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Negro Girl Nam'd Hagg, but it is my Will & desire that my Negro Hagg and her Issue should be free & Manumitted as they respectively Arrive at the Age of Forty five Years, –

Item I Give & bequeath to my Son Ephraim his Heirs & Assigns my Negroes Sam, & Sall, but it is my Wish & desire that Sall & her Increase shall be free & Manumitted after they respectively arrive at the Age of forty five Years. –

Item I give & bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth her Heirs & Assigns my Negro Nam'd Joe, –

Item I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Sally Elder her Heirs & Assigns, my Negro Woman Beck, but it is my Wish & desire that Beck & her Issue shall be free & Manumitted after they Respectively Arrive at the Age of Forty five Years, –

Item it is my Wish that my old friend Molly Welch shall live with my Daughter Elizabeth during her Natural Life, & that she shall be Supported & Maintained by Elizabeth, Brutus & Ephraim, but if she does not choose to live with Elizabeth, it is then my Will & desire that Elizabeth, Brutus & Ephraim shall each of them pay unto her Twenty dollars per Year during her Natural Life. –

Item I give & bequeath unto Joseph Hill the Mulatto Girl nam'd Suck, provided he does not bring forward any Claim or Account against my Estate. –

Item I Give unto my Sons Brutus & Ephraim each a feather bed & furniture. –

Item I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth all the Meat, Corn & other Provision that I have, –

Item It is my Will & desire that the Stock & property that I have not devised should be Sold at public Sale at Twelve Months Credit with Bond on Interest and good Security and the Money Arising from the Sales to be equally divided between my Children Elizabeth, Brutus & Ephraim, & it is my Wish & desire that all Debts due me & the Money now by me shall be equally divid'd between them after my just debts are paid, –

Item I Give & bequeath to my Son Brutus the Choice of the Mourning Rings that I have in the House & to Ephraim the other. – and of Gold Sleeve buttons to him.

Lastly I Constitute and appoint my Brother Richard Dorsey Executor of this last Will & Testament Sign'd with my hand this 24th of Day of March 1799. –

in presence of Us who
Sign'd it at the Request
of the Testatrix in her presence
and in presence of each other
at her request –

Achsah Howard (Seal)

Charles Alex: Warfield
James Barnes (of Adam)
James Riggs

Whereas I – Achsah Howard on the twenty fourth day of March 1799 made, Ordained and Executed my last Will and Testament, but have since thought proper to have a Codicil Annexed thereto for the purpose of Altering certain parts thereof

that appear to me desirable. –

Imprimis I hereby Will and direct that that Clause in my Will wherein I have directed: That the Stock, and property that I have not devised shall be Sold at Public Sale at twelve Months Credit with Bond and Interest with good Security: This clause I do hereby Annul, make Void, and expunge, and instead thereof do hereby Will and direct that all the property coming under the Clause, I have thus Rendered Void shall go to my Daughter Elizabeth Howard and her Heirs forever. – In Attestation of Which I have hereunto Set my hand and Subscribed my Name

In the presence of Us who Saw the Testatrix sign her Name in her presence and in the presence of each other.

Achsah Howard

Witness Wm Dorsey
Sarah Lawrence

Item it is my desire that the Clause relating to Molly Welsh should be Annulled, & made Void & instead thereof I do hereby direct that my two Sons Brutus & Ephraim, & my Daughter Elizabeth, jointly, shall pay unto her during her Natural Life twelve pounds Current Money Annually, In Attestation Whereof I have hereto set my hand & Seal this 21st Day of May 1799.

In the presence of Us who Saw the Testatrix sign her Name & heard her acknowledge the above Clause to be her Will

Achsah Howard (Seal)

Richard Dorsey
Peggy Howard

On the back of the aforegoing Will, are the following Endorsements to wit

Anne Arundel County ss. the 2d Day of July 1799. } Then came Peggy Howard one of the Subscribing Witnesses to the Second Codicil to the last Will and Testament of Achsah Howard late of Anne Arundel County deceased, and made Oath on the holy Evangels of Almighty God, that she did see the Testatrix therein named Sign and Seal this Codicil, and that she heard her Acknowledge it to be a Codicil to her last Will and Testament, that at the time of her so doing, she was to the best of her apprehension of a Sound disposing Mind Memory and Understanding, and that she together with Richard Dorsey Respectively Subscribed their Names as Witnesses to this Codicil in the presence and at the Request of the Testatrix and in the presence of each other

Sworn before Jno. Gassaway Regr. Wills A.A.Co.

Anne Arundel County ss. the 3d Day of September 1799 } Then came Charles Alexander Warfield one of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of Achsah Howard late of Anne Arundel County deceased, and made Oath on the holy Evangels of Almighty God, that he did see the Testatrix therein Named Sign and Seal this Will, and that he heard her publish, pronounce and declare the same to be her last Will and Testament, that at the time of her so doing, she was to the best of his Apprehension of sound and disposing Mind, Memory