named within one month after my decease. It is to be understood that the devises and bequests to my said Wife of the property before mentioned, is to be in lieu of her thirds and dower of, in or to my real and personal Estate. Item. I devise and bequeath all the rest and residue of my Estate both real and personal to be equally divided among my children that is to say, one equal share or portion to my Son John Ridgely, his heirs, and assigns; one other equal share or portion to my son Charles Ridgely his heirs and assigns; one other equal share or portion to my son David Ridgely his heirs and assigns; one other equal share or portion to my Son Richard Ridgely his heirs and assigns; one other equal share or portion to my Daughter Elizabeth Weems Wife of James A. Weems her heirs and assigns; one other equal share or portion to my Daughter Kitty Ridgely her heirs and assigns; One other equal share or portion to my son Nicholas Ridgely his heirs and assigns; and one other equal share or portion to James Hooper, Nicholas Hooper and John Hooper children of my deceased Daughter Mary Hooper their heirs and assigns. And whereas I have from time to time advanced to and have claims against my sons in law James A. Weems and Nicholas Hooper, and sundry of my Sons and which at this time appear by my Books to be charged against them respectively to the following amounts; that is to say James A. Weems the sum of One thousand Dollars; Nicholas Hooper the sum of One Thousand Dollars; John Ridgely the sum of six hundred and seventy four Dollars; Charles Ridgely the sum of Thirteen hundred and Sixty three Dollars and David Ridgely the sum of One thousand Dollars: Now it is to be understood that the said respective sums and any other sum or sums, claim or claims which I may hereafter advance to or have against the said above mentioned persons or any other of my children at the time of my decease, shall be considered as so much paid of the share or portion to which such child or children shall be entitled out of my Estate, it being also understood that the advances so made or to be made to and claim against my son in law James A. Weems shall be considered as so much paid on account of the share or portion to which my Daughter Elizabeth shall be entitled out of my Estate; and that the advances so made or to be made to and claim against my son in law Nicholas Hooper shall be considered as so much paid on account of the share or portion to which my said Grand Children the children of my Daughter Mary shall be entitled out of my Estate: And it is also to be understood that no Interest shall be charged on any of the above sums so advanced or to be advanced as herein before mentioned unless where Bonds or notes have been or shall be taken therefor. I hereby vest my Executors hereinafter named, or the survivor of them with full power and authority to lease, release, sell and convey all or any portion of my real Estate not herein devised to my Wife; as may in their judgment appear most conducive to the interest and for the benefit of those concerned and I direct that my Executors hereinafter named shall at their discretion keep in repair such of my houses as shall require repairing. And Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my Sons John Ridgely and David Ridgely Executors of this my last Will and Testament; and in case of the death of either of them the other to act as sole Executor, 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 fourteenth day of February in the

year of Our Lord one Thousand Eight hundred and sixteen.

Signed, Sealed, published and declared by the above named Testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us, who at his request, in his presence and presence of each other have subscribed our names as Witnesses thereto. Absom Ridgely (Seal)

Louis Gassaway
William Warfield
Fred.k Harwood

Anne Arundel County sc.t Then came John Ridgely and David Ridgely and made
the 24.th Day of July 1810 Oath on the holy Evangely of Almighty God, that the
within Instrument of Writing is the true whole and last Will and Testament
of Absalom Ridgely late of Anne Arundel County deceased, that hath come to
their hands and possession, and that they do not know of any other.

Sworn before Wm. Gassaway Reg.r Wills aa.c.t

Anne Arundel County sc.t Then came Louis Gassaway, William Warfield and
the 24.th Day of July 1810. J Fredrick Harwood the three subscribing Witnesses to
the written last Will and Testament of Absalom Ridgely late of Anne Arundel
County deceased, and made Oath on the holy Evangely of Almighty God, 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,
that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehensions of
sound 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 all in the presence of each other.

Sworn before Wm. Gassaway Reg.r Wills aa.c.t

In the name of God, Amen. I Robert Warfield Senr. of Anne Arundel County
in the State of Maryland, being sick and weak in body, but of sound and dis-
posing 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 nephew Robert Warfield
herein after named and after my debts and funeral charges are paid I bequeath
as follows: First of All. I give immediate Freedom to my negro Woman named Sue.
Also. I give and bequeath to my nephew Greenbury Warfield my negro Woman named
Abigail, till she shall arrive at twenty five years of age, at which Time it is my
desire she shall be set free, and likewise all her Offspring shall be set free at
Twenty five years of age. I also give him Sixty Dollars. Also, I give and
bequeath to my Niece Mary Warfield my Negro Girl named Mary till she shall
arrive at the age of Twenty five years and then to be set free and likewise all her offspring
shall be set free at Twenty five years of age: Also, I give and bequeath to my Niece
Sarah Duvall, my negro Girl named Meal till she shall arrive at Twenty five
years of Age, and then to be set free, and likewise all her offspring shall be set
free at Twenty five years of age. Also I give and bequeath to my nephew
Robert Warfield my negro Girl named Cucumber and my negro Girl named Eliza