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 testatrix and all in the presence of each other.

Sworn before Jno Gassaway Reg Wills A A Coty.

Anne Arundel county Sc. } Then came Luranna Stockett and made oath on the Holy
The 10th day of April 1818 } Evangely of Almighty God that the within instrument of writing is the true whole will and testament of John Stockett late of Anne Arundel county deceased that hath come to her hands or possession, and that she doth not know of any other. Sworn before Jno Gassaway Reg Wills A A Coty.

In Testimony that the foregoing is a true copey taken from the original. I have hereto (Seal) set my hand and affix the seal of my office this 12th day of October 1827.

Thos H Hall Reg. Will A A Coty.

In the name of God Amen. I Luranna Stockett of Ann Arundel county being sick and weak in body but of sound and perfect memory, praise be given to God for the same and knowing the uncertainty of this life on earth and being desirous to settle things in order, do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following viz. first and principally I recommend my soul to Almighty God, my creator and my body to the earth from whence it came to be buried in such christian manner as to my executor hereafter named shall be thought meet and convenient and as touching such worldly estate as the Lord in mercy hath lent me my will and meaning is, the same shall be employed and bestowed as hereafter by this my will is expressed. Item after the just debts of my deceased husband and my just debts are all paid my will then is that all my negroes shall be set free. and in case my property should be more than will pay my just debts I then give all the residue to Richard Stockett son of William I Stockett in trust for his mother Mary Stockett, and after his mothers death the property is for his own use and benefit, and in case my property should not be enough to settle all my just debts, my will then is that my negroes are to be sold for a term of years sufficient to pay all my just debts the term to be proportioned as may best appear to my executor, and lastly I appoint Joseph Noble Stockett my whole and sole executor to carry this my last will and testament into effect and do hereby publish and declare this to be my last will. as witness my hand and seal this twelfth day of March one thousand eight hundred and eighteen.

Luranna her x mark Stockett (Seal)

Signed sealed published and declared to be my last will and testament in the presence of
David Stewart James Davison Jun. James his x mark Davidson

Anne Arundel county Sc. } Then came James Davidson Jun. and James Davidson two of
The 21st day of October 1818. } the subscribing witnesses to the within last will and testament of Luranna Stockett late of Anne Arundel county deceased and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that they did see the testatrix therein named make her mark and seal this will and that they heard her publish pronounce and declare the same to be her last will and testament, that at the time of her so doing she was to the best of their apprehensions of sound disposing mind memory and understanding

and that they together with David Stewart the other subscribing witness respectively subscribed their names as witnesses to this will in the presence and at the request of the testatrix and all in the presence of each other. Sworn before, Jno Gassaway Reg Wills A A Coty.

Anne Arundel county Sc. } Then came Joseph Noble Stockett and made oath on the Holy
The 24 day of Nov 1818. } Evangely of Almighty God that the within instrument of writing is the true whole and last will and testament of Luranna Stockett late of Anne Arundel county deceased that hath come to his hands and possession and that he doth not know of any other
Sworn before. Jno Gassaway Reg Wills A A Coty.

In Testimony that the foregoing is a true copy from the original. I hereto set my hand (Seal) and affix the seal of my office this 12th day of October 1827.

Thos H Hall Reg Wills A A Coty.

The said wills were then read in evidence, and the Plaintiff then called James Davidson who proved that he was called upon by the Defendant Stockett to value the rent of the farm in 1821, and valued it at one thousand pounds of tobacco, and it was rented by Stockett for that sum to Knighton. In 1825 the witness rented the place from Stockett the defendant at the same price. That Stockett the defendant, told him when he took possession that the rent must be paid to him or to Wathkins the intestate according to the decision of the court in the Court of Appeals. That Stockett entered into the place after Mrs Stockett's death. The plaintiff counsel then offered to prove that the Defendant entered under Mrs Stockett claiming in her right, and that she had declared to the witness Stephen Beard that she had entered upon the land and held the negroes under and by the permission and consent of the intestate Wathkins and acknowledged that she held both the land and negroes as the tenant of the Plaintiff. And the plaintiffs further offered to prove that the Defendant after her death had entered and held claiming in her right. And further offered to prove the value of the land and negroes during the time the Defendant had held the same after the death of Mrs Stockett by himself or his agents – The Defendant by his counsel objected to any proof being offered in this cause relative to admissions or acknowledgements by Luranna Stockett in connexion with the other evidence offered as offered to be proved to the Jury, and the Court refused to let the same being given in evidence to the Jury, being of opinion that the Defendant in this cause was charged in the declaration with his own individual acts in his individual capacity, and that the plaintiff could not be permitted by parol proof to establish a relation with another to make the Defendant answerable representatively for the acts of such other person, and of which relation the record exhibited no evidence. To which opinion the Plaintiff by their counsel prayed leave to except and that the Court would sign and seal this their bill of exception, and which is accordingly done this 20th day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven.

Chs J. Kilgour (Seal)
J. H. Wilkinson (Seal)

Rachel H Wathkins and Benjamin Wathkins admrs of Nicholas Wathkins of Thomas
vs
Joseph N Stockett.

Case. Anne Arundel County Court October Term 1827. On the trial of this cause the Plaintiff having given in evidence in addition to the matters stated in the Plaintiff first bill of exceptions which is to be deemed part of this, The annual value