In the name of God Amen The Twenty second Day of December in the Year of our Lord God One Thousand Seven hundred thirty & four I Samuel Handy of Somerset County in the province of Maryland being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God therefore calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all Men once to die do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my Soul into the hands of God that gave it and for my body I recommend it to the Earth to be buried in a christianlike and Decent manner at the discretion of my Executors nothing Doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty Power of God as touching such Worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this Life I give devise and Dispose of the same in the following manner and form

Imprimis I give and bequeath to my Son Thomas Handy my now Dwelling plantation & called Armstrongs purchase containing Two hundred and fifty Acres of Land to him and his Heirs forever also I give to my Son Tho. Handy all the Land and Marsh called Cormorant that's belonging to me and one Case of Pistells and Holsters, One Gun one featherbed and furniture one Negro Woman named Nan, three Cows and Calves, three Ewes and one large long Table all the above moveables are now in the possession of my Son Tho: Handy except the Negro Woman named Nan and the long Table to him his Heirs & Assigns forever

Item. I give to my two Sons Viz. Samuel and John Handy all my part of the Lands and Marshes called Jericho with the mind and all other Lands and Marshes Adjoining thereto and held by several Patents and if either the s. Sam. or John Handy's should want to sell the said Land or Marshes then the other shall have the Refusal of the same Which said Land and Marsh is to be equally divided between the said Sam. and John Handy them their Heirs and Assigns forever as also I give to my Son Samuel Handy fifty Acres of Land to be laid out at the head of my Land where my Son Thomas Handy formerly lived

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he not to sell the said fifty Acres of Land except to his brother Thomas Handy as also I give to my Son Sam. Handy one Negro boy named Harry and one Signet of Gold Marked SH to him his Heirs and Assigns forever also one featherbed and furniture to him the said Sam. Handy him his heirs and Assigns forever

Item I give and bequeath to my Son John Handy one Negro Boy named Adam one featherbed and furniture my Cane and five pounds Current Money & one young Horse with a Star in his forehead to him his Heirs and Assigns forever

Item I give to my Son Isaac Handy one Negro Girl named Rose and Seven pounds Ten Shillings Curr. Money to him his Heirs and Assigns forever

Item I give unto my Daughter Mary Curtis one featherbed and bolster one pair Sheets one blanket one Cow and Calf one Saddle and bridle one Linnen Wheel one box Iron and heaters all now in her possession also I give to my Daughter Mary Curtis Two Cows and Calves and three Ewes to her and her heirs and Assigns forever

Item I give to my Daughter Betty Handy one feather bed and furniture one Cow and Calf Two new pewter Dishes four Supplates to her and her heirs and Assigns forever also one Negro Girl Bess to her and her Heirs forever

Item I give to my Daughter Sarah Handy one featherbed and furniture one Cow and Calf two new pewter Dishes and four plates to her and her heirs and Assigns forever Also one Malatto Woman named Cate & one Boy Toby to her & her heirs and Assigns forever

Item I give to my Daughter Grace Handy one Negro Girl named Jenny two new Pewter Dishes Six plates Sixty pounds of new feathers Eight pounds Current Money and one Cow and Calf to her and her heirs forever

Item I give to my Grandson Sowell Handy one Cow and Calf and one Ewe Lamb to him and his heirs forever the remaining part of my Estate to be equally divided between my Six Children Sam. John, Isaac, Betty, Sarah and Grace Handy to them and their Heirs and Assigns forever further I leave my Son John Handy and his Estate in the care of my Son Sam. Handy till he comes to the age of Twenty Years my Son Isaac Handy to the care of my Brother Isaac Handy and his Estate till he shall come to the age of Twenty Years and my Daughter Grace and her Estate in the care of my Sister Mary Fountain till she shall come to the age of Sixteen Years or Day of Marriage and do appoint my Brothers John and Isaac Handy Overseers over my Children and their Estates I make Constitute and appoint my two Sons

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