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In the name of God amen the eighth

day of October One thousand seven hundred and Seventy Four I Ann Mareman of St Saint Marys County in the Province of Maryland Widow of John Mareman deceased, being very Sick and weak in Body, but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God, therefore calling unto mind the mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed for all 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 to the hands of God who gave it, and my Body I Recommend to the Earth, to be Buried in Christian decent Burial at the discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive again by the mighty power of God. And as touching such - - Worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God, to bless me in this Life, I give demise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form. -

I give and bequeath Mary Mc Daniel One Shilling Sterling. -

Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved Children hereafter named, viz. Susanna Wells, Lydda Ward, Eleanor Rainey, and one share to be divided among William Clarke's Children, the money and Interest my Sloop was sold for, to be equally divided amongst them, to them and their Heirs for ever. - -

The Principal was £ 100.

Item I give and bequeath unto my loving Children William Mareman, Joshua Mareman & Joseph Mareman, Susanna Wells, Lydda Ward, Eleanor Rainey, William Clarke's Children, one share to them to be divided amongst them and Zachariah Mareman in case he doth not marry Ann Howard, but if he marry with her, then he to be paid One shilling Sterling as his part, Then after my Husband's Will is satisfied and my just debts duly paid then the residue and remainder part of my real and personal - Estate to be equally divided amongst them (Clarke's Children one whole share amongst them) to them and their Heirs for ever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my loving Grand Daughter Sarah Mason part of my Wearing - - Apparel. -

Lastly I appoint and Ordain my trusty Friend Mr Cyrus Powles to settle and divide my Estate among my aforesaid Children after my husband's Will is satisfied and my debts paid, and only observing that Clarke's Children have but one equal part among them, I do hereby ratify and confirm this and no other to be my Last Will and Testament. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand Seal the day and Year aforementioned. -

Ann her + mark Mareman (Seal.)

Signed Sealed and Delivered in the presence of.

John Tompkins
Mary Tompkins
William Russell

At the foot of the aforegoing Will is the following Probate viz:

Saint Marys County (to wit) On the twelfth day of November Seventeen hundred and Seventy Four came Mary Tompkins and William Russell the two Subscribing Witnesses to the within Last Will and Testament of Ann Mareman deceased and Severally made oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they did see Ann Mareman the Testatrix therein named Sign and seal this Will and heard her Publish and declare the same to be her Last Will & Testament, that at the time of her so doing she was to the best of their each of their Apprehensions of perfect Sense and of sound disposing mind Memory and Understanding and that they respectively subscribed their names as witnesses to the said Will in her presence and at her Request and in the Presence

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