Lewis Williams & others
vs
Clara Medley

In the trial of this case the Lessors of the Plaintiff to support the Issues on their part Joined gave in evidence the certificate and grant of the tract of Land called Cole's addition dated 3d January 1757

Mr Thomas James his Frederick &c Know ye that whereas Thomas James of Saint patrick 71 Acres Cole Maryl County by his humble petition to our agents for Management of Land affairs within this province did set forth that he was seized in fee of and in a tract or parcel of land called Cole's Addition, lying and being in the county aforesaid originally on the twelfth day of June Anno Domini sixteen hundred and Eighty Eight granted unto a certain Robert Cole for Fifty Acres under new rent contiguous to which tract the petitioner had discovered some vacant Land, and being desirous to add the same to humbly prayed a special warrant to resurvey the aforesaid tract for that intent and purpose and that on return of a certificate of such resurvey he making good rights to the vacancy added and complying with all other requisites usual in such cases might have our grant, Issue unto him therefor which was granted him and accordingly a warrant on the thirty first day of July seventeen hundred and fifty six unto him for that purpose did issue. In pursuance whereof it is certified into our Land-office that the aforesaid tract or parcel of Land is resurveyed by which it appears the same clear of Elder-surveys contains no more than the quantity of Forty-seven acres so that there appears to be a Deficiency of three acres and that there is the quantity of twenty four acres of vacant Land adjoining thereto part thereof is applyed to make good the Deficiency aforesaid and for the remaining Twenty one Acres he has paid and satisfied unto Edmund Lloyd Esq our present agent and receiver Genl for our use as well the sum of one pound one shilling Sterling caution for the same as the sum of one shilling Sterling for some improvements mentioned to be made therein according to Charles Lord Baron of Baltimore, our Great Grandfather of noble memory his instructions to Charles Carroll Esquire his then agent bearing date at London the twelfth day of September Seventeen Hundred and twenty are registered in our Secretary's office of our said province together with a paragraph of our Dear Father's Instructions bearing date at London the fifteenth day of December Seventeen Hundred and thirty Eight and registered in our Land office, We do therefore hereby grant and confirm unto him the said Thomas James all that the aforesaid tract or parcel of Land now resurveyed with the vacancy added reduced into one entire tract and still called Cole's Addition, Beginning at a post Erected in the second Boundary of the said Land running thence N. North East Forty perches North by East thirty four perches, North east fifty two perches, South Eighteen degrees west twenty four perches South west by west one Hundred perches South South West twenty perches, South East Eighty perches North thirty three degrees East seventy Eight perches, thence north a straight line to the Beginning containing forty one acres of Land more or less according to the Certificate of Resurvey thereof taken and returned into our Land Office bearing date the third day of January seventeen Hundred and fifty seven and their remaining together with all rights, profits, benefits, and privileges thereunto belonging, Royal mines excepted, To Have and to Hold the same unto him the said Thomas James his heirs, and assigns forever to be holden of us and our Heirs as of our manor of Beaver Land in fee and common socage by fealty Only for all manner of service yielding and paying therefore yearly unto us and our heirs at our receipt at our City of Saint Mary's at the two most usual feasts of the annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Michael the

the Arch Angel by even and equal portions the rent of two shillings and two pence half penny Sterling in silver or Gold and for a fine upon every alienation of the said land or any part or parcel thereof one whole years rent in silver or gold or the full value thereof in such commodities as we and our heirs or such officer or officers as shall be appointed by us and our heirs from time to time to collect and receive the same shall accept in discharge thereof at the choice of us and our heirs or such officer or officers aforesaid provided that if the said sum for a fine for Alienation shall not be paid unto us and our heirs or such officer or officers as aforesaid before such alienation and the said Alienation entered upon Record either in the Provincial Court or in the county Court where the same parcel of Land lieth within one month next after such Alienation then the said alienation shall be void and of no effect, Given under our Great Seal of our said province of Maryland this third day of January Anno Domini Seventeen hundred and fifty Seven, Witness our trusty and well beloved Horatio Sharpe Esquire Lieutenant General and chief Governor of our said Province of Maryland, Chancellor and Keeper of the Great Seal thereof

Horatio (The Great Seal) Sharpe.

(Seal)

In Testimony that the aforegoing is a true copy from Liber B.G.H. No 8 Folio 116. One of the Records belonging to the Western Shore Land-Office of Maryland. I have hereto set my hand and affixed my official Seal this 26th day of February 1834

John Brewer Regr
of the Genl Off. W. Shore.

The Plaintiff also gave in evidence to the jury the following wills of James & Joseph Williams.

In the name of God amen I James Williams of Saint Mary's County and State of Maryland being of sound disposing mind memory & understanding do make constitute and appoint this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following. First, my will and desire is, that all my just debts be paid 1st Item. I give and bequeath to my son Joseph Williams my Dwelling plantation where I now live, to him and his heirs forever Item, I give and bequeath also to my son Joseph Williams negro Man Phil his wife Jane his son Bill his daughter Sarah, and her Daughter Matilda to him and his heirs forever, 3d Item, I give and bequeath my son Lewis Williams, the Land I purchased of John Manning also negro Scipio negro Boy abraham, negro Boy Dennis, negro Boy Nace negro Woman Jeanna, and her child moses, to him and his heirs forever 3d Item, my will and desire is that my son Joseph Williams makes over unto my son Lewis Williams, by a good and sufficient Deed, when called on by son Lewis Williams, his proportion of the Land which he will heir at my death from his mother, the two dresses in this will to him shall be void. Item, I give and bequeath unto Mr Williams & James Williams, sons of my Brother Joseph Williams one hundred pounds current money to be Equally divided between them, and that each of my heirs to pay an equal proportion provided the said William Williams and James Williams relinquish all claims against my Estate otherwise this bequest to be null & void. Item, I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Williams negro man Barney, and his wife Cephillis negro Boy Jerry, George, Michael, Jacob, Moses, Nace, and a Girl Nell to her and her heirs forever. Item, I give and bequeath to my daughter

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