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Anne Arundel County fct. Then came Philip Waters 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 Joseph Waters late of Anne Arundel County deceased, that hath come to his hands as profession, and that he doth not know of any other —

the 19th day of March 1798 —

Sworn before Jn.o Gafaway Reg.r Wills AA Co. &c.

Anne Arundel County fct. Then came William Ross and John Figencier two of the subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of Joseph Waters 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 Edmund Jenings Senr (who is since deceased) and James Lane 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 —

the 19th day of March 1798 —

Examined — Sworn before Jn.o Gafaway Reg.r Wills AA Co. &c. —

In the name of God Amen. I John Coal being sick and infirm in body but of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following viz. — — —

In the first place my Will and desire is that all my Just Debts be fully satisfied —

Item I give and bequeath to my lawfull Wife Elizabeth Coal all my right Title and Interest to the three following tracts or parcels of Land whereof I am at present possessed namely part of a tract of land called Beaverdam Branch containing Eighty one Acres more or less part of a tract or parcel of land called Talbots Angle and part of a tract of land called Hills Chance with all the appurtenances and Improvements thereunto belonging during her the said Elizabeth Coals life — — —

Item I give and bequeath to my Son Samuel Coal all my right Title and Interest to the three above mentioned tracts or parcels of Land called part of Beaverdam branch part of Talbots

Angle and part of Hills chance after my wife Elizabeth Coals decease to him and his heirs lawfully begotten forever after giving my Son John Smith Coal a fee simple in a Set of Land at present occupied by Anthony Smith containing two Acres with all the appurtenances and Improvements thereunto belonging and after giving my Son William Coal a fee simple in a Building which he the said William Coal has begun to erect and two Acres of Land round about it —

Item I give and bequeath to my wife Elizabeth Coal the following Negroes namely Harry Jem Peter, Caesar, and Bell with her increase during her the said Elizabeth Coals life —

Item I give and bequeath to my Son Samuel Coal after his Mothers decease the above named Negroes Harry and Bell with her increase to him and his heirs forever

Item I give to my Son William Coal and his heirs after his Mothers decease Negro Jem above mentioned

Item I give to my Son John Smith Coal and his heirs after his Mothers Decease Negro Peter above mentioned —

Item I give to my Son Thomas Coal and his heirs after his Mothers decease Negro Caesar above mentioned

Item I give to my daughter Sarah Beard and her heirs Negro Milly and her increase the said Negro to be received by Sarah Beard immediately after my decease

Item I give to my wife Elizabeth Coal during her life all the Stock and houshold furniture that I am present possessed of with all the plantation Utensils and after my wife Elizabeth Coals decease my Will and desire is that all the Stock remaining on the plantation shall be possessed by my Son Samuel Coal in his own proper right with the Utensils belonging to the plantation — — — — —

Item I Will and desire that all my houshold furniture after my wife Elizabeth Coals decease shall be equally divided among my lawfull children at present living or their representatives in case of death —

Signed Sealed and delivered in Anne Arundell County in the State of Maryland this fifth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Ninety four —

In presence of the following Witnesses

Stephen Cawood Jr. (seal)
Anthony Smith (seal)
Mary Smith (seal)

John Coall (seal)

On the back of the aforegoing Will is the following Probate Viz.t —