Ann Arundel County }
May 18th 1786 } Then Came Richard Hopkins BN and being one of the People called Quakers did solomnly affirm and declare, and Richard Higgins, who made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that they did sign their names as Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of Edward Edwards late of Ann Arundel County Deceased, and 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 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 together with Richard Hopkins of Geo: and John Cowman 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.

In the Name of God Amen

I Anne Hammond of Ann Arundel County in the State of Maryland being of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding, 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 buried at the discretion of my Executrix, hereinafter named

Item I Give devise and bequeath to my daughter Hamutul Welsh all my part of that tract or parcell of Land Situated and lying on Elk Ridge in Ann Arundel County called and known by the name of Majors Choice (except the part whereon my Son Charles Hammonds improvements now Stands being the place whereon he now dwells) to my said Daughter during her Natural life - after which to my Son Charles Hammond his heirs and Assigns forever

Item I Give and bequeath to my Daughter Hamutul Welsh the four following Negroes and their Increase for ever by name Sue (and her Child) Harry - Sam & Harry to her and her heirs forever

Item I Give and bequeath to my Son Charles Hammond the two following Negroes by Name, Jack and Charles, to him his heirs and Assigns forever

Item I Give and bequeath to my Daughter Hannah Welsh, ten pounds Curr.t Money

Item I Give and bequeath to my Daughter Ruth Griffith ten pounds Curr.t Money

Item I Give and bequeath to my Daughter Rachel Machelfresh, ten pounds Curr.t Money

Item I Give and bequeath to my Daughter Hamutul Welsh, all the Residue and remainder of my Personal Estate of every kind whatsoever, after all my just Debts, funeral Expences, and Legacy's to my three Daughters before named, Hannah Welsh Ruth Griffith and Rach.l Machlefresh, are paid, to her, her heirs and Assigns forever

And Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my Daughter Hamutul Welsh my Executrix 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 affixed my Seal this first day of December, Anno Domini, One Thousand Seven hundred and Seventy Nine

Signed Sealed published and Declared by Anne Hammond the within named Testator as and for her Last Will and Testament, in the presence of us, who at her request and in her presence have Subscribed our names as Witnesses thereto

Rebecca Dorsey
Joseph Howard
Edw.d Gaither Jr.

Ann. Hammond (Seal)

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

Ann Arundel County }
July 1st 1786 } Then Came Joseph Howard and Edward Gaither Jr. two of the subscribing Witnesses to the aforegoing Will and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they did see the Testatrix Ann Hammond sign and Seal this Will and that they heard her publish pronounce and declare the same to be her Last Will and Testament and that at the time of her so doing she was to the best of their apprehensions of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding and that they together with Rebecca Dorsey respectively subscribed their names as Witnesses to this Will in the presence and at the request of the Testatrix and in the presence of each other