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Robbin, Arch, Nace and Nick and Lucas should be free after ^x decease
if the Law is so that they can be free by will, if not I give the same Negroes to my brother Charles Merriken to him and his heirs forever
I likewise give to my brother Charles Merriken all my personal
Estate whatsoever except what is before excepted, And I do hereby appoint
my brother Charles Merriken to be my Executor of this my last Will
and Testament In Witness where of I have hereunto set my hand
and affixed my seal this thirteenth day of February one thousand
seven hundred & ninety seven ——

Signed Seald published pronounced
to be the last Will and Testament of
the Testator in the presents of — } Joshua Merriken (seal)

Tests
Thomas Mayo
Joseph Stansbury
John Merriken

At the foot of the aforegoing
Will are the following Probates
Viz^t —

Anne Arundel County ss^t } Then came Charles Merriken
the 15^th day of June 1797 — } and made Oath on the holy Evangels
of Almighty God that the within Instrument of writing is the
true and whole Will and Testament of Joshua Merriken late
of Anne Arundel County deceased, that hath come to his hands and
possession, and that he doth not ^know of any other —

Sworn before Jn^o Gassaway Reg^r Wills A A Co^y

Anne Arundel County ss^t } Then came Thomas Mayo Joseph
the 15^th day of June 1797 } Stansbury and John Merriken the
three subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament
of Joshua Merriken late of Anne Arundel County deceased, and
made Oath on the holy Evangels of Almighty God that they
did see the Testator therein named Sign and Seal this Will

and that they heard him publish pronounce and declare
the same to be his last Will and Testament, that at the time of his
so doing he was to the best of their apprehensions of a sound disposing
mind memory and understanding and that they respectively
subscribed their names as Witnesses to this Will in the presence and
at the request of the Testator and all in the presence of each other —

Sworn before Jn^o Gassaway Reg^r Wills A A Co^y

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In the name of God amen I Mary
Ann Holland now of the City of Annapolis being at this time
sick and weak of body but of sound and disposing memory and
understanding do make this my last Will and Testament in man-
ner and form following —

I desire that if not attended with great inconvenience my body may
be removed to the Eastern Shore and decently interred by the side
of my husband, It is my will that after the payment of my just
debts and descpences attending the Administration out of the proceeds
of my Estate to be disposed off by my Executor hereafter named, that
the residue be applied by him towards the maintenance and
Education of my Children and it is my desire that my Children
be taught and brought up in the Roman Catholic persuasion
as members of that Church — — — — — —

I give unto my Son John Holland one Chest a gold ring and my
great Coat — — — — — — — —

I give unto my Daughter Maria Holland one trunk and all
my wearing apparel to be applied to her use as Cloathing during
her minority — — — — — — —

It is my will that my Executor hereafter named bring up
my Children at his discretion in such business or calling as may