In The Name of God Amen the Third Day of June in the Year of Our Lord God one Thousand Seven Hundred & Twenty Six I Matthew Cannon of Dorchester County being Very Sick & Weake in Body but of a Perfect Mind & Memory Thanks be given to God, therefore Calling to mind the Mortality of my Body & knowing that it's appointed for all men once to Dye do make and ordain this my Last Will & testament that is to Say, Principally & first of all I give & recommend my Soule into the Hands of God that gave it & for my Body I recommend it to the Earth to be Buried in a Christian like & Decent Manner att the Discretion of My Exr. nothing Doubting but att the General Resurrection I shall Receive the Same againe by the Mighty Power of God & as touching Such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless mee in this Life, I give devise & dispose of the Same in the following Manner & form.

Imprimis I give & bequeath Unto my Well beloved Wife Phillis my holeby & Soul Executrix my Riding Horse as a Legacy given Unto her.

Imp. 2ly I give & bequeath Unto my Well beloved Son Joshua Cannon & his heirs for Ever all my Lands Except fifty Acres on the Back Side of my Land & if in Case my Beloved Daughter Mary Cannon should Chance to Live & to marry an Husband that Should Have no Lands then I give unto Mary my beloved Daughter that fifty Acres aforesaid to Her & her Heirs for Ever, the Rests of my Estate to be equally to be Divided Between my Two Children Except the Legacy Given Unto my Loveing Wife & her Thirds. I leave my Son to be free att 18 Years Old. but if in case my Dear Wife Should Chance to Dye before my Children is of Age then I leave & Intrust Wm Clarkson & Thomas Cannon with all my Lands Good & Chattles to take care of att their Discretion for my Children till they are Capable to Receive it as Witness my Hand & Seale the Day & Year Above Mentioned

Matt: Cannon (Seal)

Witnesses
John Cannon
Gabriell his + Cooper
Henry Cannon

On the Back of the aforegoing Will was thus Written ss. July ye 23d 1726 Came John Cannon & Henry Cannon and made Oath Upon the Holy Evangelists of the almighty God that they Saw the within named Mathew Cannon Sign & Seale & heard him Publish & declare the within Instrument of Writing to be his Last Will & Testament & he was then to the best of their Knowledge in Perfect Sence & Memory the Other Witness Viz: Gabriell Cooper being present & Signed with them

John Litt Depty Comr
Dorset County

4 Lbs

his Will entered 18 Mo. 29 1726

Maryland ss In the Name of God Amen, The Eighteenth Day of January One Thousand Seven Hundred & Twenty Four five, I John Spalding of Charles County Although Sick of Body, but of Good & Sound Memory praise be to Almighty God for the Same, therefore I do make this my Last Will & Testament in Manner & form following that is to Say, principally & first of all I give & recommend my Soul into the Hands of God that Gave it hoping thro the merits Death & Passion of My Saviour Jesus Christ, to have full & free pardon & forgiveness of all my Sins & to inherit Everlasting Life, & my body I commit to the Earth to be decently Buried att the discretion of My Executor hereafter Named, not Doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall Receive the Same againe by the Almighty Power of God, & as touching Such Worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this Life, I give devise & dispose of the same in the following manner & form that is to Say, First I will that all those Debts as I do Owe in Right or Conscience to any Person or Persons whatsoever shall be Well & truly paid or Ordered to be paid in convenient time after my decease by My Executors here after Named.

Item I give & bequeath to Priscilla my dearly beloved Wife the tract of Land & Plantation on Collier tone Manner, whereon Wee now Live, or and during her Natturall Life, and after her Decease to my Youngest & Well Beloved Son Charles & to his Heirs & assignes for Ever, but in Case he Dies in his minority or Under age, then to my beloved Son John and his heirs & assigns for Ever.

Item I give & bequeath, that tract or Parcell of Land in Cashents Bay Forest being Part of a Tract of Land Called Batcheller Rest Containing one Hundred Acres to my Beloved Son John & to his heirs & assigns for Ever, but if he Dies without heirs then to be Equally divided between my two beloved Sons William & Basell & their heirs & Assignes for Ever.

Item I give & bequeath to my beloved Priscilla three Negroes one called Hago the Other Called George another Called Nead, for the time of her natural Life, & after Her Decease then to my Son Charles, but if he Dies without heirs or in his nonage then to be Equally divided between my Other Children.

Item I give & bequeath One Negro man Called Peter & one Called Ann to my Son John & the first Child She bares to my beloved Daughter Mary.

Item I give & bequeath One Negro called Daniel & one Negro Wooman called Peggy, with her further Increase to be Equally divided between my Two Sons William & Basell att the Age of Eighteen.

Item I give & bequeath to my Daughter Mary one Negro Girll Called Jane to my Daughter Mary.

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