Maryland Prince Georges County S.S.

I Philemon Chew Register of wills for said County do hereby certify that the within is a true Copy of the original will of James Aldridge late of said County deceased filed and recorded in my office—

In testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and seal of office this 11th day of June Anno Domini 1834

Philemon Chew Regr of Wills for P. G. County

Copy of James Aldridge's last Will & Testament

I James Aldridge of Prince Georges County, in the State of Maryland, being in good health of body, and of sound and disposing mind and memory, but at the same time aware of the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, and desirous of making all necessary preparation for its approach; whenever it shall please my Heavenly Father to call me out of this life, do therefore make declare and publish this my last will and testament in the manner and form following that is to say—

First with an humble reliance upon the mercy of God through my blessed redeemer I resign my soul to his disposal, whenever it shall be his will to take me hence, and also my frail body to the earth to be interred decently at the discretion and under the direction of my Executor hereinafter named.

Item it is my will and desire that the plantation whereon I now live, part of "Juckers Cultivation," and all my real estate, shall be sold by my Executor immediately after my decease, or as soon as may be done with convenience, and the monies and proceeds arising from the sales thereof shall be equally divided amongst the children of my deceased Brother Jacob Aldridge and my deceased sister Elizabeth Jones and my sister Eleanor Belt if living at the time of my death, if not, her children shall receive what was intended for her, and here to prevent any mistake or misunderstanding in the construction of this clause of my will I declare it to be my will and intention, that one third of the monies and proceeds of my plantation aforesaid, and of real estate herein directed to be sold

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