they saw the Testator William St. Laurence sign and Seal this Will and that they heard him publish pronounce and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament and 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 for AA Co.

In the Name of God Amen

I Thomas Jiams of the City of Annapolis, being very Sick and weak in body, but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be unto god; calling unto mind the Mortality of my Body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament. that is to say principally, and first of all I Give and recommend my Soul into the hand of Almighty God that Gave it and my Body I recommend to the Earth, to be buried in Decent Christian Burial, at the Discretion of my Executrix hereafter named; nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection, I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God. And as touching such worldly Estate, wherewith it hath pleased God to Bless me in this Life, I Give devise, and Dispose of the same in the following manner and form

Imprimis. It is my Will and Desire that all my just Debts be paid, out of my Estate

Item. I Give and bequeath unto my Dear beloved Wife Ann Jiams a Negro Girl called Rachel, with all my houshold furniture, whatsoever to me belonging, and all my live Stock, Debts, and every kind of moveable Effects, to her & her Heirs for ever, and who I do appoint my whole and Sole Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament, And I do hereby utterly disallow, Revoke, and Disannul, all and every other former Testaments, Wills, Legacies, Bequests, and Executors by me in any ways before named, Willed and bequeathed ratifying and Confirming this, and no other

to be my Last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal, this fourth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and Eighty Six

Signed, Sealed, published, pronounced and Declared by the said Thomas Jiams, as his Last Will and Testament in the presence of us who in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our Names

Charles Ridgley
Benjamin Welsh
Benjamin Ward

} Thomas Jiams (Seal)

Be it known unto all men by these presents, that I Thomas Jiams of the City of Annapolis, have made and declared my Last Will & Testament in writing bearing date the fourth day of January, one Thousand Seven hundred & eighty Six I the said Thomas Jiams, by this present Codicil, do Ratify and Confirm, my said Last Will & Testament, and do farther give and Bequeath unto my loving Brother Samuel Jiams, all my wearing apparel, to be delivered by my Executrix, and my Will and meaning is, that this Codicil be adjuged to be a part and parcel of my last Will & Testament & that all things therein mentioned & contained, be faithfully & truly performed & as fully & amply in every respect, as if the same, were so declared & set down in my last Will & Testament. Witness my hand this fourth day of January 1786

Signed in the presence of us.
Charles Ridgly
Benjamin Welsh
Benjamin Ward

} Thomas Jiams

On the back of the foregoing Will and Codicil was thus Written viz:

An Arundel County ss. January 14th 1786 } Then Came Charles Ridgley Benjamin Welsh and Benjamin Ward the three subscribing Witnesses to the aforegoing Will and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they did see the Testator Thomas Jiams sign and Seal this Will and that they heard him publish pronounce and declare the same to be his Last Will and Testament and 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