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In the Name of God Amen I James Claypoole of Chester Town in Kent County in Maryland being of sound and Disposing mind and Memory Do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner following

First I Give devise and bequeath to my Dear Wife Rebecca the House and Lott and the Appurtenances in Chester Town which I purchased of James Ferrel and to her heirs forever but to be held by her in full Discharge of her Dower in my other Houses or Real Estate, Only that she shall have the use of my Dwelling House Kitchen and Garden to live in twelve Months after my Decease if she chooses to live therein

Secondly I Give Devise and bequeath my now Dwelling House in Chester Town aforesaid and the out Houses Tann House Tan Yard and all the Appurtenances and One hundred and Seventy Foot Deep of my Lott of Ground whereon they all stand from Club Lane a Cross the said Lott to my Son James and his heirs forever

Thirdly I Give and devise all the remaining part of the said Lott to my Son George and his heirs forever

Fourthly I Give and devise unto my said Son George and my Daughter Rebecca and to their heirs forever equal moieties of my House and Kitchens and Lott of Ground in the Town aforesaid which I bought of Thomas Ringgold and Doctor James Anderson to be divided between my said Children in the best manner they can agree upon and if either of them should Die before they come to age and without lawfull Issue then the Survivor to have the Whole in fee Simple

I Give devise and bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth and her heirs and Assigns forever One half of my Lott Number Forty three in the Town aforesaid to be divided by a Line a Cross from Club Land to the Street she to have that next to my Dwelling House and the other half of my said Lott I Give and devise to my Son George and Daughter Rebecca to be equally divided between them and their heirs forever

I give to my loving Wife Rebecca I my Negroes Hiah Rachel and Jude forever

I also give to my said Wife my High Chest of Drawers my Riding Chair and Harness and best Bed and furniture and Bed Cloaths, that I have and One Set of Silver Tea Spoons and Tongs

I Give Also to each of my Children that has not been married One good Bed and Bed Cloaths

I Give to my Son George all my Wearing Apparel and One pair of Gold Sleeve Buttons to be bought for him of Thirty Shillings price

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I Give to my Daughter Elizabeth my Gold Sleeve Buttons that I now wear

I Give to my Daughters Mary Wilson and Ann Freeman Ten Pounds current Money each to be paid them by my Executor and this with what I have before given them is in full of what I intend to give them of my Estate

I will and Desire that all my Just Debts be Duly paid by my Executor And all the Residue after paying my Just Debts, and Legacies before given of my personal Estate I Give to be equally divided between my said Wife and four Children James George Rebecca and Elizabeth and if either George Rebecca or Elizabeth Die before they come of Age their part to go to the Survivor or Survivors of the said George Rebecca and Elizabeth

Lastly I hereby constitute Ordain and Appoint my Son James my whole and Sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all other Wills by me made before In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 24th day of December 1765

Signd Sealed Published and declared by the Testator to be his last Will and Testament in presence of us who Sign as Witnesses thereto in presence of the Testator and at his request

Thos Ringgold
Jno Lard Hynson
William Houston

James Claypoole (Seal)

Kent Be it known That on the twenty third day of June 1766 Thomas Ringgold John Lard Hynson and William Houston being Sworn on the Holy Evangelists do say that they were present and did see the Testator James Claypoole sign and seal the foregoing Instrument of Writing and did hear him publish and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament and at the same time he did appear to be of sound disposing mind That they did Subscribe their Names as Witnesses thereto in the presence of the Testator and at his request James Claypoole the Executor in the same Will named being Sworn in like manner doth say That the foregoing Instrument of Writing is the true and only Will and Testament of James Claypoole late of Kent County deceased that hath come to his hands possession or knowledge

Sworn before
B: Hands Depty Comty Kent

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