8)

Inheritance To him and his Heirs for Ever, And in Case of his Death without Lawfull Heirs of his Body begotten, to become the Lawful right of his Brother or Brothers above Mentioned. —

Signed, Sealed, published, pronounced and Declard by the Testator William his W Ridgely (Seal) mark

In presence of ——

William Haslup

Thomas Jiams

John Haslup

Jacob Ryan

On the Back of the aforegoing Will was thus Written

Ann Arundel County to wit, Octr. 27th. 1790 Then came Thomas Jiams & John Haslup two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of William Ridgely late of the said County deceased and Severally made Oath that they did see the Testator sign and seal this Will & that they heard him publish pronounce & 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 apprehension of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding & that they together with William Haslup & Jacob Ryan Signed their Names as Witnesses to this Will in the presence and at the Request of the Testator & in the presence of each other. —

Sworn before me. Thos. Gassaway Regr. Wills. —

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In the Name of God Amen I William Jiams (Son of George) of Ann Arundel County in ye. State of Maryland. being Weak in Body but of Sound Mind Perfect memory and Understanding Considering the Certainty of Death and the Uncertainty of time thereof. and being desirous to Settle my Worldly Affairs and thereby be the better prepard to leave this World when it shall please God to Call me hence, do therefore make and Publish this my last Will and Testament, Revoking all other Wills heretofore by me made in Manner and form following. —

First. I Commit my Soul into the hands of Almighty God and my Body to the Earth to be decently buried by the discretion of my Executors herein After Named and after my debts and funeral Charges are paid I devise and Bequeath as follows.

Item. I give and Bequeath to my Loving Brother Jacob Jiams all my Wearing Apparel of what kind Soever, also a Negroe Lad called Sam during his Life and after his decease. I give the said Negro Sam to my Nephew William Jiams son of Jacob to Him and his Heirs for Ever. —

(Item

9) Item I give and Bequeath to Margarett Williams Daughter of Benjamin Williams deceased and Comfort his Wife, one Negro Woman Called Pris with her two Children Nancy and Mary, to her and her Heirs Lawfully Begotten of her Body for ever, to be paid to her by my Executrs hereafter Mentioned, at the Age of Sixteen Years, or on the day of Marriage with all her future Increase — But if she die without Issue then I give the above Mentd Negroes to my Nephew William Welch and his Heirs forever —

Item. I give and Bequeath to William St. Lawrence Son of Eleanor one Mare Colt Called Harmony to Him and his Heirs forever — —

Item. I give and Bequeath to Mrs. Sarah Collins, a Negro Girl called Lucy during her life, also five Hundred Pounds Common Money with a Young Cow and Calf to be paid on demand, and after her decease I give the above Mentioned Girl Lucy to my Nephew William Welch and his Heirs for ever. —

Item. I give and Bequeath to Edward Hall Son of Henry, my little Brown Horse Called Brigadoar to Him and his Heirs for ever. —

Item. It is my Will and Desire that my Bay Stallion Called Highland Laddy be exposed to Publick Sale, as soon as my Executors may think proper, after my decease, and the Money Arising therefrom to be equally devided, between my Nephew William Welch, Edward Hall of Hy, and Avis Smith, formerly Avis Day. —

Item. I give and Bequeath to my Nephew William Welch, all my Dwelling Plantation Whereon I now live. it being part of a Tract of Land called Hickory Hills with all the Residue of my Estate both Real and Persl. after paying the Above Mentiond Legacyes. and my Just Debts to Him and his Heirs forever, Lawfully begotten of his Body, but if my Nephew William Welch Dies without Issue. then my Will is that my Above Mentioned Estate, Meaning his part, be equally devided between his Surviving Brothers and Sisters, Both Real and Personal in the Best Manner they may think proper — —

And Lastly, I do hereby Constitute and appoint my Nephew William Welch and Edward Hall of Hy to be Joynt 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 Set my hand and Seal this Eleventh Day of Feby 1790

Signed Sealed Published and declared by the Testator to be his last Will and Testament in the Presence of — — —

William his + mark Jiams (Seal)

(Jiams)