Maryland } } York Town 12th February 1701
Talbot County }

The Examinations of John Reed John Morgan Joseph Grey Christopher Emory and John Pitts Witnesses Subscribed to the Will of John Wolters deceased from which the Seale has been Torn

Imprimis no Will being Shewn they were all asked if they knew the writing and if they knew it were to have had a Seale to it to which all and every one Answered they knew it to have had a Seale to it

John Reed declared upon Oath that John Wolters declared the said Will to be his Act that he heard it read over and that he was of sound and perfect memory

John Morgan declared upon Oath that John Wolters did hear the said Will read over and saw him deliver it and said that was his Act and knows nothing but that he was of sound and perfect memory Except that when John Pitts offered him a pair of Spectacles he the said Wolters said he had a pair of Silliards of his own

Joseph Grey took the Test in usuall form and declared that the said John Wolters did hear the said Will read over and did apprehend him to be of sound and perfect memory when it was read over and saw him deliver the same to his Act but when he signed it he doubted if he was of perfect memory for that when John Pitts offered him a pair of Spectacles he said he had a pair of Great Silliards of his own and made some Mistake about the Colour of his Frame

Christopher Emory declared upon Oath that John Wolters did hear the said Will read and approved it and did Subscribe the same as his Act and that he did apprehend him to be of sound and perfect memory when the Will was read over

John Pitts took the Test in usuall form and declared that he did hear the deceased John Wolters declare the said Will and did apprehend him to be of sound and perfect memory and that the deceased heard it read over and that he saw the said John Wolters deliver the same as his Act and Deed apprehend him to be of sound and perfect memory at that time

These Examinations taken before me

Tho. Smallwood

I John Wolters Senr of Talbot County Planter being sick and weak of body but of sound and perfect memory thanks be to almighty God for the same and Considering the uncertainty of this life and the Certainty of Death well knowing that the Lord at his own good pleasure can take me out of this Earth therefore against the time which is only known to God I think meet to Settle and dispose of that estate which he hath been pleased to make me Steward of and in order thereunto do make this my Last Will and Testament hereby revoking nulling and making void all other wills by me formerly made and this only to be taken for my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following viz

Imprimis I commit my Soul to God that gave it me from whence I received life Breath and being and my Body to be decently buried according to the direction of my Dear Friends and Brethren called Quakers in friends grave yard at Tuckahoe nearly gravled in

2dly My will is that all my Just Debts and funeral Charges be first duly payd and discharged — I give unto my Son Richard Wolters and my Son John Wolters one moiety of my Land which I bought of William Coulbourne with my upper plantation being the upper part of my Land to be Equally divided between them by four honest friends as they shall think good to make choice of and the division so made by the four friends they shall choose shall stand as if I had done it which I give unto them and their heirs forever

4thly I give unto my Son Jacob Wolters and my Son Philip Wolters the other moiety of the said Land being the lower part of my aforesaid Land with my new dwelling Plantations and all appurtenances to the same belonging to them and their heirs forever which is to be Equally divided between them both in quantity and quality by the foresaid friends and their division so made shall stand as if done by my self

5thly I give my mill and all appurtenances belonging to her unto my three youngest Sons namely Joseph Jacob and Philip Wolters with her Equal and respect and Timber to build and rebuild or repair her from time to time as there may be occasion forever of any of my Land formerly given and also Liberty for scrubbing as there may be occasion from time to time

6thly I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Martha Rudewin and my Daughter Sarah Wolters a Tract of Land being by Estimation two hundred acres Equally to be divided between them both in quantity and quality by four honest friends and their division to stand as if done by my self which I do give unto them and their heirs forever the Land called Dunsmore Heath

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