Sworn before — —

Examined } Mr Gassaway Reg^r Wills A A County —

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In the Name of God Amen I Samuel Shekells of Ann Arundel County in the State of Maryland being sick and weak of Body but of perfect Mind Memory and understanding, considering the Certainty of Death and uncertainty of the time thereof 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 ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following — — — — — — — — — —

First 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 Executors hereafter Named and such worldly Estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life after my just debts and funeral charges are paid I devise and bequeath as follows — —

Item I Give and bequeath unto my Son Richard Shekells his heirs and Assigns forever. Seventy Acres of Land including my dwelling houses and orchards and to be laid off towards the main road leading from Mount pleasant ferry to Rigg point being part of a tract of Land called Shekells Chance containing one hundred sixty five Acres and three eights of an acre of Land, and also one negro man named Charles about twenty Seven Years of Age — — — — — — — — — —

Item I Give and bequeath unto my three daughters Durrance Nutwell Mary Parker and Deborah Essex and their heirs forever the remainder part of my dwelling plantation called Shekells Chance containing Ninety five Acres and three eights of an acre of Land to be equally

divided between them — — — — — — —

Item I Give and bequeath unto my Daughters Ann Carter and Agness Griffith one shilling sterling each and no more than what they have already enjoyed — — — —

Item It is likewise my Will and desire that the following property be equally devided between my Son Richard Shekells Durrance Nutwell Mary Parker and Deborah Essex to Wit — — — — — — — — — — — —

One Negro woman named Nell about thirty Seven Years of Age one Girl named Pall, eight Years, one Boy named Nace three Years, one Child called little Nell about eight Months old all my Household furniture, Cattle, Hogs Plantation utensills, my Funeral charges and lawful Debts being first paid and the remainder as above mentioned — — — — — — — — — —

Lastly I Constitute and appoint my Son Richard Shekells and Thomas Parker whole and Sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament revoking all other Wills by me made. In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and affixed my Seal this fifth Day of November one thousand seven Hundred and Ninety four — — — — — —

Signed Sealed published and pronounced by the testator to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of — Samuel Shekell (Seal)

Barzillia Simmons —
Zachariah Macconey —
Samuel Ward Junr —

At the foot and on the back of the aforegoing Will are the following Probates to Wit

Ann Arundel County ss } Then came Richard Shekells
the 5th day of December 1794 } and Thomas Parker Executors of the last Will and Testament of Samuel Shekells late of Anne Arundel County deceased, and made Oath on the holy Evangels of Almighty God, that this Instrument of writing is the true whole and last Will and Testament of the deceased, which hath come to their