husband Abraham Groff to be 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 twenty ninth day of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty eight.

Susan Groff (Seal)

Signed, Sealed, published and declared by Susan Groff, the above named, Testatrix, as and 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, and we do certify that we have examined the above named Testatrix out of the presence and hearing of her husband Abraham Groff, "whether" she doth execute and acknowledge this her last Will and Testament voluntarily and freely without being induced to do so through fear or threats of, or ill usage by her said husband, or through fear of his displeasure, and she acknowledgeth that she does it willingly and freely

Amos Richards
Henry Bushey
Louis Richards

I Abraham Groff husband of the within named Testatrix do hereby consent to the making of the aforegoing Will by the said Testatrix, and I consent to the disposition therein made of the property therein referred to. In witness whereof I hereunto subscribe my name this twenty ninth day of April eighteen hundred and fifty eight.

Abraham Groff

Certificate of "True Copy" taken from the "original" dated 8th day of February 1862 & signed "Jas. L. Ridgely Register of Wills for Baltimore County" with seal annexed

Exhibit F. B. G. No 4

Copy of Abraham Groff's Last Will & Testament

In the name of God Amen. I, Abraham Groff of Baltimore County in the State of Maryland being sick & weak in body, but of sound & disposing mind memory and understanding, do make and publish this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following, that is to say. First & principally I commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God & my body to the earth, to be decently buried at the discretion of my executor hereinafter named.

Item 1. I give & devise unto Francis B. Groff all my estate real personal and mixed, to be taken into possession by him & managed by him, for the benefit of my creditors, with power to sell all or any part of the same, at such time or times, & on such terms, as shall be fixed by him, & at either public or private



sale & the proceeds to be applied to the payment of my funeral expenses & all other debts so far as the same may extend.

Item (2) I do hereby authorize my executor hereinafter named to continue the defence, or make a settlement in his discretion, of a suit in Equity instituted against me by Benjamin Barr Esq.

Item 3. I also authorize & direct & it is my special wish & desire that my hereinafter named Executor, at once institute proceedings in Equity to rescind & cancel a deed of about fifty one acres of land made by me to one Amos Richards & to rescind & cancel another deed of said land made by said Amos Richards to Susan Groff my second wife, now deceased, & by her devised by last Will to her son Louis Richards, subject to my life estate, which said deeds did not carry out my intentions, by the mistake of the person who prepared them & were obtained by the use of undue & improper influences, after the said deeds shall have been cancelled & annulled, I direct that the said lands shall be sold & I hereby give my executor authority to sell the said lands or any part thereof for the payment of my debts, if any other property be insufficient for that purpose, & he may sell at such time or times & on such terms, as he may judge best at either private or public sale, or in his discretion he may farm the said land & apply the proceeds to the payment of my debts.

Item (4.) In case all my property, whether the aforesaid fifty one acres be recovered or not, should be insufficient to pay all my just debts. I direct that my executor be allowed for his trouble, the rate of commissions to be fixed by the Orphans Court & usually paid to executors, but if none shall suffice then my executor my son Wm. S. Groff & my daughter Mary Amanda Todd shall be my devisees & legatees taking share and share alike, & in addition my Executor shall have his commissions.

Item (5) Should any lands remain after the payment of all my debts, either of my herein named devisees & legatees shall have the privilege of taking the same or any part thereof at forty dollars per acre, & my Executor shall have the first choice.

Item (6) Further. I direct my Executor to pay to Messrs Musselman & Meacher my attorneys, one hundred dollars as retainer, to commence suit for the cancelling & annulling of the deeds as aforesaid, & on obtaining a decree to that effect, to pay them another hundred dollars for their services in that case.

And lastly I do appoint my good friend Francis B. Groff, to be sole Executor of this my last Will & Testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 30th day of December in the year eighteen hundred and sixty one

A. Groff (Seal)

Signed Sealed published & declared by Abraham Groff the above named Testator to be his last Will & Testament, in the presence of us, who have attested, and subscribed our names in the presence of the said Abm. Groff & in the presence of each other