and at the Request of the Testator and in the presence of each other Sworn before Mr. Gassaway Regr. Wills A A Coty.

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In the Name of God Amen, I John Merriken Senr. of Ann Arundell County being Weak in Body but of perfect Mind and Memory knowing the Certainty of Death and the Uncertainty of the time thereof being desirous to settle the affairs of this life and to dispose of What it has pleased Almighty God to bless me with, do make this my last Will and Testament in Manner and form following —

Item I Give and devise unto my dear Wife Elizabeth Merriken Negro Grace, Sam Jacob & Phill during her Natural Life. I Give unto my Sons, John and Richard Merriken my Plantation whereon I now live after the Death of my dear Wife, I Give and devise unto my Son Joshua Merriken, Negro Sam and Jack, I give unto my Daughter Ann Gardiner Negro Poll and her Increase I Give to my Son John Merriken, Negro Tom and James. I Give unto my Son Richard Merriken. Negro Nace and Jone and her Increase and Negro Hannah and her Increase and Negro Jacob after the Death of my dear Wife. I Give to my Grand Daughter Sarah Merriken a Negro Girl named Sarah. My Will is that my Son Richard Merriken shall pay unto my Grand Sons Joseph, Robert Thomas and John and Henry Merriken the Sum of Ten pounds a peice when they arive to the Age of Twenty one Years, and if either or all of them should die before they come at Age the Money is to remain with my Son Richard Merriken I Give and devise unto my dear Wife all my Stock of every kind and all my House hold furniture of every kind during her life and after her Death to be equealy divided between my Sons Joshua, John & Richard Merriken I Revoke all former Wills by me made and have hereunto set my hand and Seal this twenty Eight day of January one thousand Seven hundred and Ninty three.

Signd Seald and by the Testator Acknowledged to be his last Will } John Merriken Senr. (Seal)

and Testament in the presence of } I hereby appoint my Sons John and Richard Merriken Executors of this my last Will and Testament, and that there shall be no Appraisement by any Means. —

Richard Weedon
James Boardman
William Carrickson Junr.

At the foot of the foregoing Will was thus Written Viz.t —

Anne Arundel County Sct. the 25th Day of March 1794 } Then came John Merriken and Richard Merriken the Executors appointed in the within last Will and Testament of John Merriken Senr. late of Anne Arundel County deceased, and made Oath on the holy Evangels of Almighty God that this Instrument of Writing is the only true and last Will and Testament of the said deceased, which came to their hands and possession and that they do not know of any other —

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Anne Arundel County Sct. the 25th day of March 1794 } Then came James Boardman and William Carrickson Junr. two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the Within last Will and Testament of John Merriken Senr. late of Anne Arundel County deceased, and made Oath on the holy Evangels of Almighty God that they saw 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 a sound and disposing Mind Memory and Understanding and that they together with Richard Weedon the other Subscribing Witness respectively Subscribed their Names as Witnesses thereto in the presence and at the Request of the Testator and all in the presence of each other. —

Sworn before Mr. Gassaway Regr. Wills A A Coty

Anne Arundel County Sct. the 25th Day of March 1794 } Then came John Merriken and Richard Merriken the Executors appointed in the within last Will and Testament of John Merriken Senr. late of Anne Arundel County deceased, and refused to Act as Executors to said Will by Virtue of such Appointment and therefore renounced all their Right Title and Claim to said Executorship accordingly before

Examind } Mr. Gassaway Regr. Wills A A Coty