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Names as Witnesses to this Will in the Presence and at the request of the Testatrix and all in the Presence of each other —

Examined 5 Sides } Sworn before — Th. Gassaway Reg. Wills A.A.Co.

I Susanna Johns of West River in the State of Maryland Widow being in perfect health and of sound Mind and Memory do make and ordain this as and for my Testament and last Will in manner and form following

Imprimis I do order and direct that all my just Debts and funeral Expences be paid by my Executor hereinafter mentioned within three Months after my decease —

Item I give and bequeath to my Son Richard Johns his fathers and my Pictures and one sixth part of my Plate and least the trifles I have given him should be considered as a proof of my want of Tenderness and affection for this my eldest Son in Justice to him and to my own feelings I very sincerely declare that I am solely actuated by what I think due to my other Children my Son Richard enjoying an Estate descended to him from his Father of greater value than either of my other Children will receive from me and I have too good an Opinion of my Son Richards Sentiments to doubt his cheerfull acquiescence with the propriety of the following disposition of my Estate —

Item I give and Bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth Tilghman the Sum of Seven hundred and fifty pounds common Maryland currency and one sixth part of my Plate — —

Item I give and Bequeath to my Daughter Mary Harrison Seven hundred and fifty pounds common Maryland currency and one sixth part of my Plate —

Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Susanna Harrison Seven hundred and fifty pounds Common Maryland Currency and one sixth part of my Plate —

Item I Give devise and Bequeath to my Son John Johns and his heirs

forever all my Real Estate at the head of West River consisting of Several Tracts or parcels of Land being the same where I now reside my Son John paying unto each of his Sisters Seven hundred and fifty pounds common Maryland currency bequeathed to them respectively as before mentioned and paying unto his Brother Kensey or in case of his Death to his Issue if he hath any alive one moiety or half part of the value of my said Real Estate after the said Legacies to his Sisters that is to say the Sum of Two Thousand two hundred and fifty pounds common Maryland Currency is therefrom deducted which said moiety or half part of the value of my said Real Estate I give and Bequeath to my Son Kensey and in case of his death to his Issue and my Will is and I do direct that the value of my Real Estate aforesaid be ascertained in manner following that is to say that my Sons John and Kensey respectively shall nominate and appoint two persons and that these four persons shall nominate and appoint one other person which five persons or any three of them shall view the said Real Estate and value the same in Gold and Silver Coin common Maryland Currency and in case of failure of either of my said Sons to nominate and appoint two persons as aforesd. and within thirteen Months after my Decease then I direct that one shall nominate and appoint three persons and that those three persons shall nominate and appoint two other persons which five persons or any three of them shall value the same Real Estate as aforesd and it is my Will and intention that the moiety or half part of the said Valuation Money after deducting the Sum of Two thousand two hundred and fifty pounds be the Sum to be paid by my Son John to my Son Kensey as above mentioned and I do hereby charge my Real Estate with and make the same responceable for the payment of the same Legacies and of each of them and of every part thereof — — — — — — —

Item in case my Son John Johns should refuse to accept the same