Thousand Seven hundred and Eighty Six
Sighned Seales and published
Declared and Delivered by the say'd
Ritchard Joyce the Testator for and
as his Last Will and Testament in the
presence of us who have subscribed our Names
as Witnesses

Ritchard his Joyce (Seal)
Mark

Joseph Mayo
John Hillman

On the back of the aforegoing Will was
the following endorsment to wit

Ann Arundel County Sc. } Then Came Joseph Mayo and John Hillman
March 27th 1786 } the two subscribing Witnesses to the aforegoing
Will and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they
did see the Testator Richard Joyce 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 Tho: Gassaway Regr Wills for AA Co

# In the Name of God Amen

I James Owens of Ann Arundell County in the State of Maryland
Planter being Weakly but of sound and disposing mind memory and under-
standing, 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
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.
First and principally I commit my Soul into the hands of Almighty
God and my body to the Earth to be decently buryed at 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 unto my Son Edward Owens and his heirs
one Negro man named Jerry aged about thirty years now in his
Possession

Item I Give and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah Gardner and her heirs one
Negro man named David aged about twenty five years now in her possession

Item I Give and bequeath unto my Son James Owens and his heirs one Negroe
Woman called Hannah aged about twenty years now in his Possession, with
her Increase

Item I Give and bequeath unto my Daughter Ann Macdaniel and her
heirs, one Negroe Woman named Poll aged about Sixteen years with
her Increase now in her Possession

Item I Give and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary Shepherd and her
heirs one Negroe boy named Bazil aged about Sixteen years and one
Negroe Girl named Grace aged about Eight years with her Increase now in
her Possession

Item I Give and bequeath unto my daughter Jane Owens and her heirs
one Negroe boy named Little Jack aged about twenty years

Item I Give and bequeath unto my grand Son Henry Owens Son of my Son Henry
the sum of forty Pounds Current money

Item I Give and bequeath unto my Son Benjamin Owens and his heirs one
Negroe boy called Harry aged about twelve years, and the sum of Fifty pounds
Current Money

Item I Give and bequeath unto my Son Archibald Owens and his heirs one Negroe
boy called Sam aged about twelve years and the sum of fifty Pounds Cur-
rency

Item I Give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Owens and her heirs
one Negroe Girl called Lucky aged about Eight years and the Sum of fifty
Pounds Current money

Item I Give and bequeath unto my daughter Martha Owens and her heirs one
Negroe Girl named Rachell aged about Six years and the Sum of fifty pounds
Current Money

Item I Give and bequeath unto my Son William Owens, and his heirs one Negroe
boy named Isaac aged about four years and the Sum of Sixty Pounds Current
Money

And as for all my Lands and Improvements my Will and desire is that
they be sold at public Sale to the highest bidder at my youngest Sons
arriving to the age of twenty one Years or if my Executors hereafter
named be of Opinion that it be for the Advantage of the Estate
and benefit of my Children to sell the Lands and Improvements at any