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178. Anne Arundel County sct. } Then came Rezin Estep and Jeningham Drury two of the
the 21st Day of January 1817 } Subscribing Witnesses to the within Will of Eliel Gott late of
Anne Arundel County deceased, and made Oath on the holy Evangely of Almighty God,
that they did see the said Eliel Gott sign and seal this Will, and that they 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 their apprehensions of sound disposing mind, memory and under-
-standing, and that they together with Daniel Murray the other Subscribing Witness res-
-pectively subscribed their names as Witnesses to this Will in the presence and at the request
of the said Eliel Gott and all in the presence of each other.

Sworn before, Jno. Gassaway Reg. Wills aa. Cty.

In the Name of God Amen. I Margaret Sheppard of the City of Annapolis in
Anne Arundel County, being sick and weak of Body, but of sound, and disposing mind,
memory and understanding, considering the certainty of Death, and the uncertainty of
the time thereof, and being desirous to settle 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 & form
following, that is to say. First and principally I commit my Soul into the hands of
Almighty God that gave it, and my Body to the Earth, to be decently buried at the
discretion of my Executors herein after named, and, after my just Debts and funeral
charges are paid, I devise & bequeath as follows to wit. Item. I give and bequeath
unto my Son John Sheppard, the sum of One hundred Dollars to be paid to him by my
Executors at his arrival to the age of twenty one years, also one Feather Bed and
Furniture, which he has been accustomed to sleep on, the Bedstead being reserved for
my Daughter Mary. Item. I give and bequeath unto Margaret Schwarer, the
sum of one hundred Dollars current money. Item. I give and bequeath unto my
Daughters Mary Sheppard, and Elizabeth Sheppard, all the rest and residue of my
Estate, of whatsoever nature or kind it may consist of to be equally divided between
them share and share alike. Confiding in the discretion and integrity of my Executors, to
render to my two daughters Mary and Elizabeth, that Justice, which I am sure, will be
guided by the affection which they bear towards them on my account, my will and desire
is that the portion of property which they, may be entitled to receive shall be paid to them,
on the day of their Marriage or sooner if in their discretion they should see fit. The Interest
of their Estate to be applied annually for their support. And whereas I have
considerable Household Furniture, which may not be of immediate use, to my said
two Daughters Mary and Elizabeth; my Will and desire is that the same shall be sold,
and the money arising thereon to be be kept in the hands of my Executors, for their sole use
to be paid to them or either of them as is herein before directed. Further my Will and
desire is that in case of the Death of either of my Daughters, Mary and Elizabeth, before
their Marriage, that in that case the Survivor to Inherit the whole property herein
before bequeath, to them & each of them. Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint
my Brothers John Miller and Peter Miller Sole Executors of this my last Will and
Testament, revoking and annulling all former Wills by me heretofore made, ratifying
and confirming this and none other to be my last Will and Testament in Testimony
whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this sixth day of
January one thousand Eight hundred and Seventeen.

Signed Sealed, published and pronounced by the Testatrix
as her last Will and Testament in presence
of R. Welch of Wm
Sarah Goodwin

her
Margaret ✗ Sheppard (Seal)
mark.

Anne Arundel County sct. } Then came John Miller and Peter Miller, and made oath on
the 7th day of February 1817 } the holy Evangely of Almighty God, that the within Instrument
of Writing is the true and whole Will and Testament of Margaret Sheppard late of Anne
Arundel County deceased, that hath come to their hands or possession, and that they do
not know of any other,

Sworn before Jno. Gassaway Reg. Wills aa. Cty.

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179 Anne Arundel County sct. } Then came Robert Welch of Wm and Sarah Goodwin the subscri-
the 7th day of February 1817 } bing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of
Margaret Sheppard late of Anne Arundel County, deceased, and made oath on the holy
Evangely of Almighty God, that they did see the Testatrix therein named make her
mark 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 respectively signed 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, Jno. Gassaway Reg. Wills aa. Cty.

In the name of God, Amen. I Stephen Matheus of Anne Arundle County, being weak
in body, but of sound mind & memory, do make and publish this my last Will and testa-
-ment, in manner and form following, (that is to say) I manumit, release & set free from
servitude my Sister Sarah and her Son Stephen & any child or children she may have
on the first day of September next — (and after my just debts are paid) I give and
bequeath unto my beloved Wife Viney Matheus all the rest of my Estate (of every kind)
And lastly I appoint Philemon Plummer Junior sole Executor of this my last Will and
Testament, hereby revoking all former Wills by me made. In Witness whereof I have here-
-unto set my hand and seal this seventh day March in the year of our Lord 1816.

Signed, Sealed, published and declared by the above named
Stephen Matheus to be his last Will & testament in the
presence of us, who have hereunto subscribed our names
as Witnesses, in the presence of the testator.
Nathan Musgrave
Benjamin Scrivener

his
Stephen ✗ Matheus (Seal)
mark

Anne Arundel County sct. } Then came Philemon Plummer Junr. and made Oath on the
the 10th Day of February 1817 } holy Evangely of Almighty God, that the within Instrument
of Writing is the true whole and last Will and Testament of Stephen Matheus late of
Anne Arundel County deceased, that hath come to his hands or possession, and that he
doth not know of any other. Sworn before Jno. Gassaway Reg. Wills aa. Cty.

Anne Arundel County sct. } Then came Nathan Musgrave and Benjamin Scrivener the two
the 10th day of February 1817 } Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament
of Stephen Matheus late of Anne Arundel County, deceased, and made oath on the
holy Evangely of Almighty God, that they did see the Testator therein named make his
mark 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 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 all in the presence of each other.

Sworn before Jno. Gassaway Reg. Wills aa. Cty.

In the name of God, Amen. I, John Sunderland of Anne Arundel County, in the
State of Maryland, being desirous to settle my Worldly affairs the better to prepare me
to meet Death when it shall please 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. Item, I give and devise unto my beloved Wife Frances during her natural life my
dwelling plantation called Patuxent fishery, and after her death, I give and devise the
same to my Grand daughter Maria Sunderland, daughter of my late deceased son Jesse
Sunderland, and her heirs forever, reserving however to Elizabeth Sunderland, Widow of
my said deceased son Jesse, the use of one third of said plantation during her natural
life, after the death of my Wife — And provided my said Grand daughter Maria Sun-
-derland should die without heirs lawfully begotten of her body, then I devise the land
or plantation aforesaid to my Grand Son John Sunderland son of my son Zachariah
Sunderland, and his heirs forever — Item. I give and devise to my Grandson John
Sunderland, Son of my son Zachariah, my plantation, part of Sterling's Rest purchased