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In the name of God Amen I Robert Sanders of Anne Arundel County, in the State of Maryland, being in perfect health of body, and of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding, considering the certainty of death, and the uncertainty of the time thereof, and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs and thereby be the better prepared to leave this world when it shall please God to call me hence do therefore make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say, First and principally I commit my Soul into the hands of Almighty God, and my body to the Earth, to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors hereinafter named, and after my debts and funeral charges are paid I devise and bequeath as follows —

I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Stewart daughter of Edward Stewart and her heirs twenty dollars — —

I give and bequeath unto Jane Allen and Martha Allen daughters of William Allen and Dinah his wife and their heirs forty dollars each to be paid to them when they arrive at age or the day of Marriage

I give and bequeath unto my friend William Harwood and his heirs sixty dollars — — — — — — — — — —

I give and bequeath unto my Neighbour Eleanor Reed and her heirs thirty dollars — — — — — — — — — —

I give and bequeath unto John Iglehart son of my neighbour James Iglehart and his heirs forty dollars —

Item my will and desire is that my Negroes Will and Betty shall be free

Item I do direct that my dwelling plantation whereon I now live being part of three tracts of Land, called Sanders's chance, Welmead and Warterford to be sold at public Vendue, except the family burying Ground containing about four perches of ground, West four perches North, four perches East and four perches south so as the graves now there to be in the Center of the said Courses, and the Monies arising

from the Sale thereof to be equally divided amongst my brothers James Sanders and his heirs James Sanders, Elizabeth Sanders and Anne Sanders, William Sanders's heirs of the Island of Barbados and my sisters Rebecca Reed and Sarah Collins and their heirs

Item I do direct that all the residue of my property of what nature or kind soever shall be sold And Lastly I give and bequeath unto my friend David Stewart forty dollars and his heirs, whom I do hereby Constitute and appoint my sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament revoking and annulling all former Wills by me heretofore made, ratifying and confirming this and none other to be my last Will and Testament In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this tenth day of June Anno Domini 1794 —

Signed sealed published and declared by Robert Sanders the above named Testator, as for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us, who at his request and in his presence have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto —

Robt Sanders (seal)

Benjamin Watkins
Robert Stewart
Edward Stewart

At the foot of the aforegoing Will are the following Probates Viz. —

Anne Arundel County ss. the 10th day of October 1797 } Then came David Stewart 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 Robert Sanders late of Anne Arundel County deceased, that hath come to his hands, or possession, and that he doth not know of any other —