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Extract

In the name of God Amen the Seventeenth day of April in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and forty Nine I John Stull of Frederick County and Province of Maryland Miller being in perfect mind and memory — thanks be given to Almighty God therefore calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all Men once to die do make and appoint this my last Will and Testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and Recommend my Soul unto the hands of God that gave it and for my body I Recommend it to the Earth to be buried in a Christianlike and decent manner nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I — shall receive the same again by the mighty Power of God and as touching what Worldly Estate it hath pleased God to bless me with in this Life I Give Devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form —

Imprimis I give and bequeath unto Martha Stull my beloved Wife one half of all my Stock of Cattle Horses Mares hogs and Sheep and all my Household Stuff as beding and all furniture belonging to my House and further I do give unto her my belov.d Wife for and during her term of Life One half of my Plantation whereon I now live call.d Whiskey and one half of my Mill and Stills thereon allowing her to be at one half of the whole Expence in keeping them in — good repair and also I do give unto her for and during term of Life as aforesaid One half of my Slaves (excepting what I shall hereafter entirely dispose of to my Children) to be at her Service and at her command for what time it may please God that She lives, and that She shall not have it in her Power on any Advantages that may to her appear to dispose of them any other way neither Slaves nor premises then only in her use on that Plantation call.d Whiskey and at her Decease that they (Viz) the Slaves and Premises shall be the property of my Son Daniel Stull and further I give unto her my beloved Wife all the Children from the Date hereof that Negro Nan, and Negro Hester will bear & have to be her own and entirely at her disposing as she thinks proper —

Item I do give and bequeath to my Son Daniel Stull all that Tract of Land called Whiskey with all the additions ever by me thereunto laid with all the Improvements and Appurtenances thereto belonging Mill and Stills and all whatsoever and one half

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of my Stock of Cattle, Horses Mares, hogs and Sheep and all my Plow tackeling and Axes Hoes Waggon and Waggon Tackeling and all Tools whatsoever that are properly mine on that Plantation call.d Whiskey and all the Money due to me at my Decease I do give to him and further I do give to him Negro Peter, and Negro Nan which I do Will and have given on half their labour to my Wife also on half of Whiskey with the Apurtainances thereto belonging And at her decease to be all Entirely his until which it is not in his Power to part with Disperce or Dispose of any of them (Viz) the Slaves, Mill or Stills — leaving this charge to my Son Dan.l obliging him to my Sons Jacob and Isaac to give learning at his own Expence so far as they shall be accomplisht for Country Business and further an Obligation on him that he shall pay the Sums of Four Hundred Pound Currancey of Maryland as hereafter I shall dispose of it to be Raised out that part of my Estate which I have given to him —

Item I do give and bequeath unto my Son John Stull all that Tract of Land called Slow Spring, and all that Tract called Flavafant State both lands laying Together and Situate on the Waters of Antietum on a branch thereof call.d Beurbeck appointing him to pay to my Son Isaac, at the age of Twenty one Years One hundred Pounds Curr.t Money of Maryland also I do give to my Son John all the Improvements on the aforesaid Land Mill and all other Appurtenances thereto belonging. I do give to him Negro Tom: which shall becom his property at the Years of Twenty one of his Age And that my Son Dan.l shall at his own Expence take such proper methods to Accertain it to him and his H.rs at that age (Viz) Twenty one Years, that is, he shall have the use of the P.s Land Premises and Negro from henceforth but that Daniel shall not make it over to him until he is — Twenty one Years old — and at that Age he shall give him two Cows and Calves and thirty Head of Hogs on the said Place —

Item I do give unto my Son Jacob y.e Negro Girl cald Hester and one Hundred Pounds — Current Money of Maryland which Negro and Sums of Money is to be delivered to him and paid at the Twenty on Year of his age by my Son Daniel this Hundred Pound being part of that Sums abovementiond that Daniel is to pay wherefore he shall pay my Son Jacob Stull at y.e Age aforesaid the the said One Hundred Pound —

Item I do give to my Son Isaac fifty Pounds Current Money payable from my Son Dan.l to him at the Years of Twenty one of his Age being part of the Sums that he is to pay as aforesaid —

Item I do give to my Daughter Mary Greathouse one Shilling Sterling to be levied of my Estate & paid by my Ex.r on the day of my Burial —