and Testament that is to say Principal and first of all I give and recommend my Soul unto the hands of Almighty God that gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be Buried in a decent and christian like manner at the discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the power of God and as touching such wordly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give and dispose in the following manner and form this 13th day of July 1772.

First of all it is my Will and desire that all my just debts be first paid

Item I give and bequeath to my grandson Joseph Record son of Joseph all that tract or parcel of Land laying and being in Dorchester County and said Province known by the name of Turkey Ridge only ten acres at the first Beginning excepted also that tract of Land called Sheepshards Creek it being a Resurvey on said Turkey Ridge the abovementioned Lands to said Joseph Ricards his heirs and assigns for ever as also one Shilling Sterling.

Item I give and bequeath to my son Archibald Ricards ten acres of Land at the first Beginning of Turkey Ridge also a tract of Land called the Conclution likewise one horse or mear to him and his heirs forever also one shilling Sterling.

Item I give and bequeath to my two sons Joseph and Charles Ricards all my Lands laying in Dorchester County except that I have already given and excepted to be equally divided ~~between~~ to them and their heirs for ever also I give and bequeath to my two sons Joseph and Charles Ricards all my goods and Chattles to be equally divided between them excepting one horse or mear which I give as aforesaid to them and their heirs for ever also one shilling Sterling

Item I give and bequeath to the heirs of my son Levin Ricards one shilling Sterling.

Item I give and bequeath to the heirs of my Daughter Suffrich Williams one shilling Sterling.

Item I give and bequeath to my grandaughter Sarah Hopkins Ricards fifty acres of Land more or less laying on the head of Broad Creek being a Pennsylvia right to her and her heirs for ever Likewise it is my Will and desire that Coleah Ricards the wife of my son Joseph Ricards should not Inherit any part or parcel of my Lands with her second husband.

Likewise I Constitute and ordain Joseph and Charles Ricards my two sons to be my whole & sole Executors disalowing and revoking all other Wills & Wills by me heretofore made

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this day and year above written

Philip Ricards (Seal)

N.B. Interline in the 18th line) will & first
and also in 32 the word my signed Sealed Published and declared by the above named Philip Ricards as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have hereunto Subscribed our names as Witnesses thereunto in the presence of said Testator and in the presence of each other

Testes Charles Brown Junr.
Testes Philip Ricards Junr.
Elizabeth her Smith mark

At the foot of the foregoing Will was thus written Viz.

Dorchester

Dorchester County Ss. On the 9th day of March Anno Dominii 1773 Charles Ricards one of the appointed Executors made oath on the holy Evangils of Almighty God that the aforegoing Instrument of writing is the true and only Will and Testament of Philip Ricards late of Dorchester County deceased that hath come to his hands or profession and that he does not know nor ever heard of any other Will made since by the said Testator

Certified by

Jn Goldsborough Dy Comy Dor. Coty

Dorchester County Ss. On the 9th day of March Anno Dominii 1773 Charles Brown Junr. and Elizabeth Smith two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the aforegoing Will being duly and Solemnly Sworn on the holy Evangils of Almighty God deposed and said that they saw the Testator Philip Ricards 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 apprehensions of sound and disposing mind & memory and that they together with Philip Ricards Junr. the other Subscribing Witness to the aforegoing Will subscribed their respective names as Witnesses thereto in the presence of the Testator and at his request

Th. Foxes

Certified by

Jno Goldsborough Dy Comy Dor. County

Examined

February 25th 1773 I the Subscriber was sent for by the desire of Charles Layton the deceased and at that time went to his house & and before two more persons that heard him say it was his Will and desire after his debts was paid that his wife should have the remainder of his Estate for the whole came by her and it was his desire that his brothers should not have any thing belong to him or her as Witness my hand

William Angell
Amy her X mark Thomas
Labon his X mark Layton

Dorchester County Ss. On the 24th day of February Anno Dominii 1773 William Angell the above Subscribing Person being duly and solemnly sworn on the holy Evangils of Almighty God deposed and said that on the 5th day of February 1773 he together with Amy Thomas and Labon Layton were present when Charles Layton late of the City aforesaid deceased in his last Sickness and in his late dwelling house declared words to the same effect of the Instrument of writing hereto annexed and bid them bear Witness thereof (which he within six days after reduced to writing) and that the said Charles Layton was at the same time to the best of his apprehension of sound and disposing mind and memory.

Certified by

Jno Goldsborough Dy Comy D. C.

Dorchester County Ss. On the 24th day of February Anno Dominii 1773 Amy Thomas and Labon Layton two of the within Subscribing persons being duly and solemnly sworn on the holy Evangils of Almighty God deposed and said that they together with William Angell were present on the 5th day of February 1773 when Charles Layton late of the County aforesaid deceased in his last Sickness and in his dwelling house declared words to the same effect of the within Instrument of writing and

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