me in any wise before this time made ordained willed or bequeathed
In Testamony whereof I have interchangably fixed my hand & Seal before
these Witness

Tho: Morris Seal

Henry Smock
Job his I mark Jerman
Gavin Hutchison
} Testes

And on the Back was thus Endorsed (viz.t)

Sworn Sett Co: Ss

This day being the 3: Decemb: 1714 then came before me the w.th in named
Henry Smock Job Jerman & Gavin Hutchison in their proper persons & made
Oath upon the holy Evangelist that they saw & w.th in Testator declare &
Signe & w.th in Instrum.t as his last Will & Testam.t & that he published
pronounced & declared the same so to be at the time of his so doing he
was of sound & perfect mind & memory to the best of their knowledge
Witness my hand & Seal the & year above written

Sam.ll Hopkins Dep.ty Com.ry

7½ Sheets

Maryland Ss

In the Name of God amen I John Dorsey of
Battimore County Esq.r being of Sound disposing mind & memory thanks
be to God for the same, Doe therefore hereby make my last Will & Testam.t
in manner & forme following Viz.t Imps.s I give & bequeath my Soul to
God in hopes to Enjoy Everlasting life through the merritts of my blessed
Saviour & Redeemer, & my Body I comitt to the earth to be decently buried
at the discretion of my Ex.rs hereafter named, Item I give & bequeath to
my wife Pleasence Dorsey one full third part of my Estate Real &
personall after my just Debts are satisfyed (that is to say) she may have
either my Plantation on South River or my now dwelling Plantation
on Elk Ridge at her choyce if she thinks fitt to accept thereof in full
of her Dower of my Reall Estate, and Likewise I give unto my s.d wife
in part of her thirds of my personall Estate if she thinks fitt to accept
thereof four Negroes Viz.t Jacob & his wife Jenny & one negro man
called Symon & one other negro man called Jumbo. Item I give &
bequeath unto my Grandson Jn.o Dorsey Son of my Son Ed.w Dorsey
dec.d my Patuxent Plantation & Land thereunto adjoyning called
Dorsey's Search lying in Battimore County to hold to him during
(his)

his naturall life & from & after his decease then I give devise & bequeath my a.ss
Land & Plantation given him as a.ss unto the heirs of the Body of my s.d Grandson
Jn.o Dorsey, to be begotten for Ever & for want of such Issue then I do hereby
give devise & bequeath the same unto my Grandson Ed.w Dorsey Son of my
s.d Son Ed.w Dorsey dec.d to hold to him during his naturall Life, and from
& after his decease I give & bequeath the same Land & Plantation unto the heirs
of the Body of my s.d Grandson Ed.w Dorsey Lawfully to be begotten for Ever
But in case my s.d two Grandsons should happen to dye w.th out Issue then I do
hereby give & bequeath & a.ss Land & plantacon called Dorsey's Search unto
my three youngest Grand Children of my Daughter Deborah to them & their
heirs for Ever to be equally divided between them. Item I give & bequeath unto
my s.d Grandson Ed.w Dorsey one plantation called Dorsey's adventure lying
on Elk Ridge in Baltimore County & one other small Tract adjoyning to the
same w.ch I bought of James Barle, called Whiteacres purchase to hold to
him during his naturall Life & from & after his decease then I give devise
& bequeath my a.ss two last Tracts of Land given my s.d Son Ed.w Dorsey as
a.ss unto the heirs of the Body of my s.d Grandson Ed.w Dorsey to be begotten
for Ever & for want of Such Issue then I do hereby give devise & bequeath
the same two last tracts of Land unto my Grandson Jn.o Dorsey Son of Ed.w
Dorsey to hold to him during his naturall life and from & after his decease
I give & bequeath the same two last Tracts of Land unto the heirs of the Body
of my s.d Grandson Jn.o Dorsey Lawfully to be begotten forever, But in Case
my s.d two Grandsons should happen to dye w.th out Issue then I do hereby give
& bequeath & a.ss two last Tracts of Land unto my s.d three youngest Grand
Children of my s.d Daughter Deborah to them & their heirs for ever to be
equally divided between them. Item I give & bequeath unto my two Grand
Sons Charles Ridgley & Wm Ridgley Sons of my s.d Daughter Deborah one
Tract of Land called White wine & Clarrett lying on the South Side of the
middle Branch of Patuxent River in Battimore County to be equally
divided betwen them, to hold to them during their naturall Lives & from
& after their decease then I give devise & bequeath the s.d Tract of Land
called White wine & Clarrett unto the heirs of the Bodys of my s.d two Grand
Sons Charles Ridgley & Wm Ridgley to be begotten for Ever & for want
of Such Issue then I do hereby give devise & bequeath the same Tract of
Land called White wine & Clarrett unto my three Grand Children
Martha, Elinor & Ed.w Legatee Daughters & Son
of my s.d Daughter Deborah to be equally divided between them & their
(heirs