

In the name of God, I, Bezin Shaw of Montgomery County and 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 & Testament, in manner and form following; viz. -

1st. - I give and devise to my beloved wife, the Farm on which I now reside, as included within the following boundaries. - viz, beginning at a flat Rock on the East bank of the North West branch, a little below the mouth of the first branch; south of the Spring branch; where it empties into said north west branch. - thence about South of East to a stone by a large Chesnut stump. - thence about East to a Stone by a young Poplar tree. - thence to a stone by a Persimmon tree; opposite John Selbys gate; and on the west side of the road, leading from Colesville, via Burntmills, to Washington. - thence by and with said road, leading to Colesville, to a Stone by a Locust tree situate about fifty yards more or less, north of the gate leading to my house. - thence in a straight line, nearly west, to a Stone, near the dividing line between James Lee and myself & north of the point where the cross line, joins my outside line of fencing on the north west branch (so as to include said cross line) - thence with said dividing line between James Lee and myself to the beginning at the flat Rock. - likewise two acres of woodlands, beginning at a bounded white oak; at the mouth of the lane, between Mrs Baker and myself; near the Federal Meeting House; and running across the woods in such direction with one line, as to cut off and include two acres of my land nearest the said meeting House - to have and to hold the said Farm and two acres, together with all the improvements thereto attached and belonging, during her natural life and widowhood, as well for her use and benefit, as likewise for a home for my single daughters Deborah, Harriet and Elizabeth Ann, during their natural and single life, or either of them, and at the death of my wife or cessation of her widowhood, I give and devise said property, to my said single daughters, Deborah, Harriet & Elizabeth Ann, or such of, or either of them, that may be alive and unmarried at the time, together with all the improvements thereto attached and belonging, to have and to hold the same, for their use and benefit, during their natural single lives or either of them, and at the death or marriage of all the above named girls, to be sold; (save & except Twenty four feet square, including the graveyard in the garden, to be reserved as a burial grounds for my family); and equally divided among all my children or their heirs, share and share alike.

Item - I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, my Table, Tea and silver spoon and Tongs, together with all my household, Kitchen and Table furniture of every description; (save & except the beds, bedsteads, and bed furniture); together with all the poultry & Coops, Bees and hives - likewise, - choice; of two bedsteads

beds and bedfurniture;— of Two Cows & of Two Horses and waggon harness for each; of a Carriage and harness and Carryole; of a Two horse and of a one horse bar plough—; of one Cultivator—; of one two horse harrow—; of one spade, Two Shovels and one dung fork—; of Two grubbing, two weeding hoes and one wooden wheel— likewise, my servant boys George and Samuel— my servant Woman Charlotte and my servant girl Maria, and a comfortable and competent provision for herself and single daughters and stock for the then year, and at or before (her option) the beginning of the year next ensuing, Forty Barrels of Corn One Thousand weight of Pork and Two Tons of Hay, together with all the Corn fodder, blades and shucks of the crop.— to have, hold and use the above named personal property, during her natural life and widowhood as well for her use and benefit as also for the use and support of my single daughters, Deborah, Harriet and Elizabeth Ann, or either of them and at the death of my wife, or Cessation of her widowhood, to be sold and equally divided, among all my children, or their respective heirs.—

Item.—^o Whereas my Son Elbert, and my daughter Eliza, have received, each a servant, Cow, and bedding, and I desire to make my other children equal—

I give and bequeath to my daughter Deborah, the sum of Four Hundred Dollars, Current money, in place of a servant,— choice of a Cow,— and the bed, bedstead and bedfurniture, set apart as hers.—

Item.— I give and bequeath to my daughter Harriet, my servant girl Mary, choice of a Cow, and the bed, bedstead and bedfurniture, set apart as hers.

Item.— I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Ann, my servant boy Charles, choice of a Cow, the saddle and bridle, and bed, bedstead and bedfurniture, set apart and known as hers.—

Item.— I give and bequeath to my son Isaiah, my servant boy Samuel, Fifty Dollars, and choice of a Cow, and bed, bedstead and bedfurniture, set apart and known as his.—

Item.— I give to my son Nicholas Inethen, my servant man Stephen and Fifty Dollars,— also my Gun, and choice of a Cow, and the bed, bedstead, and bedfurniture, set apart as his.—

Item.— I give and bequeath to my son Elbert, my servant man Elias; who I delivered to him on the 1st day of January 1849; as an extra legacy.—


Item.— I will and desire, that all the Legacies & Requests, hereinbefore specified; as well for my wife as my several children; which may remain undistributed at my death; shall be delivered; as soon as possible after my decease; to them respectively, by my Executor hereinafter named, with

=out being appraised and accounted for, as part of my Estate to be administered on. — others having received at my hands, without cost or expense and this property being estimated and set apart in this my life time to make them comfortable and equal, and for their mutual benefit. — Item. — I will and desire that the balance of my personal property shall be sold and divided. — one third to wife, and the balance equally among all my children, or their respective heirs. —

Item. — I will and desire that my two Farms, the one north and the other south of the homestead, hereinbefore named, shall be sold, either at public or private sale at the option of my Executor, within five years after my decease, and the proceeds thereof equally divided, between my wife and all of my children, or their respective heirs, share and share alike. —

And lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my son Elbert, 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 hands, and affixed my seal, this ~~twelfth~~ day of March in the year of our Lords, one thousand eight hundred and forty nine

Bezin Shaw 

Signed, sealed, published and declared by Bezin Shaw, 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.

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~~Lloyd Green~~

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