

In the Name of God Amen I Charles Tilden of Kent County in the State of Maryland being sick and weak of Body but of Sound and disposing mind memory and understanding and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs and be thereby 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 be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors herein after named and after my Debts and funeral Charges are paid I devise and bequeath as follows —

I give and devise to my dear Wife Jane the Quarter of a Lot which I bought of Mr. William Slukey and which he had purchased of Mrs. Martha Ward for and during the natural Life of my said Wife and after her decease to my Son Edward and his Heirs forever —

Item And Whereas I have already got a Frame for a House which I intend as soon as I can to fix and build into and for a Dwelling House upon the above quarter of a Lot and to go with the same as above but as it may so happen that the same may not be done during my Life I do therefore if that should be the case will and devise that my Executors herein after named or either of them — shall as soon after my death as may be cause the same to be framed erected and put up on the said Lot or Quarter of a Lot of Ground and do and shall procure all and every other material whatsoever for the building making and finishing the same into a dwelling House for the use and benefit of my said Wife during her Life as aforesaid and that the said House be and shall remain — as belonging to the said Quarter of a Lot and as Appurtenance thereof and go with the same in manner as the said Lot is aforesaid devised and I do devise and will so much of my personal Estate as may be requisite and needfull to carry the same into full Execution to be applied by my Executors or either of them to that Purpose —