in presence of us who in his presence and at his request & in the presence of each other have Subscrib'd our Names as Witnesses — — —

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

Anne Arundel County ss: 22nd. June 1784 — — — — — Then came Joseph Cowman and Richard Cowman two of the subscribing Witnesses to the aforegoing Will and being of the People called Quakers did solemnly declare and affirm that they did see the Testator Thomas Norris Sign and Seal this Will and that they heard him publish 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 together with Thomas Morton Jr. and Richard Bryant 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 for AA Cty

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In the Name of God Amen. I John Wathins Senior of the parish of Saint James's in Ann Arundel County Gentleman being of perfect mind and disposing Memory but calling to mind, and daily Considering the uncertainty of humanlife, do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following — — —

Imprimis. I give and Bequeath unto my Son John Wathins Junr. one Moiety or half undivided part of all my dwelling plantation whatsoever, and whensoever to him and his heirs for ever —

Item. I Give and bequeath unto my Son Benjamin Wathins one Moiety or half undivided part of my Dwelling Plantation Viz. such as I have not heretofore devised to (my Son John to him and his heirs for ever

Item. I Give unto my Son John Wathins after payment of all my just debts one fifth part of my personal Estate to him and his heirs and Assigns for ever — — —

Item. I Give unto my Son Benjamin Wathins after the payment of all my just Debts one fifth part of all my personal Estate to him and his heirs and Assigns for ever — — —

Item — I Give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Margaret Wathins one Negro Girl named polly to her and her heirs and Assigns for ever —

Item. I also devise unto my said Daughter Margaret Wathins after payment of all just Debts the one fifth part of my personal Estate, and I appoint my Executors hereafter mentioned to be Trustees and to hold the last mentioned property in Trust for my Daughter Margaret Wathins. till She attain to the Age of Twenty years or the day of her Marriage which may happen first — I Give and devise unto my Grandson John, the son of my Daughter Elizabeth deceas'd after payment of all my just debts one fifth part of my personal Estate I also Give unto my said Grand son John above mentioned the Mortgage of Samuel Smiths Land with every Clause perquisite, Income, and Appurtenance thereunto belonging to his only Use, and behoof. the same being of what kindsoever when he arrives to the Age of Twenty one Years And I appoint my Executors hereafter mentioned to be Trustees, and to hold, the same, together with every other of his dividend of my personal Estate, for my said Grandson John till he attain to the said Age or day of his Marriage which may happen first —

Item. I Give and devise to my Executors hereafter named one fifth part of my personal Estate after payment of all my just debts In Trust Nevertheless that my said Trustees shall pay or cause to be paid to my Daughter Mary Ann Bett for her Sole and Separate use, the yearly profits arising from the last mentioned Bequest and after her decease I Give the said fifth part of my personal Estate to my Grand Daughter Esther Bett, provided always that such part of my property as has already been or shall hereafter be lent to my said Daughter shall be Consider'd as a part of my personal Estate — —

Item. I do will and direct, that my Blacksmith Negro Simon commonly called Sye, and my Negro Wench called Sue shall upon a division of my personal Estate, make choice of any one of my Children to be their Master or Mistress and such Choice when made, shall be Carried into immediate Effect — — —

Item. I will and direct that all my Negroes be equally divided, Share and Share alike between all my said Children — — —

Lastly I do Constitute and appoint my two Sons John Wathins and Benjamin Wathins Executors of this my last Will and Testament. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal, this 11th. Eleventh day of March Anno Domini One Thousand seven hundred and Eighty one —

Signed, Sealed, Published and Declared by the said John Wathins the above named Testator, as and for his last Will and Testament — John Wathins Sr. (Seal)

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