present that it is out of my power to come just now but I hope that it may do as well for to wright to you for I do not intend to stand to the Will if I cam help my self but I claim one third part of the Estate which I hope you will allow me without my comeing to you but if it wont do without my comeing pray let me know by the baren hereof when I must come to you and no more at Present but all from your well wishing friend

Exam: November 9th 2d Day 1772 — Rebeckah Adams

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In the name of God amen I Mary Lawrence

Widow of Worcester County in Maryland being sick & weak in body but sound in mind and memory (thanks be given to God) and considering the uncertainty of life do order and dispose of my wordly Estate in following manner and form Viz.

First I give and bequeath to my son John Lawrence one small puter dish to him his heirs and assigns

Item I give and bequeath to my son Elisha one puter dish and two plates to him his heirs and assigns

Item I give and bequeath to my son Henry and to my daughter Elisabeth one negro boy called Julius equally between them their heirs and assigns forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my aforesaid son Henry and daughter Elizabeth one horse called Roan equally between them their heirs and assigns.

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth one new feather bed which was my fathers with his whole furniture thereto belonging with one new Counterpin and one large puter dish and two new puter plates and one large iron kettle and two Cows and all my wearing apparel (excepting one white cotton gown) and one pair of gold stone bottons and one pair silver shoe Buckels and two silver spoons to her and her heirs for ever.

Item I give and bequeath to my son Henry one silver snuff box and one puter bason to him and his heirs.

Item I give and bequeath to my granddaughter Nancy one white cotton gown & one pide heifer and one pair of Robs to her and her heirs.

Item I give and bequeath to my granddaughter Polly one heifer and white linning enough to make her a frock & tetter and her heirs.

Item I give to my aforesaid daughter Elizabeth Chest with lock and key and one looking glass and fifteen yards country made linnen & one gold ring to her & her heirs.

Item I Will and require that after my just debts and Legacies are paid the remainder of my Estate be equally divided between my four children John, Elisha, Henry and Elizabeth them their heirs and assigns

Item

Item I Will order and appoint my son Henry Lawrence the only and sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament — this 9th day of March 1770

Signed Sealed published and declared by the said Mary Lawrence to be her last Will and Testament in presence of us — Mary Lawrence (Seal)

Adam Bravard
Andrew Simpleton

At the foot and on the back of the aforegoing Will was thus written Viz.

October 27th 1772 Then came Adam Bravard & Andrew Simpleton the Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing Will and made oath on the holy Evangelis of almighty God that they saw Mary Lawrence the Testatrix sign seal & heard her publish pronounce and declare the same to be her last Will and Testament and that at the time of her so doing she was to the best of their apprehension of a sound disposing mind and memory and that they subscribed their names as Witnesses to the said Will in the presence of the Testatrix and at her request

Sworn before — Benton Harris Dy Comy of Worcester County

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Examined

In the name of God amen I Andrew Ferguson

of Worcester County in the Province of Maryland being sick but of sound disposing mind and memory do settle my wordly affairs in manner and form following Viz.

Imprimis it is my Will and desire that all my Estate both real and personal in Worcester County be sold and disposed of by my Executors hereafter mentioned to the best advantage either by publick or private Sale as they shall think most proper.

Item it is my Will and desire that my Executors purchase two hogshead of Flaxseed and send them to my brother Richard Ferguson and brother in law John Roberts in the County of Cavan in the Kingdom of Ireland that is to say a hogshead to each.

Item I give my silver watch to George Rose son of the Reverend John Rose.

Item I give to my brother Joseph Ferguson in Pensylvania the sum of ten pounds in dollars at seven shillings and six pence each to be by him laid out in schooling & maintaining Elizabeth Ferguson (a natural child of my brother Richard) who now lives with me.

Item the remaining part of my Estate being as above to be disposed of by my Executors and turned into money I give and bequeath the one half thereof unto my wife Elizabeth Ferguson and the other half to be divided between my brother Thomas Ferguson & Joseph Ferguson.

Lastly I do appoint my wife Elizabeth Ferguson Executrix and my friend George Hayward as Executor of this my last Will and Testament revoking all other Will or Wills by me heretofore made ratifying and confirming this to be my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereto set my hand and Seal this 7th day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy two

Andrew Ferguson (Seal)