In the name of God amen, I John Claggett, of Edward of Ann Arundel County in the State of Maryland, being in perfect health of body and of sound and disposing mind memory & 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 recommend my Soul to God who gave it and my body to the Earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors herein after named & touching such Worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bestow on me, I dispose of, in the following manner: Item I give and devise unto my beloved Wife Cassandra Claggett, and to my son Walter Claggett during my said Wife's Widow-hood the use and benefit of all my Dwelling plantation which I purchased of John Nelson Gray and Mr. Lucy Crabb but in case they should not agree to work it together, it is my Will and I do hereby direct, that my son Walter, shall hold and occupy all the Land on the North side of the main Road that leads through my said plantation, from London Town to Queen Anne in Prince George's County; and after the Death or Intermarriage whichever shall first happen, of my said Wife, I give and devise the aforesaid land or plantation to my Son Walter Claggett and the Heirs of his body lawfully begotten; and in case my son Walter should die without issue of his body lawfully begotten, then I give and devise the aforesaid Land or plantation to my son Samuel White Claggett and the Heirs of his body lawfully begotten; and in case my Son Samuel White Claggett should die, without Issue of his body lawfully begotten, then I give and devise the aforesaid Land or Plantation to my son William Claggett, and the Heirs of his body lawfully begotten, intending and desiring to devise the aforesaid Land or plantation in fee tail special, to each of my aforesaid Sons - but expressly, on condition, that my said Son Walter Claggett do pay unto my son Samuel White Claggett, the sum of four hundred pounds

Current

Current Money, within twelve months after my decease.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my Son Walter Claggett all my out standing Debts, whether on bond, note, bill or Account, and all the money in hand, at the time of my decease, he paying all my just Debts out of the same.

Item I give and bequeath unto my said sons Walter and Samuel White Claggett all my Negroes, Stock of every kind, household furniture and all kind of plantation utensils, which are to be kept on the plantation and used for the sole benefit and advantage of my beloved Wife, during her natural life or Widowhood, and no longer; but after the Death, or intermarriage of my said Wife I give and bequeath all of the aforesaid personal property, equally to be divided between my three Sons Walter, Samuel and William My two Sons Walter & Samuel are mentioned alone in the first part of this Clause, because it is my Will that they alone should have the direction of the above property, during the life, or Widow hood, of my beloved Wife.

Item.. I give and bequeath unto my son Samuel White Claggett, after the Death or Intermarriage of my said Wife, six silver Tea Spoons, Tongs and Strainer.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my three Sons Samuel, William & Walter every kind of property whatever, not before bequeathed or given to be equally divided between them, their Heirs and Assigns, forever.

Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my Sons Walter and Samuel Executors of this my last Will and Testament, revoking and annulling all former Wills by me heretofore made, ratifying and confirming this, and no other, to be my last Will and Testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this sixteenth Day of May, in the Year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and One.

John Claggett of Edwd. (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published and declared, by John Claggett of Edwd. as and for his last Will & Testament in presence of us, who, at his request and in his presence, subscribed our Names as Witnesses thereto.

Thos. C. Bowie
Thos. Lansdale
William Wells

Anne Arundel County Sct. the 4th Day of August 1801. Then came Walter Claggett one of the Executors of the last Will and Testament of John Claggett, of Edwd. late of Anne Arundel County deceased and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of