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In the Name of God Amen I Richard Weedon of the State of Maryland, and of Anne Arundel County being weak of Body but of sound disposing mind and memory do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following to wit,

Item I give and bequeath unto my loving Wife Ruth Weedon if she should survive the present affliction under which she labours all my property of every description and sort – My Will and desire is that each and every of my Servants hereafter named shall be free from me and all persons claiming under me as they respectfully arrive at the age of thirty five Years. Negro Will now twenty three years. Negro Sophia now aged twenty three years, Negro Ann now aged fourteen Years – Negro Sidney now aged nine Years, Negro Ann now four Years. Negro James now two years, all of the above named Negroes to be freed from all person or persons at the time above specified –

Item My Will is provided my loving Wife Ruth Weedon does not survive, this affliction under which she now labours that the property given her of every kind and sort shall go to my Sister Hannah Mitchell and her Children which she now has, my Nephew Jonathan Weedon, and my Niece Elizabeth Weedon to be Equally divided among them share and share alike – Item I give provided my loving Wife should die and bequeath unto Susan Penn Wife of Joshua Penn of Anne Arundel County my Negro Girl Sidney until she arrives to the age of thirty five years as above specified – In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this Twelfth day of September in the year of our Lord 1812

Signed sealed and delivered in the presents of us the subscribers at the request of the Testator and in the presents of each other,

Richard Weedon (Seal)

John Merriken
John Weedon
Richard Merriken

Anne Arundel County Sct. Then Came John Weedon and Richard Merriken two of the the 21st day of November 1812 subscribing witnesses to the within will and made oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they did see the within named Richard Weedon sign and seal the said Will and that they heard him publish and declare the same to be his last Will that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehensions of sound disposing mind memory and understanding, and that they together with John Merriken the other subscribing witness respectively subscribed their names as witnesses to this will in the presence and at the Request of the said Richard Weedon and all in the presence of each other –

Sworn before Ar. Gassaway Regr. Wills AA Co. –

I Jane Brandel of Anne Arundel County in the State of Maryland do make and publish this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following to wit First I will and direct that my Negro Man Sam be free from bondage at the time of my death and I hereby declare the said Negro Man Sam to be free and Manumitted from Slavery and from the time of my Death from my heirs or any person or persons whatsoever claiming under me. Secondly I give and Bequeath unto my step Son Thomas Brandel one Broad Ax –

Thirdly my and direction is that all the rest of my property of whatsoever

(nature)

nature it may be that I may be possessed of at the time of my death except what is herein before devised after the payment of my Just debts and funeral Expences be Equally divided between my two Sons Richard Brandell and James Brandell, Lastly I hereby nominate and appoint my step Son Abel Brandel to be Executor of this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all former wills and Testaments, and Confirming this and none other to be my Last will and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this twenty day of November in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight hundred and Twelve,

Signed sealed published and declared by Jane Brandel the Testatrix above named on the day and year above mentioned as and for her last Will and Testament in the presents of us who at her request and in her presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto

Jane Brandel (Seal)

Thomas Norris of John
Benjamin Wells Jr.
Benjamin his + mark Winterson

Anne Arundel County Sct. } Then Came Abel Brandel and made oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that the within Instrument of writing is the true whole and last will and Testament of Jane Brandel late of Anne Arundel County deceased that hath come to his hands or possession and that he doth not know of any other

the 1st day December 1812

Sworn before Ar. Gassaway Regr. Wills AA County

Anne Arundel County Sct. } Then Came Thomas Norris of John and Benjamin Winterson the 1st day of December 1812 } two of the subscribing witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of Jane Brandel late of Anne Arundel County deceased and made oath on the holy Evangels of almighty God that they did see the Testatrix therein named sign and seal this will, and that they 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 their apprehensions of sound disposing mind memory and understanding, and that they together with Benjamin Wells Junr. the other subscribing witness respectively subscribed their names as witnesses to this Will, in the presence and at the request of the Testatrix and all in the presence of each other –

Sworn before Ar. Gassaway Regr. Wills AA Co. –

In the Name of God Amen I Elizabeth Simmons of Anne Arundel County State of Maryland, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following viz. First I give and bequeath to my well beloved Son Jeremiah Chapman Simmons a Negro Girl named Hagar until the year one thousand Eight hundred and fifteen any children that the said Hagar may have between this time and the above mentioned year one thousand Eight and fifteen I will to be left to the Children of the said Jeremiah Chapman Simmons after the Expiration of the year