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Q: In the Name of God Amen I Jno: Baldwin of Annarundell County in the Province of Maryland Gent: being Sick & weak of Body but of Sound & Perfect mind & memory thanks be to God for the same, doe make & ordain Constitute & appoint & declare this to be my last Will & Testam: revoking & annulling all former & other Will or Wills by me made.

Imps: I give my Soul into the hands of almighty God who gave it me hoping through the merritts & mediation of my Blessed Saviour Jesus Christ to receive pardon & remission for all my Sins, and my Body to the Earth from whence it came to be decently buryed at the discretion of my Ex: hereafter mentioned and after all my just debts paid my Will is that what Lands Goods & Chattles it hath pleased almighty God to bestow on me shall be disposed of as followeth

Item I give & bequeath unto my Loving wife Hester Baldwin one third part of all my Land & Houses where ever they be for & during her Naturall Life.

Item I give & bequeath unto my Son Jno: Baldwin his heirs & assignes for Ever one hundred & five acres of Land being part of a Tract of Land lying near Annapolis called Baldwins Chance adjoyning to the Land whereon Robert Lusby & my Daughter Mary Lusby now Lives & two hundred acres of Land lying in Prince Georges County & adjoyning to Benj: Williams his Land called Bear Neck — and also my Lott & houses in London Town.

Item I give & bequeath unto my S: Son Jno: Baldwin & my Daughter Catherine Baldwin my Lott & Houses lying in the City of Annapolis to be divided Betwixt them (that is to say) to my Son Jno: Baldwin his heirs & assignes for Ever the north west part of the S: Lott & the House that stands thereon & to my Daughter Catherine Baldwin the House w: the Brick Chimney & the South East half of the Lott of ground whereon it stands to her & her heirs & assignes for Ever.

Item I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Mary Lusby her heirs & assignes for Ever fifty acres of Land whereon she & her Husband Robert Lusby now dwes being part of Baldwins Chance abovementioned and one hundred acres of Land lying in the fork of Patuxent called Littleton being the North East part thereof.

Item I give & bequeath unto my Son James Baldwin his heirs & assignes for Ever one hundred & five acres of Land part of the ass: Land called Baldwins Chance & lying on the Eastermost Side thereof & two hundred acres of Land in Prince Georges County adjoyning to the ass: Land called Bear Neck.

Item I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Catherine Baldwin her heirs & assignes for Ever fifty acres of Land part of Baldwins Chance ass: & adjoyning on the west to my Son James's hundred & five acres & eighty acres of Land in the fork of Patuxent being the North west part of the Land (called)

called Littleton.

Item I give & bequeath unto my Son Tho: Baldwin his heirs & assignes for Ever one hundred & five acres of Land called Baldwin's Chance & lying on the north East side thereof and one hundred acres of Land lying in the fork of Patuxent being the South west part of the aforementioned Land called Littleton whereon their is now a young Orchard.

Item I give & bequeath unto my Loving wife Hester Baldwin three Negro's viz: Sambo, Easter & young Abigall during her Naturall Life.

— and as to what remains of my personall Estate be it of what nature or kind soever I give & bequeath the same to my S: Loving wife Hester Baldwin & my Children Jno: Baldwin, Mary Lusby, James, Catherine & Tho: Baldwin to be equally divided amongst them — to them & their heirs & assignes for Ever.

Lastly I doe hereby Constitute & appoint my Loving wife Hester Baldwin & my Son Jno: Ex: to see this my last Will & Testam: Executed In Wittness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my Seal this twenty seventh day of Feb: in the first year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King George of Great Britain &c Annoq: Dmi: 1714

Signed, Sealed Published & declared in the presence of
Rich: Freborne
Barnett his ⌈le⌉ mark Ruby
Edmond Benson

John Baldwin (Seal)

And on the back was thus Endorsed (viz:)

Maryland March the 26th 1715

Then came before me Mr: Edm: Benson, Mr: Rich: Freborne & Barnett Ruby the Subscribing Evidences to the above Instrum: & made oath that they saw & heard Mr: Jno: Baldwin the Testator therein mentioned Signe Publish & declare the same as his last Will & Testam: and that at the time of his so doing he was of Sound mind & memory

sworn before me
W: Bladen Cotn: Gen:

Q: In the Name of God Amen the 16th day of Septemb: 1712 I James Smallwood Sen: of Charles County in the Province of Maryland Gent: being Sick in Body but of Good & Perfect memory thanks be to allmighty God & calling to remembrance the uncertain Estate of this Transitory life & that all flesh must yeild unto Death when it shall please to Call, do make Constitute ordain, declare this my last Will & Testam: In manner & forme following, Revoking & annulling by these Presents all & Every Testam: and (Testam:)