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my Grand Daught. Mary Ann Woodson. –

Item. I Give and bequeath unto my Grand Daughter Mary Ann Woodson. Negro Sylva and her Child Nace and one bed and furniture, likewise the Sum of One hundred pounds Specie, when she shall arrive to the Age of Sixteen Years. If she should die without Heir then my Will is that the above named property, shall return to the Children of my Daughter Martha Woodson and my Son William Woodson. –

Item. I Give and bequeath unto my Grand Daughter Caroline Woodson the Sum of one hundred pounds Specie, when she shall arrive at the Age of Sixteen Years, provided she shall die without Heirs then the above property to be equally divided between the Children of my Daughter – Martha Woodson. –

Item. I Give and bequeath, unto my Daughter – Martha Woodson, one feather Bed and furniture, In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 26. Day of – April. in the Year of our Lord. Eighteen hundred and four. –

Witness
Richard – Morrison
– Mary – Morrison –

Signed Sealed and do declare this my last Will and Testament
– Mary X Ricords (Seal)
her mark

– At the foot of the aforegoing Will is the following Probate to Wit –

– Anne Arundel County ss. } Then came Richard – Morrison one of the Subscribing
the 3d Day of January 1806 } Witnesses to the Within Will. of – Mary Ricords late of Anne Arundel County deceased. and made Oath on the holy Evangely of Almighty God that he did see the said – Mary Ricords make her Mark and Seal this Will. and that he heard her declare the same to be her last Will. that at the time of her so doing. she was to the best of his apprehension of sound and disposing mind. Memory and Understanding. and that he together with – Mary – Morrison the other Subscribing Witness. respectively subscribed their names as Witnesses to this Will in the presence and at the Request of the said – Mary Ricords and all in the presence of each other

Sworn before H. Gassaway Reg: Wills A. A. Coty

– Annapolis Decr. 26. 1805. –

In the – Name of God. – Amen, I John Grason of Queen Anns County State of – Maryland being Sick and Weak of body. but of sound mind and Memory. and being desirous to settle all my Worldly affairs, and thereby be the better prepared. to leave this World, when it shall please Almighty 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 commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God. and my body to the Earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executor hereafter named. and after my just Debts and funeral Charges are paid, I Give and bequeath as follows. – I Will and desire that my Slaves Charles, Jacob and Henny shall be free. and I do hereby set them free immediately after my decease. provided the time for which they shall be hired. shall have expired at the time of my decease, but if not. then at the expiration of the said time. – I Will and desire and I do hereby at the expiration of Twenty Years from the date hereof, set free my Slave – Maria. also my Slave Lazarus now thirteen Years of Age. I do declare shall be and I do now set him free. at the Age of Thirty Years. also my Slave John now ten Years of Age to be free at

the Age of Thirty. – My Will is and I do further declare that any issue which the said Maria may have shall also be free on their Respectively arriving to the Age of Twenty one Years. and also the issue of such issue born during her her or their Mothers time of Servitude shall at the Age last mentioned also be free. – I give and bequeath the said John for and during the time he is to serve as aforesaid to my Brother Richard Grayson, and – Maria to my Brother Thomas Grason during the time she is to serve as aforesaid. Also to my Brother William Grason Lazarus for and during the time he is to serve. –

I Give devise and bequeath all the Rest and Residue of my Estate Real personal or Mixed of every Nature and kind Whatever to be equally devided amongst my Brothers and Sisters of the Whole Blood. to them their heirs and Assigns for ever. and in case of the death of either Without leaving lawful issue and before his. her or their Arrival in the case of a Male to the Age of Twenty one Years. and in case of a female to the Age of Eighteen Years. that the part of such person or persons to be equally devided amongst the Surviving Brothers and Sisters. and the issue of any Brother or Sister who may then be dead. that is the issue of such deceased to stand in the place of and to have the same proportion as his her or their – Mother would have had if alive. – And lastly I do hereby Constitute and appoint Charles Hobbs to be sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament Revoking and Annulling all other Wills Ratifying and Confirming this and no other. In Witness Whereof I have this Twenty Sixth Day of December Eighteen hundred and five hereto set my hand and Seal. –

Signed. Sealed. published and declared by the above named John Grason to be his last Will and Testament in our presence. who at his Request. and in his presence as well as in the presence of each other. have hereto Subscribed our names as Witnesses thereto . . .

John Grason (Seal)

Lewis – Netti
Jona. Pinkney
John Davidson

On the back of the aforegoing Will are the following Probates to Wit –

– Anne Arundel County ss. } Then came Lewis Netti, Jonathan Pinkney and John Davidson
the 11th day of January 1806 } the three subscribing Witnesses to the Within last Will and Testament of John Grason late of the City of Annapolis deceased. and made Oath on the holy Evangely 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 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. –

Sworn before H. Gassaway Reg: Wills A. A. Coty

– Anne Arundel County ss. } Then came Charles Hobbs and made Oath on the holy
the 13th Day of January 1806 } Evangely of Almighty God. that the Within Instrument of Writing is the true, and Whole Will and Testament of John Grason late of the City of Annapolis deceased. that hath come to his hands or possession. and that he doth not know of any other –

Sworn before H. Gassaway Reg: Wills A. A. Coty

Exam.
H. Gassaway