

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, and at the request
of the Testator, and in the presence of each other.

Records of Nicholas Key Nicholas Key

In the name of God amen We James Strauch & Elizabeth
Strauch both of Kent County in the Province & State of Maryland by the
blessing of God in reasonable good health and of perfect mind & memory
yet calling to mind the mortality of the Body and also knowing that
it is appointed by the Author of all Goodness for all men once to die, We
do appoint constitute and ordain this to be our last Will & Testament
in manner and form following to wit. 1. We do commit our souls
to Almighty God who gave them to us, and our Bodies to be buried in
a Christian like manner at the discretion of our Executor, which shall be
hereafter mentioned. 2. And as to our worldly goods which it hath pleased
Almighty God to bestow on us, that is to say, our whole Estates & Properties
both real, personal and all every thing that we the said James Strauch &
Elizabeth Strauch do or shall hereafter claim we do leave will & bequeath unto
Isaac Cornelius (son of Elizabeth Strauch) to him and his heirs & assigns
forever except the sum of thirty pounds or a Horse worth thirty pounds
which it is our will & desire shall be paid unto our grandson James
Strauch Vassant when he arrives to the age of twenty one by the said
Isaac Cornelius, And lastly we do appoint the said Isaac Cornelius
our whole and sole Executor In Witness whereof we have interchangeably
herunto set our hands and seals this Twenty second day of December
in the year of our Lord God one thousand seven hundred & seventy
Seven 1777.

Sealed signed & acknowledged
in the presence of us.

his mark
James Strauch Seal
her mark
Elizabeth Strauch Seal

Jacob. Riley, Benj. Palmer, Bartley Palmer.
March 17. 1784 then came Benjamin Palmer & Bartley Palmer two.