On the 13th Day of March 1771 Nathaniel Potter Jonathan Ireland and Jacob Nunar the Subscribing Witnesses to the aforegoing Will being duly and solemnly sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God deposed and said that they saw the Testator Abel Grace Sign the aforegoing Will and heard him publish and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament that at the Time of his so doing he was to the best of their Apprehension of sound and disposing mind and Memory and that they Subscribed their Respective names as Witnesses to the said Will in the presence of the Testator and at his Request.

Certified pr Jnº Gotsborough
Dy Comrs DC.

In the Name of God Amen I John Waters Senr of Ann Arundel County in the Province of Maryland Planter being of perfect mind and Memory and calling to mind the Mortality of my Body knowing tis Appointed for all men once to die Do make Constitute and Ordain this my last Will and Testament in the following manner and form. Imprimis, I bequeath my Soul into the Hands of God that gave it me and my Body to the Earth to be Buried in a Christian like and Decent manner at the Discretion of my Executor hereafter named. And touching such Wordly Goods as it hath pleased God to bestow upon me after my just Debts being paid, I give devise and dispose of them as following. I give & bequeath to my beloved Wife Mary Waters during her Natural Life all my now dwelling Plantation and all my Personal Estate whatsoever Except the following Legacies provided my said Wife lives Single and remain unmarried But in case she should marry again at the Day of her Marrying or at her Death I give all that part of my Dwelling Plantation called Waters is Lott to my Son Josephus Waters and the Seventy Six Acres of Land called the Addition to Waters Lott I give to my Son Plummer Waters, and they and their Heirs or Assigns to hold the two said Tracts of Land for ever provided they should be both living at the Time of my Wifes Marrying or Death, but if either of them should be Dead at the Time then the Surviving one Shall enjoy both Tracts of Land, But if it Should so happen that both of them and their Heirs should be Dead at that Time, it is my Will that both Tracts of Land should be Sould at publick Sale and the Money to be Equally Devided between such of my Children as my Personal Estate will be hereafter mentioned that is to say all the Personal Estate that my Wife should be possessed with at the Time of Marrying or at her Deth Shall be Equally Devided between my Sons William Waters John Waters, Joseph Waters, Jacob Waters, Philip Waters, Josephus Waters, Plumer Waters, and my Daughter Elizabeth Penn, Charity Waters, Meriam Waters and their Heirs or Assigns forever. Item I give and bequeath to my Eldest Son Richard Waters the Sum of one Shilling Sterling and no more. Item I give and bequeath to my Deceased Son Thomas Waters Heir at Law one Shilling Sterling and no more. Item I give to my Daughter Mary Jennings One Shilling Sterling and no more. Item I give to my Deceased Daughter Ann Anderson Heirs at Law one Shilling Sterling and no more. Lastly I Constitute and Ordain

(my)

my well beloved Wife Mary Waters and my Son Josephus Waters Executors of this my Last Will and Testament and I do utterly disannull all former Wills by me any ways named Ratifying this to be my Last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this fourth Day of Septr 1764. —

Signed Sealed Published pronounced and Declared to be the Last Will and Testament of the said Jn. Waters Senr in presence of Us. The word be and between interlined — before Signed

John Waters Seal

At the foot of the aforegoing Will was this written Vizt.

Ann Arundel Coty to wit, May 22d 1771. Came John Gjams Thomas Felton and William Gjams three of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within Will and made Oath that they saw John Waters the Testator herein named Sign and Seal this Will and heard him publish pronounce and Declare the Same to be his Last Will and Testament and that at the Time of his so doing he was of a Sound & disposing mind memory and Understanding and that they Severally Signed their names as Evidences to this Will in the presence and at the Request of the Testator, and in the presence of each other.

Jn Gjams
Tho. Gjams
Thomas Felton
Wm his X Gjams
mark

Sworn Before Elie Nalliette Dep. Commn. Ann Arundel Coty

I have further Considered my Last Will and Do make this Alteration. that is to say. I give and bequeath to my Daughter Meriam Waters One Negro Wench called Hanner one best Cow and Calf 4 best Bed and furniture the best Sow and Piggs and the best Rome in my Dwelling House and as much of my Land as would be Sufficient for her fource to work on as long as she shall remains unmarried but at the Day of Marriage she shall give up her Right to the House and Land but all the rest she shall hold besides what is mentioned to her in the first part of my Will. Item also I give to my Son Jos. sephas Waters one Negro fellow called Ben one Cow & Calf and one Sow and Piggs and to shear in the fore part of my Will as mentioned In Witness where of I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal the 13th 1768

Signed Sealed published and Declared to be the Last Will and Testament of Jn. Waters Senr In presence of —

John Waters Senr Seal

Jn Gjams
Wm his X Gjams
mark
William Gjams
Richard Gjams

Ann Arundel Coty to wit may 22d 1771 Came John Gjams, William Gjams Senr and William Gjams Junr and made Oath that they saw the Testator herein named Sign and Seal this Codicil and heard him publish pronounce and declare the Same to be a Codicil to his last Will and Testament and that at the Time of his so doing he was of a Sound and disposing mind memory and Understanding, and that they Severally Subscribed their names and mark as Witnesses to this Codicil in the presence and at the Request of the Testator and in the presence of each other.

Sworn Before Elie Nalliette Dep. Comn. Ann Arundel Coty

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