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Maryland

Know all Men that I Joseph Dawkins of Calvert County Planter being very weak and feeble but being in perfect sence and memory and knowing it is appointed for all Men once to die do therefore make this my last Will and Testament Revoking and Disanulling any Will by me made first I give my Soul into the hands of Eternal God my maker and my body to be buried in a Decent manner acording as my Executors shall think fit

Item. I give and bequeath unto my brother James Dawkins a certain parcel of Land called Batchelders Hall to him and his Heirs forever on the condition of his making over to his Brother William Dawkins a parcel of Land called Manor Dukedom by firm Conveyance in Law and his Heirs forever

Item. I give and bequeath unto my Cousin Sarah Dare Five Pounds Sterling Money to be paid on the Day of Marriage or at the age of sixteen on either which may happen first

Item. I give and bequeath unto my Friend John Stevens a Horse called Squirrel to him and his Heirs

Item. I give and bequeath unto my Brother James Dawkins my Negro boy Ben & also my bed and furniture to him and heirs forever

Item I give and bequeath unto my two brothers William Dawkins & James Dawkins the remainder part of my Personal Estate after that my Just Debts & Legacies are paid leaving them my Sole Executors to this my last Will & Testament.

Dated this Eighteenth day of January One Thousand Seven hundred and thirty three

Signed Sealed & acknowledged
In the presence of us
James Dawkins
Dan.l Fraizer Junr.
John Crane

Joseph Dawkins (Seal)

To which Will was annexed the following Probate &c.

On the 19th Day of March 1733 came before me Gabriel Parker Deputy Commissary of Calvert County James Dawkins Daniel Fraizer Junr. & John Crane & Evidences to the within written Will and made Oath on the Holy Evangelists &c that

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that they did see the within Joseph Dawkins the Testator acknowledge the within written Instrument as his last Will and Testament as his last Will and Testament and that he was at the doing thereof of sound and perfect Mind & memory —

2 1/2 Sides

Testis Gabriel Parker
Dep.y Comm.y Calv.t County

Maryland the 14th of the 12th Month 1733/4

Vad Ex.a

I Isaac Johns of Calvert County in the Province aforesaid being sick and weak in body but of sound disposing mind and memory do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following Viz.t

Imprimis Whereas I did on the twenty seventh day of the 11 Month one thousand Seven hundred and thirty and before the marriage with my now Wife Elizabeth secure to her by way of Jointure a certain Tract of Land called Batchellors Fortune containing by Estimation two hundred Acres it is my Will that she posess the said Land according to the bounds thereof during her Natural Life

Item — I farther give to my loving Wife during her Natural Life such a part of my land called Johns's addition adjoining to the Land called Batchellors Fortune as shall include all the clear ground thereon which lays to the Southward of the main Road as leads from my now Dwelling Plantation to the Land aforesaid called Batchellors Fortune

Item. It is my Will and mind that my Wife if she please may dwell in the House where I now do during the Term of one year from the Date hereof or untill my Son Richard or his Heirs shall at his or their proper cost and charge lay out in such Repairs as my Wife shall require to be made on the Houses on the land called Batchellors Fortune aforesaid the Sum of Twenty five pounds Sterling

Item. I give and bequeath to my two Sons Richard Johns and Samuel Johns and to their Heirs and Assigns forever the Land and Plantation whereon I now dwell being part of a Tract called Angelica containing by Estimation four hundred Acres & also my Land called Johns's addition containing by Estimation One hundred and Twelve Acres adjoining to the Land Angelica at the Westermost end thereof except that part that I have given to my Wife in manner aforesaid — The said two parcels of Land to be equally Devided between my said Sons I mean equal in quantity of Acres without any regard to the improvements & my Son Richard to have his first choice

Item - I give and bequeath to my two Sons Abraham and Isaac Johns their Heirs & Assigns forever five hundred Acres of Land laying in Baltimore County being the Moiety of a Tract containing One Thousand Acres called Christophers Camp the said Moiety

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