James L Stewart
Thomas King
James McGhehart

At the foot of the aforegoing Will was thus Written Anne Arundel County ss. The 15th November 1780 – Then came James L Stewart Thomas King and James McGhehart the three subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of William Jams late of Anne Arundel County deceased and made Oath on the holy Evangels 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 —

Examined } Sworn before Thos. Gassaway Regr. Wills Anne A County.

Maryland ss.

In the Name of God Amen this Tenth day of August 1780. James Riggs of Ann Arundel County knowing the uncertainty of this State doe make this my Last will & Testament in manner and form Following ——

Item — I Give & Bequeath to my Beloved Sister Achsah Brown during her Natural Life the Land & Plantation whereon I now Live called Hickings Chance & Dorsey's Friendship Likewise a Small Tract of Land called the Slip & after my aforesd. Sister's Death all the above Lands I Give & Bequeath to my beloved Kinsman James Riggs Son of Elisha & his heirs for Ever & in Case of his Death without Issue I Give the above Lands to my Kinsman Elisha Brown & his heirs for ever ——

Item — I Give & Bequeath to my aforesd. Sister Achsah Brown all my Stock of Horses Cattle, Sheep Hogs & of all Kinds, likewise all the Crop of Corn & all other Grain that may be on the Plantation at my Death ——

Item — I Give & Bequeath to my Kinsman James Riggs son of Elisha my Plantation whereon Thos. Gaither is now over sear, and his heirs for ever & Case of his Death to my Kinsman Thos. Riggs son of Saml. & his heirs for ever which Plantation is to be in the cear of my Executor & Carried on for his use Untill he shall come to the age of Twenty one years & then the said Executor to Give him full Possession ——

Item — I Give & Bequeath to my Beloved Sister Achsah Brown my Negro man Coffey his wife Nan & her all her Increase, Likewise Long Tamer & her Child Suck, & Long Nick to her Heirs for ever ——

Item — I Give & bequeath to my Kinsman James Riggs son of Elisha young Nick, Tom & young Bett, which Negroes are to be in my Excrs. cear untill he shall come to the age of 21 yrs.

Item — I Give & bequeath to my Kinswoman Henrietta Riggs Daugr. of Saml. my Melatto Girl named Sal & her heirs for ever ——

Item — I Give & bequeath to my Kinswoman Polly Riggs Daugr. of Saml. my Melatto Girl Named Fanny & her heirs for ever ——

Item — I Give & Bequeath to my Kinsman Thos. Riggs son of Saml. my Melatto Boy Bob & his Heirs for ever

Item — I Give & Bequeath to my Loving Brother Amos Riggs my Negro woman Cate & her Son Charles & all the Increase she may have hereafter ——

Item — I Give my Kinswoman Ann Riggs Daugr. of Elisha my Negro Girl Luse & her Increase to be paid her by my Excr. at the day of marridge ——

Item — I Give my Kinswoman Polly Riggs Daugr. of Elisha my Negro Girl Rachel & her increase to be paid her by my Excr. at the day of Marridge ——

Item — I Give my Kinswoman Sarah Riggs Daugr. of Elisha my Negro Boy Joshua to be paid her by Excrs. at the day of Marridge ——

Item — I Give my beloved Sister Mary Griffith Negro Girl Pheba & boy Sam during her natural Life, and after her Death to her Daugr. Ann Griffith with her Increase ——

Item — I Give my beloved Sister Ann Highland my Negro Girl Henny during her natural Life & after her Death to her Eldest Daugher with her increase ——

Item — I Give my beloved Kinsman James Warfield my Negro Boy Billey ——

I Doe hereby appoint my Friend Saml. Brown my whole & Sole Excr. who is to Edicate & bring up James Riggs son of Elisha & in Case of my Excrs. Death I Doe appoint my beloved Brother Saml. Riggs my Excr. of this my Last Will. In Witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & Affixed my Seal ——

Witness
Joshua Dorsey
James his ✝ mark Frost
Caleb Dorsey
Benja Dorsey

James Riggs (Seal)

On the Back of the aforegoing Will was the following endorsement to wit ——

Ann Arundel County ss. Nov. 23d. 1780 } Came Joshua Dorsey James Frost and Caleb Dorsey three of the Subscribing Witnesses to the aforegoing Will and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they did see the Testator James Riggs sign and Seal this Will & that they heard him Publish and declare the same to be his last Will & Testament, that at the Time of his so doing he was to the best of their Apprehensions of sound & disposing mind Memory & understanding & that they together with Benja Dorsey 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 Thos. Gassaway Regr. Wills Ann A Co.

On the 16th Day of September 1780 came Sarah Riggs the Widow of James Riggs