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In the name of God amen I Margarett Cummings of Ann Arundel County & State of Maryland being in a declining State of health but of perfect sound mind & memory thanks be God for his great Mercies to me, and calling to mind the uncertainty of the time of my Departure hence, Do make and ordain this my Last Will & Testament that is to say principally & first of all I recommend my soul to God who gave it & my Body I leave to be buried in a Decent & Christian like Manner at the Discretion of my Executrix hereafter named And as to What Worldly Estate it has pleased God to bless me With in this Life I give devise & dispose of the same in the following Manner

First It is my Will & Desire that all my Just Debts be paid before any Distribution of my Estate take Place

Secondly I give & Bequeath to my Grand Daughter Margarett Dorsey & her Heirs forever all my Land Originally Called Gosnell's Chance containing one hundred & fifty Acres More or Less and also fifty Acres of Land part of a Tract of land originally Called Creaghs Enlargement which Last Tract has been resurveyed & since Called Cummings's Farm the said fifty Acres to be laid off to include the new Building & not to prejudice the remaining part of the Tract reserving nevertheless the use & Benefit arising from the said Land to my Daughter Mary Dorsey for & During the Term of her natural Life.

Thirdly I give & Bequeath to my Daughter Aramenta Cummings & her heirs forever All the remaining part of my Land originally Called Howard's Chance Mount Gilboa, Barnes's Luck Cummings's Bower & the remaining part of Creaghs Enlargment afterwards resurveyed & Called Cummings's Farm

Fourthly I give and Bequeath to my Grand Daughter Mary Dorsey one Negro Man named Bob to serve for & during the term of Seven Years, reserving the use of the said Negro Man during the said time to my Daughter Mary Dorsey and after the expiration of the said Servitude my Will & Desire & I do hereby Manumitt & give freedom to the Said Negro Bob

Fifthly I give & Bequeath to my Grand Daughter Elizabeth Dorsey one Negro Boy named Charles to serve untill he arrives at the Age of thirty one Years, reserving the use of the said Negro Boy to my Daughter Mary Dorsey, during her Natural Life, & after the expiration of the said thirty one Years. my Will & Desire is that the Said Boy should be liberated & Discharged

Sixthly I give & Bequeath to my Daughter Aramenta Cummings my Negro Woman named Chloe & her Increase named Peter, Harry, Poll, Ned, Kitty, & Flora & my desire is that the Said Negroes be Manumitted at the age of thirty one Years

Seventhly I give & Bequeath to my Daughter Aramenta Cummings my Negro Man named Jack to serve for & during the Term of Seven Years, Also I give and Bequeath to my Daughter Aramenta Cummings my Negro Women named Anna, Lucy & Suckey to serve untill they respectively arrive at the age of thirty one Years after which respective periods of Servitude my Will & Desire is & I do hereby manumitt & give freedom to the said Negroes named Jack, Anna, Lucy & Suckey

Eighthly I give & Bequeath to my Grand Daughter Margarett Dorsey my Negro Woman named Cate & her Increase to serve untill they respectively arrive at the age of thirty one Years, after which period, my Will & Desire is & I do hereby liberate & Give freedom to my Negro Woman named Cate & her Increase

Ninthly I give & Bequeath to my Negro Woman old Kitty her absolute & uncontrouled freedom & Discharge to go where she pleases or remain with the family at her Option

Tenthly I give & bequeath to my Daughter Aramenta Cummings one feather Bed & furniture my large Looking Glass large Dining Table & all my China & Plate Also I give & bequeath to my Daughter Aramenta Cummings my Crop of Corn & Hogs in the pen or Meat killed for the Consumption of the family

Eleventhly I give & bequeath to my Grand Daughter Margarett Dorsey one feather Bed & furniture

Twelfthly I give & Bequeath all the Residue of my personal Estate not heretofore particularly devised to be equally divided between my Daughters Mary Dorsey and Aramenta Cummings (the Stock of Horses & Cattle as now claimed by my Daughter Aramenta Cummings excepted, which I consider as her exclusive property

Lastly I hereby Constitute make and ordain my Daughter Aramenta Cummings my Sole Executrix of this my last & Testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me made & ratifying & confirming this & no other to be my last Will & Testament In Witness whereof I Margarett Cummings the Testator before named have set my hand & Seal this 31st Day of July Seventeen hundred & ninety Seven

Signed Sealed Published pronounced & declared by the Said Margarett Cummings in the presence of us the Subscribers
Caleb Dorsey of Thos
Charles Fox
John Talbott

Marg.t Cumming (Seal)