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In the name of God Amen I John Wysham of the City of Annapolis, and State of Maryland being weak in body but of sound 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; and after my debts and funeral Charges are paid, I devise and bequeath as follows —

I give and devise to my youngest Son William Blackwell Wysham and his heirs my lot of Land in Allegany County number eighty nine containing fifty Acres

I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Anne during her natural life or widowhood, my house and lot in Fleet Street now in the occupation of Edward Linthicum with the rents and profits thereof, and all my household furniture of every kind, but not to be disposed off by her. And I hereby declare it to be my Will and intention that after the Stock on hand is converted into Cash by my wife (who I hereby authorize and empower to sell the said Stock) she shall have and retain to her own absolute use, one third part of the said Cash, and the remaining two thirds thereof shall be by her paid over to my trustees herein after named, and retained by them and applied towards the maintainance and education of my Children to be occasionally deposited in the hands of my wife for that purpose, as my trustees shall think expedient and necessary —

It is also my will and intention, and I do hereby direct, that in the event of the marriage of my wife, she shall be limitted to her third in the interest of the house and of the furniture then in hand (not meaning to make her answerable for wear and tear) and in the event of the marriage of my said wife, the said house and furniture may in the discretion of my trustees be sold transferred and conveyed by them or the survivors or survivor of them, for the use of my wife as to her third therein (to be paid her) and the Children for their two thirds, to be retained and applied in their education and maintenance as aforementioned — — — —

And it also my Will, and I hereby direct that no Inventory be returned to the Orphans Court, but that a List of property and debts be made out by my wife and deposited in the hands of my trustees within six months after my decease, and that, unless it shall be absolutely necessary, that my wife should not be obliged to take out Testamentary letters and I hereby authorize my said wife to receive all Debts that may appear due to me and to give discharges for the same —

Lastly it is my Will, and I do hereby Constitute and appoint Mr John Callahan Mr Jonathan Pinkney and Mr Joseph Evans all of the City of Annapolis, to be trustees under this my last Will vesting in them a power as well to execute what is herein before directed, as to allow, in the adjustment of my Estate with my wife any legal Account against me, or for funeral Charges, and also a power after the decease of my wife to sell and convey as aforesaid the house in Fleet Street, and furniture, for the purposes aforesaid, hereby revoking all former Wills by me made, ratifying and confirming this, and none other —

In Testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix my Seal, this fifteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight —

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

John Wysham (Seal)

Willm Wilkins
James Taylor
John Hurst —

At the foot of the aforegoing Will is the following Probate Viz.t —

Anne Arundel County } Then came William Wilkins, James Taylor and John
the 7th day of May 1798 } Hurst the three subscribing witnesses to the within Will of John Wysham late of Anne Arundel County deceased, and made Oath on the holy Evangels of Almighty God, that they did see the within named John Wysham sign and seal this Will, and that they heard him publish 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 said John Wysham