

Item 7th- I give and bequeath to my wife Deborah Thomas the horse called "Tom" and the new small carriage an Harness also the best bed bedstead and bed furniture and her choice of a cow and calf- It is my will desire that my son shall finish the crops as we had before agreed and not to sell any thing untill towards the end of this year

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my son James Henry Thomas to be sole Executor of this my last will and Testament, revoking all others heretofore made by me, ratifying 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 the ninth day of March anno Domini 1861.

Algernon Thomas (Seal.)

Stephen Andrews
Charles W. Carroll
Samuel Thomas

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit:- On the 5th day of August A.D. 1861 came James H. Thomas the within named Executor, and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that this paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Algernon Thomas late of Dorchester County, deceased, was deposited in his hands for safe keeping by said Testator, and that, to the best of his knowledge, it is the true and whole last will and Testament of said deceased, and that he knows of no other of a younger date.

Certified by Levin L. Keene, Reg. Wills, D.C.

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit:- On the 5th day of August A.D. 1861 came Stephen Andrews, Charles W. Carroll and Samuel Thomas, the subscribing witnesses to the aforegoing last will and Testament of Algernon Thomas of Dorchester County, deceased, and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that they did see said Testator sign and seal this will; that they 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 apprehensions, of a sound and disposing mind, memory, and understanding; and that they respectively subscribed their names as witnesses to the said

will in the presence and at the request of the Testator, and in the presence of each other-

Certified by Levin L. Keene, Reg. W. D. C.

George W. Hicks' Last Will and Testament.

In the name of God, Amen, I George W. Hicks of Dorchester County in the State of Maryland being sick and 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 Executor hereinafter named and after my debts and funeral charges are paid and my wife's thirds taken out, I devise and bequeath as follows:

I give and bequeath to my son James Hicks one trunnel bedstead, bed, and furniture

I give and bequeath to my brother Thomas J Hicks my interest in certain notes drawn in favor of Thomas J and Geo. W. Hicks against Geo. Dunn for the purchase of a tract of land called the Turkey's Nest.

I devise and bequeath all the rest and residue of my estate, both real and personal to my son James Hicks. And I do hereby constitute and appoint my brother Thomas J Hicks to be sole executor 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.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my said brother Thomas J. Hicks sole guardian to my son James Hicks - and I further desire my said son James Hicks shall be placed in the family and under the control of my mother in-law Mrs. Eliza Hubbard during her life time.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 31st day of August eighteen hundred and sixty-one - 1861.

Geo. W. Hicks (Seal.)

Signed sealed published and declared by George W. Hicks the above named testator as for his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other

have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

James N. Sherman
John Webster
Clem. Hubbard

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit: - On the 2nd day of September Anno Domini 1861 came Thomas J Hicks the within named Executor and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that this paper or instrument of writing, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of George W. Hicks late of Dorchester County, deceased, was deposited in his hands for safe keeping by the Testator therein named; and that to the best of his knowledge, it is the true and whole last will and Testament of said deceased, and that he knows of no other of a younger date.

Certified by Levin L. Keene, Reg. W. D. C.

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit: - On the 2nd day of September Anno Domini 1861 came James N. Sherman, John Webster and Clement Hubbard the subscribing witnesses to the aforegoing last will and Testament of George W. Hicks late of Dorchester County, deceased, and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that they did hear George W. Hicks the within named Testator acknowledge the signature to this will to be his own genuine signature; that they heard him publish, pronounce, and declare this instrument of writing to be his last Will and Testament; that at the time of his so doing he was, to the best of their apprehensions of a sound and disposing mind, memory, and understanding; and that they respectively subscribed their names as witnesses to this will in the presence and at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other.

Certified by Levin L. Keene, Reg. W. D. C.

Horatio Byus' Last Will and Testament

I Horatio Byus of Dorchester County and State of Maryland being of sound, disposing, mind, memory, and understanding, and in perfect of body, but knowing the uncertainty of life, and wishing to arrange and settle my affairs previous to my departure from this world, do make constitute and ordain this my last will and testament, to wit:

Imprimis I give and devise unto my nephew Doctor William B. Lecompte, to him and his heirs forever all my real estate of every kind & description, & known by whatever name or names it may be.

Item. I give and devise unto my nieces Maria Clotilda Wheeler and Sarah Rebecca Wheeler, children of Thomas J. Wheeler, after paying my debts and funeral expenses, all my personal estate of every

kind, to be equally divided between them, share and share alike

I hereby constitute & appoint the aforesaid Dr. William B. Leompte the sole Executor of this my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this twenty fourth day of June in the year 1850.

Horatio Byus (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published and declared by Horatio Byus the above named Testator as and for his last will & testament, in the presence of us, who at his request, and in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

J. Wallace. Edward F. Smithers

Tho. H. Hicks.

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit:- On the 17th day of September Anno Domini 1861 came James Wallace and made oath on the Holy Evangelys of Almighty God that this paper or instrument of writing, purporting to be the last will and Testament of Horatio Byus late of Dorchester County, deceased, was deposited in his hands for safe keeping by said Testator; and that to the best of his knowledge, it is the true and whole last will and Testament of said deceased, and that he knows of no other of a younger date- Also that he saw Horatio Byus, the Testator herein named sign and seal this will; that he 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 his knowledge of a sound and disposing mind, memory, and understanding; and that he together with Thomas H. Hicks and Edward F. Smithers, the other subscribing witnesses to this will, respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence, and at the request of the Testator, and in the presence of each other. Certified by Levin L. Keene, Reg. Wills, D. C.

Mrs. Sarah Y. Goldsborough's Last Will and Testament.

Be it known that I Sarah Y. Goldsborough of Cambridge Dorchester County and State of Maryland, having heretofore given to certain of my children what I then deemed a fair and equal proportion of my personal Estate- Now with the intent to make a special disposition of the remainder, I do make and publish this my last will in manner and form following to wit:-

I give and bequeath unto my daughter W. E. C. Laird her heirs Executors administrators or assigns, one large sofa, one large looking glass,

one sett mahogany chairs (now in my son Charles' Room), one sett Dining Tables, one large Beaded Chair (now at Mr. E. J. Henry's) one large Rocking Chair (now at Hambrooks) also sundry articles now at Mrs. Sophia Ecclestons, all the furniture now in my own Room, also two Barrels of China (now at Horns Point), also all my Books, except one copy of D'Ogly and Mantz Bible, Melvills Sermons and Mannings Sermons, one vol each, which last three works, I give to my Grand Daughter Nannie Dandridge, and except some Books which have the name of my Grand Daughter Susan Goldsborough, written in them, and which Books, I give to my said Grand Daughter Susan- And whereas about the time of my son Charles marriage, I divided the remainder of my plate between my said son and my Daughter Williamina E. C. Laird, yet in the schedule of the said Plate and written by me on the day of the division thereof, I attached the condition that if my son Charles should die without heirs, then his portion of the said Plate to become the property of my said Daughter Williamina and her heirs Now I do recognize the said division and give to my said son Charles the said Plate which he received in said division, subject however to the contingency, that if he should die without leaving children living at the time of his death, that then his portion of said Plate shall become the property of my said Daughter W. E. C. Laird and her heirs- If any thing should be realized from the English property now talked of, I give my share if it should not exceed five thousand dollars to my Daughter W. E. C. Laird and her heirs, all over that sum to be equally divided amongst my children including my said Daughter W. E. C. Laird- I give and bequeath unto my said Daughter Williamina any money that may be due me, after paying any accounts I may have unpaid-

Item, I give and bequeath unto my Grand Daughter Susan E. Goldsborough and her heirs the furniture, Plate, China &c. which have been sent at different times to Myrtle Grove- also my two servants Susan and Lavinia with their children, it being my wish that the said servants should be hired out in Dorchester County and the proceeds of their hire be put out at Interest for the benefit of my said Grand Daughter Susan-

I give unto my servant Fanny her Freedom- If however my said servant Fanny declines to accept her freedom and prefers to remain a slave in my family and selects a home with either of my children, in that case I give unto my son or Daughter with whom Fanny may prefer to live, the said Fanny as a slave for life-

My servant Judy having been a good and faithful servant and past the age when she can have her freedom given her: I request that amongst my children she may be well taken care of, and in case of old age, ill health or other infirmity which may prevent her supporting herself comfortably as she now does-

I would wish my servant Sarah Anne to remain at Horns Point-

If however my son William objects to keeping her, my other children are requested to take care of her amongst them, as she being a cripple cannot be justly left to do entirely for herself –

In witness whereof I have hereto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this second day of March eighteen Hundred and fifty three –

S. Y. Goldsborough (Seal.)

Signed sealed published and declared by the above named Testatrix as and for her last will in my presence, who at her request and in her presence have subscribed my name as a witness thereto.

Brice J. Goldsborough

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit: – On the 10th day of October A.D. 1861. came Mrs. Williamina E. C. Laird and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that this paper or instrument of writing, purporting to be the last will and Testament of Mrs. Sarah Y. Goldsborough late of Dorchester County, deceased, was deposited in her hands for safe keeping by the said Testatrix; and that to the best of her knowledge, it is the true and whole last will and Testament of said deceased, and that she knows of no other of a younger date –

Certified by Levin L. Keene, Reg. W. D. C.

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit: – On the 10th day of October Anno Domini 1861. came Hon Brice J. Goldsborough, the subscribing witness to the aforegoing last will and Testament of Mrs. Sarah Y. Goldsborough, late of Dorchester County, deceased, and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God, that he did see the Testatrix therein named sign and seal said will; that he 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 his apprehensions, of a sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding; and that he subscribed his name as a witness to this will in the presence and at the request of the Testatrix –

Certified by Levin L. Keene, Reg. Wills, D. C.

Skinner Richardson's Last Will and Testament.	I, Skinner Richardson of Dorchester County and State of Maryland do make and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner

and form following to wit

1st. I give and devise to my son Richard S. Richardson all that Farm known as and called the Brannocks Neck farm that lies to the Northwest of Mrs Barnetts line and also the twenty acres of land that I purchased of Doct. Tho Woolford adjoining the said farm to have, hold, use, and enjoy the same during the natural life of my son John Richardson and at

the death of my said son John Richardson I will, direct, and authorise my said son Richard S. Richardson to sell the said lands above given to him, and described, to the best advantage at public or private sale at his own discretion and to convey the same by Deed or otherwise as fully as I could do were I living at the time to do it myself and when so sold as aforesaid he to divide the proceeds of said sale as follows, one third of the purchase money to equally divided between my two Grandsons namely John Skinner & Eugene R. Richardson the sons of John Richardson (one other third) to go to my Daughter Margaret Ann and the other and remaining third to go to my Daughter Caroline after the necessary expenses of sale are taken out, and I further will and direct that no other and no more of the timber off the said above described lands shall be used save and except only what may be necessary to do repairs to the Houses fences &c on said farm and for fire wood for the same, that is to say no timber or wood shall be carried off said farm for sale or otherwise

2nd – I give and devise to my son Richard S. Richardson my Home plantation on which I now reside including the eighteen acres of woodland purchased of Dr. Tho. Woolford according to the division made by myself and my son John of the lands purchased of Dr Woolford and the line of division to be made for the two farms, by extending the North line of division between my lands and Mrs Barnetts until it intersects the land bought of Dr Woolford and this devise to include, adjoining Water lots, viz the Ship yard and the Lot that formerly belonged to Adam C. Richardson

I also give and devise to my said son Richard S. Richardson all that lot of wood land I purchased of Stanly Richardson containing about Fifty seven acres and also all that Lot of land I bought of Sally Smith or Sally Earl and Lloyd Valliant containing about thirty four acres these several lots given to my said son Richard upon the condition that he pay the purchase money or so much thereof as may be due for them at my death by cutting the lumber, wood, &c. off them to produce the money with which to pay the same

3rd – I give and devise to my Grand son John Skinner Richardson one half of that undivided Lot purchased of Sarah Martin to be held by him as it may hereafter be divided.

4th – I give and devise to my Daughter Caroline Richardson all that Lot of Land which I purchased of William Colston called North Range containing about eight acres and also a small lot adjoining the M. E. Church parsonage

5th – I give and devise to my Daughter Margaret Ann Richardson all that lot of land called Granbys range which I bought of Tho Sall containing about fifteen acres

6th – I give and bequeath to my Dear wife Mary my negro woman Hanna to serve her until said Hanna is Forty years old, and then to be free and at her liberty said Hanna intended to be my wifes

distributive share of my negroes

7th – I give and bequeath to my daughter Caroline negro girl Ada to serve her until said Ada is thirty five years old, and then to be free. I also give 8th to my said Daughter Caroline negro girl Sarah to serve her my said Daughter during her natural life unless she shall live until said Sarah attain the age of thirty five, but in the event of my daughter Caroline dieing before said girl Sarah shall be thirty five years old then at her death said girl Sarah to be the property of my son Richard until she attain the age of thirty five years and then to be free and in any event to be free when thirty five years old

9th – I give and bequeath to my grandson Eugene R. Richardson negro man Jacob to serve until he is thirty seven years old and then to be free, and in the event of said grand son Eugene, dieing before said Jacobs term of service expires, then I will and bequeath his unexpired term to my grand son John S. Richardson

10th – I give and bequeath to my son Richard S. Richardson my negro woman Emma to serve until she is forty years old and then to be free' also boy Jere to serve until he is thirty five years old and then to be free, also negro boy Alfred to serve until he is thirty five years old and then to be free

11th – I give and bequeath to my Daughter Margarit Ann my negro girl Maria to serve until she is thirty five years old and then to be free, also one boy named John to serve until he is thirty five years old, and then to be free, also negro boy Samuel to serve until he is thirty five years old and then to be free.

12th – After my wifes thirds is taken out, my debts funeral charges and expenses of administration has been paid I will and direct that all the rest and residue of my estate shall be equally divided between my son Richard S. my Daughter Caroline, my Daughter Margaret A. and my Grand children the children of my son John share and share alike, and I further will and direct that the part of the residuum of my estate assigned to the children of my son John shall be kept by and remain in the hands of my son Richard S. to be by him paid out as he may deem meet & proper for the use and benefit of my said Grand children

13th – My will and wish is that my son Richard shall as a matter of obligation and duty to my Dear wife as well as myself attend to the comforts and necessary business matters of his dear mother after my death, and I make this request not doubting but that he will act the part of a dutiful, and, affectionate son, and I do hereby constitute and appoint my son Richard S. Richardson wholo and sole Executor of this my last will and Testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this twenty seventh day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty five.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the within & above named Skinner Richardson the Testator as and for his last will & testament in the presence of us who at his request have attested the same and hereunto subscribe our names as witnesses thereto in his presence and in the presence of each other

John W. Mace Daniel T. Orem
Joshua B. Richardson Tho. H. Hicks

Skinner his × mark Richardson (Seal)

The several erasures & interlineations in this my last will & testament were made before the execution thereof.

Skinner his × mark Richardson (Seal)

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit:– On the 28th day of October Anno Domini 1861 came Richard S. Richardson, the within named Executor, and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that this paper or instrument of writing, purporting to be the last will and Testament of Skinner Richardson late of Dorchester County, deceased, was deposited in his hands for safe keeping by said Testator, and that to the best of his knowledge, it is the true and whole last will and Testament of said deceased, and that he knows of no other of a younger date –

Certified by Levin L. Keene, Reg. W. D. C.

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit:– On the 28th day of October Anno Domini 1861, came John W. Mace, Joshua B. Richardson and Daniel T. Orem three of the subscribing witnesses to the aforegoing last will and Testament of Skinner Richardson late of Dorchester County, deceased, and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that they did see said Testator sign and seal this will; that they 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 apprehensions, of a sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, and that they respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto, together with Thomas H. Hicks the other subscribing witness to said will, in the presence and at the request of the Testator, and in the presence of each other –

Certified by Levin L. Keene, Reg. W. D. C.

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