and pleasure, during her life, by instrument of writing duly executed to pass such property, or by her last will and testament, also duly executed and attested, to will and devise the same, or any of them to her children, or such of them as she thinks best. And in the event of the said Mary T. Wood dying without having so willed or disposed of said negroes, then, that they shall be equally divided among her children, who may survive her, or the descendants of her children, should any of them die, leaving descendants before the death of the said Mary T. Wood, and said descendants, to stand in the place of their deceased parent. And it is hereby further declared and provided, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to render the said Floyd Chaney his heirs, executors or administrators, liable for any beyond their actual receipts, the intent of the parties hereto, being, that the said Mary T. Wood, during her natural life, shall have the actual possession of the aforesaid property, with the privilege of employing or disposing of the same, at her own discretion, so far forth as is hereinbefore provided. In witness whereof the said William H. Wood has hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal on the day and year first hereinbefore written

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of A. H. Pennington. } William H. Wood (Seal)

State of Maryland, City of Baltimore, to wit: On this 12th day of November, in the year, eighteen hundred and fifty, before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland, in and for said City, personally appeared the within named William H. Wood, he being known to me, to be the person who is named and described as, and proposing to be the party grantor to the foregoing Instrument of Writing, and acknowledges the same to be his act and deed.

Acknowledged before and certified by

A. H. Pennington.

State of Maryland, City of Baltimore to wit: On this 12th day of November, in the year 1850, before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland, in and for said City, personally appeared Floyd Chaney and Mary T. Wood, the parties grantees in said a foregoing Instrument of Writing, and made oath that the consideration therein mentioned is true and bona fide as therein set forth. Sworn before

A. H. Pennington

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Recorded the 1st day of March 1851