Shipley two of the subscribing Witnesses to the aforegoing Will and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they did see the Testator William Simpson sign and seal this Will and that they heard him publish pronounce and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament and that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their Apprehension of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding, And that they together with Samuel Poole 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

Sworn before

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* In the Name of God Amen I Joseph Middleton of Kent County in the State of Maryland being sick and weak but of sound disposing mind, memory & understanding, do make this my last Will and Testament. First and principally I commit my Soul into the hands of Almighty God & my body to the Earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executrix hereafter named, & after my debts and funeral charges are paid, I devise and bequeath as follows. —

I give and devise to my beloved Wife Elizabeth Middleton the Lot of Ground on which Edward Widler now lives situate on Prince Georges Street in Annapolis during her natural Life and after her decease, to my Son William Middleton his Heirs and Assigns forever —

I give and bequeath to my daughter Anne Middleton a Mulatto girl named Sall and her increase forever. —

I give and bequeath to my daughter Eleanor Alkin Middleton the Negro Woman named Chiff. —

I give and bequeath to my Son Joseph Middleton my Silver Watch; and the balance due me on the Sale of a Tract of Land in Frederick County called Pool's Delight under the Will of my father; the said sum to be collected by my Executrix and laid out in the best manner for the use of my said son Joseph. —

And Whereas I am indebted to Richard Spencer of Kent County for a tract of Land in said County in a considerable sum of Money it is my Will and desire that the said Richard Spencer do accept and take back the said tract of Land and one of my boats in payment for the balance due him and in that case I do give and devise the said Tract of Land to the said Richard Spencer his Heirs and Assigns forever. —

I give and bequeath to my beloved wife two Negro boys named Jerhue & Dick, and my Sloop to be used and employed by her for the support of herself and my Children; and all the rest of my Estate I do will and direct to be sold by my Executrix, including my two Lots in the South East Addition to Baltimore Town, in a reasonable time after my decease upon twelve months Credit, and after my just debts are paid, the balance to be distributed between my Wife and all my Children share and share alike —

And I do will and direct that my proportion of my father's Estate for which a Suit in Chancery is now depending on reference and also of my Mothers Estate be distributed equally between my Wife and Children share and share alike as above. —

And Lastly I do constitute and Appoint my beloved Wife executrix of this my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this twelfth day of November Anno Domini 1786

Joseph Middleton (Seal)

Signed sealed published and declared by Joseph Middleton the above Testator as for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request & in his presence have subscribed our names as Witnesses thereto (The interlineations in the 11th & 12th lines of the second Page being made before signing)

Ralph Higginbothom Wm Hanson
G Dwall Richd Frazier

On the back of the aforegoing will was thereon written

Ann Arundel County Sct. Came January 16th 1787 William Hanson and Richard Frazier two of the subscribing Witnesses to the aforegoing Will and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they did see the Testator Joseph Middleton thereto name sign and seal this Will and that they heard him publish pronounce and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament and that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their Apprehension of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding and that they together with Ralph Higginbothom and Gabriel Dwall respectively subscribed their names as Witnesses to the Will in the presence and at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other

Sworn before

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