In such Christian and Decent manner as to my Executrix hereafter
named shall seem meet, And as touching such worldly Goods as it
hath pleased the Lord in mercy to lend me, My Will and desire is
the same be disposed of in manner and forme following —

Item — Whereas I have four Sons viz.t Thomas Nicholas Benjamin & Edward —
my Will and desire is that my five young Negroes viz.t Jenny Hester —
Isaac Murreah & Hagar and their Increase be equally devided between
them and their Heirs (that is to say) that when the Eldest of my said Sons
shall arrive at the age of Twenty one years then the said Negroes and
and their Increase shall be appraized by two sufficient men, and my
said Eldest Son to have one full fourth part of the said Negroes, and
so all the rest of my said Sons, that when they arrive at age, there
be appraisements and Divisions as above said —

Item — My Will and desire is that my said Sons shall have liberty to Choose
Guardians (if occasion at the age of Eighteen years And that if
at such time of my said Sons Choosing such Guardian, it shall
appear that there be apparent danger of any waste or embezzlin.g
of my said Sons Estates, by means of my Executrix after
Marriage, or Marriages or otherwise, Then my desire is that
such their Estate or Estates be transmitted by the County Court into
the hands of such Guardian or Trustees as aforesaid taking such
full and sufficient security of such Guardian or Trustee, as the
Law directs —

Item — My Will and desire is that if either or any of my said Sons
shall decease before they arrive at the age of twenty one years
that then their full part or portion of my Estate Real & personal
given them, Revert to my surviving Children and their heirs —
by an equal distribution thereof to be made them severally —

Item — I give and bequeath unto my Son Thomas Dorsey, and his heirs
three Cows and Calves, and two Sows —

Item — I give and bequeath unto my Son Nicholas Dorsey and his heirs
two Cows and two Sows —

Item — I give and bequeath unto my Son Benjamin Dorsey and his heirs
two Cows and two Sows —

Item — I give and bequeath unto my Son Edward Dorsey and his heirs, —
two Cows and two Sows —

Item — I give unto my Son Thomas Dorsey and his heirs for Ever. Fifty Acres of
Land, being a part or moyety of a Tract of Land called (Long Reach)
lying near Patuxent in the aforesaid County —

Item — I give unto my Son Nicholas Dorsey and his heirs for Ever. Fifty Acres
of Land, being a part or Moiety of a Tract of Land called Long Reach
lying and being as aforesaid —

Item — I give and bequeath unto my Son Benjamin Dorsey and his heirs for
Ever the Land and Plantation whereon I now dwell (after the
Decease of my Loving wife Francis Dorsey —

Item — I give and bequeath unto my loving wife Francis Dorsey all the residue
and remainder of my Estate Constituting and Appointing my
said Loving wife Francis Dorsey whole and sole Executrix of
this my last Will and Testament Revoking and hereby Au=
=nulling and making void all former Wills & Declaring —
this to be my last Will and Testament — In Testimony whereof
I have hereunto Sett my hand and Seall the day & year aboveSaid.

Nicholas Dorsey {Seal

Signed Sealed published pronounced
and Declared, as the last Will of
of the Testator in the presence of us —
Henry Ridgely John Dorsey Son of Edward Dorsey
Josh.a Dorsey Timothy his mark Regan —
Thomas his mark Smith John Dorsey —

And on the back was Indorst.

February the 13th 1717/8

Then Came Henry Ridgley John Dorsey
and Joshua Dorsey Evidences to the within Will and made Oath —
upon the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that they saw the
within Testator Nicholas Dorsey Sign Seall & publish pronounce
and declare the within Instrument as his last Will & Testament
and that the time of his so doing he was of sound and perfect
Sence and memory to the best of their knowledge —

Sworne before me the day & year aforesaid —

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Wbladen C.G. —