

In the name of God Amen this 23 day of September in  
year of our Lord 1781 I John MacNiel Farmer in the County of  
Kent and State of Maryland Farmer being very sick and weak in Body  
but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God for the same  
and calling to mind the Mortality of my Body, and knowing that  
it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last  
Will and Testament that is to say principally and first of all, I give  
and recommend my Soul into the hands of God that give all, and  
for my Body I recommend <sup>it</sup> to the earth to be buried in a Christian  
like and decent manner at the discretion of my Executrix  
nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive  
the same <sup>again</sup> by the mighty power of God; And as touching such worldly  
Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life  
I give, devise, and dispose of the same in manner & form following  
that is to say, In the first place I give and bequeath to my dearly  
beloved wife Bridget MacNiel my whole Estate Real and Personal  
so long as she continues a widow for the benefit of her and my  
Children Archibald and John who are to be properly Educated  
and put to trades when they arrive to the age of Sixteen years, and  
if my wife Marries then to return to her thirds, the other two  
parts to be equally divided betwixt my two Sons Archibald and  
John and case of the death of either, the Survivor to have both  
shares, and in case both die, then I give and bequeath the whole  
Estate to my Bridget MacNiel, I give and bequeath to Rebecca  
MacNiel five pounds to buy a Mourning Ring, if she comes  
in person herself to demand it, and I do hereby constitute & appoint  
my dear wife Bridget MacNiel to be my sole Executrix of this my  
last Will and Testament revoking and annulling all former Wills  
by me heretofore made ratifying and confirming this none  
other to be my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have  
hereto set my hand & fixed my seal

John MacNiel 