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Anne Arundel County sct. Then came Samuel Ridout and Horatio Ridout
the 16th day of October 1797 } and made Oath on the holy Evangels of Almighty
God that the within Instrument of writing and the Codicils thereto following
is the true and whole will and Testament of John Ridout late of Anne Arundel
County deceased, that hath come to their hands or possession, and that they do
not know of any other —

Sworn before Jno Gassaway Reg. Wills AA Cty.

Anne Arundel County sct. Then came John Randall and William White of to
the 16th day of October 1797 } Sun. two of the subscribing Witnesses to the within
last Will and Testament of John Ridout 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 sound
and disposing Mind Memory and understanding, and that they together with
Richard Randall (the other subscribing Witness who is since deceased) respectively
subscribed their names as witnesses to this Will in the presence, and at the
request of the Testator, and in the presence of each other —

Sworn before Jno Gassaway Reg. Wills AA Cty —

Anne Arundel County sct. Then came John Randall and made Oath on
the 16th day of October 1797 } the holy Evangels of Almighty God, that he has been
for several years acquainted with John Ridout, late of Anne Arundel County
deceased, and that he has been for a long time conversant with the hand writing
of the said John Ridout, and that he verily believes the first and second Codicil
to the last Will and Testament of the said John Ridout to be all in his own
hand writing —

Sworn before Jno Gassaway Reg. Wills AA Cty

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In the name of God Amen I William Armeger of Anne Arundel County
in the State of Maryland being weakly but of sound and disposing mind memory and
understanding considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof
and being desirous of settling 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 do
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 Executor
hereinafter named and after my debts and funeral Charges are paid I devise and
bequeath as follows —

Item I give and bequeath unto my three Children John Armeger the sum of five Shillings
Sterling and no more Mary Whittington the sum of five Shillings Sterling and no more
William Armeger the sum of five Shillings Sterling and no more having already provi-
ded for them and each of them —

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Leonard Armeger and his heirs forever one moiety
or half of the Land I have purchased from William & Benjamin Miles called Miles Adventure

Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Benjamin Armeger the other moiety or half of the
Land I purchased from Willm & Benjn Miles aforesaid during his natural life and
no longer and my will and desire is that the aforesaid tract of Land should be equally
divided in quantity and quality and my Son Leonard taking the part whereon the dwel-
ling house and other improvements are, and my Son Benjamin making use of the on
half of my two Tobacco houses untill he can better provide for himself And in case my son
Benjamin should leave a male child lawfully begotten of his body in wedlock then I give
the aforesaid moiety of Land to his male child and my will is that my son Leonard shall
have the use and management of said Land for the maintenance and Education of said
Child during its minority without Cutting down the wood or abusing said Land more
then necessary And in case my son Benjamin should leave a Male Child lawfully
begotten of his body in Wedlock and it shoud dye before it arrives to the age of twenty
One or in case he shoud leave no such male Child then I give the aforesaid moiety
of Land unto my Son Jesse Armeger and to his heirs lawfully begotten of his body and in
case he shoud leave no such heir or heirs then I give the aforesaid moiety of Land to my
Son Leonard Armeger and his heirs forever —