or sums of money debt or debts due to the said Margaret by the said Stephen and intended to be secured by said mortgage.

This Defendant further answering says that the said Stephen L Lee on the first day of April eighteen hundred and forty three executed and delivered to the said Margaret L Ray deceased in her life time her certain bond or single bill payable on demand for the sum of one thousand and thirty six dollars and sixty three cents as will appear by a copy of the same herewith filed marked M L R No. 2 and that the same is still wholly due and unpaid either to the said Margaret deceased in her life time or to this Defendant as Executor as aforesaid since the death of the said Margaret except only the interest due on the same up to the first day of February 1846.

But this defendant does not know whether said debt specified in said bond or single bill was a part of the money secured by said mortgage, or a seperate and distinct debt, nor whether (if the same) said Bond was intended to include all the interest of said Margaret L Ray in and to said mortgage and the debts or sums of money due her by said Stephen and secured by the same but this defendant calls upon the said Stephen L Lee to exhibit and prove to the satisfaction of this Court what is the true and correct amount of debt due by him to the said Margaret L Ray in her life time of the said Stephen should claim that less is due on said bond and mortgage than the sums specified in the same. This defendant also admits that the time specified in said mortgage has passed the payment of the debt mentioned in the same and that said debt as far as the same is due to this defendant as executor as aforesaid remains due and unpaid and this defendant is very anxious to have the same paid that he may be able to close the estate of the said Margaret L Ray he therefore consents that a Decree may be passed as prayed for the sale of said property specified in said mortgage and the debts due by the said Stephen L Lee to said Complainant and this Defendant as Executor as aforesaid may be paid and satisfied.

And this Defendant prays he may hence be dismissed with his Costs &c.

Frank H Stockett Sol for Defendant I W Bird

I admit this answer without oath

B I B Worthington for Compt

Defendants Exhibit M L R No. 2.

On demand I promise to pay or cause to be paid to Mrs Margaret L Ray or order the sum of one thousand and thirty six dollars and sixty three cents for value received as witness my hand and seal this first day of April 1843

(signed) Stephen L Lee (Seal)

Exhibit M L R No. 1

In the name of God Amen, I Margaret L Ray of Anne of Anne Arundel County in the State of Maryland being sick and weak in body but of sound and disposing 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 executor hereinafter named and after my debts and funeral charges are paid I devise and bequeath as follows,

Item 1st I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Ann Linthicum and my son Stephen Lee Linthicum all notes and bonds and all and every other evidence of debt due me and now in the hands of my Executor hereinafter named to be equally divided between them share and share alike.

Item 2d I desire that all my personal property consisting of a negro woman named Sophia and a negro boy named John Henry, together with my beds and household and kitchen furniture and all and every article of property of every kind that may come into the hands of my executor and be remaining after my debts are all paid shall be equally and fairly divided between my two children aforesaid according to the Inventory thereof as shall be exhibited by my executor in the Orphans Court, And Lastly I do hereby Constitute and appoint Jacob W Bird Sen. of the County aforesaid to be my sole Executor of this my last will and testament 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 March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty six,

Margaret L Ray (Seal)

Signed Sealed Published and declared by the above named Margaret L Ray testator as for her last will and testament in the presence of us who at her request in her presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto

Gassaway Winterson
Stephen L Lee.

Anne Arundel County Sct } Then Came Gassaway Winterson
The 31st day of March 1846 } one of the subscribing witnesses to the aforegoing last will and testament of Margaret L Ray late of Anne Arundel County deceased and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that he did see the testatrix therein named sign and seal this will and that he 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 his apprehension of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding and that he together with Stephen L Lee 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,

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