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Anne Arundel County Sct. Then came John Merriken one of the Subs-
the 12th Day of May 1801 ~ Scribing Witnesses to the Within Will of Joshua
Merriken late of Anne Arundel County deceased, and made Oath on the
holy Evangels of Almighty God that he did see the said Joshua Merriken
therein Named sign and seal this Will, and that he heard him publish
pronounce and declare the same to be his last Will, that at the time
of his so doing, he was to the best of his Apprehension of Sound and
disposing Mind Memory and Understanding, and that he together
with Joseph Selby respectively subscribed their Names as Witnesses to
this Will, in the presence, and at the request of the said Joshua
Merriken and in the presence of each other

Sworn before Jno. Gapaway. Reg. Wills.
A. A. Coty

In the Name of God Amen, I. Rachel Howard of Anne Arundle
County being sick and weak of body but of Sound Disposing mind
and memory thanks be given to the Almighty God for the same,
Do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner
following and first I recommend my Soul to God in hopes of receiv-
-ing full pardon of my Sins through the merits of my Redeemer
Jesus Christ, and my body to the Earth to be Buried in a Christian
like and Decent manner at the Discretion of my Executors herein after
named, and as touching such worldly goods as it has pleased God
to bless me with I give and dispose of the same in the following
manner Viz.t

Item I give and bequeath unto my Grandson Thomas Worthington
Howard One Negroe Man named Peter Punch and one Negroe
Woman named Phebe upon condition that he pays the sum of
Ten Pounds current money to my Grand Daughter Rachel
Gapaway also I give him a Desk

Item I give and bequeath unto my Grand Children viz.t the Childen
of my late son Thomas Cornelius Howard viz.t Charles Howard,
Henry Howard, Brice Howard, Polly Howard, Rachel Duval,
Elizabeth Rowan, Rebekah Young and Anna Howard One
Negroe Boy named Tom, One Negroe Girl named Charlotte, One Negro
Woman named Delilah, and her Child named Phebe to be equally
divided among them share and share alike

Item I give and bequeath unto my Grand Daughter Anna Howard Daugh-
-ter of my son Thomas One Negroe Girl named Eliza

Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Sarah Ducker my Negroe
man named George, one Negroe Boy named phill, One Negroe
Woman named Charlotte and her Child a Girl named Rachel,
one Negroe Woman named Lenny as also one Negro Girl name
Sela as also two feather Bedds and furniture, One Chest two
trunks one warming Pann, one Bedstead, half a Dozen Silver
Tea Spoons, one corner Cupboard all my wearing apparel Also
all my Horned Cattle

Item I give and bequeath unto Grand Daughter Henrietta Poole
one Oval Table, and also one Negroe Woman named Dinah,
the Table is in the possession of her father William Gaither.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Grand Daughter Martha Gaither
One Negroe Boy named Ben now in the possession of her father
William Gaither

Item I give and bequeath unto my Grand Daughter Elizabeth
Gaither One Negroe Boy named Sam now in the possession
of William Gaither, her father

Item I give and bequeath unto my Grand Daughter Ann Gaither
one Negro Boy named Moses now in the possession of her father
William Gaither But my Will and pleasure is that my
Grand Daughters Martha Gaither, Elizabeth Gaither and
Nancy Gaither shall immediately after my Decease have
each of their Negroes left to them by me as Legacies valued
and shall each of them pay a proportionable part to my
said Grand Daughter Henrietta Poole so as to make her
Legacy equal to theirs

Also I give and bequeath unto my Grandson Brice Howard,
son of my late son Brice Howard deceased One Negroe Boy named
Ned son of Phebe

Item I give and bequeath unto my Grand Daughter Ann Howard
Daughter of my son Brice One Negroe Girl named Nanny

And lastly I do give and bequeath all the residue and remain-
-der of my Estate after my just Debts, Funeral Expences, and the
Legacies before mentioned are paid unto the Children of my late
Son Thomas Cornelius Howard and my Daughter Sarah Ducker,
except my Negroe Woman Rachel who is hereby emancipated
and set free from all kind of Servitude provided she behaves her-
-self in a proper manner Also I do hereby these presents nomi-
-nate and appoint my Grandson Brice Howard (son of my Son
Thomas Cornelius Howard) and John Rowan joint executors
of this my last Will and Testament revoking and Annulling all