bid them bear Witness thereof and that he was at the same time to the best of their apprehension of sound and disposing mind and memory.

3 Sides Certified ff Jno Goldsborough Dy Comy Dor County

Examined

A Nuncupative Will.

Thomas Braughon his Will by word of mouth made and declared by him about the 15th day of this present Instant February in the presence of us who have hereunto Subscribed our names as Witnesses thereto my Will is that my son John should have my negro boy Aaron and my young mare Lark I also Nominate and appoint Patrick Braughon and James Kirkman Executors of my Estate February 20th 1773.

William Harper
William Alexander
Matthew his mark Stainton

Dorchester County Ss On the 29th day of March Anno Dominie 1773 William Harper William Alexander and Matthias Stainton the above Subscribing ~~Witnesses~~ Persons being duly and solemnly Sworn on the holy Evangils of Almighty God deposed and said that on the 15th day of February last they were present when Thomas Braughon late of the County aforesaid deceased in his last Sickness and in his late dwelling house declared words to the same effect of the aforegoing Instrument of writing and bid them bear Witness thereof (which words were reduced to writing within six days after) and that he was at the same time of sound and disposing mind and memory.

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Examined

In the name of God amen

the 5th day of January 1769 I William Fountain of Dorchester County in the Province of Maryland being sick and weak of body but of sound and perfect mind and memory do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form Following Viz I give my Soul to God that gave it and my body to the earth and as to such decent ~~burial~~ as my Executors hereinafter named shall think proper as touching such worldly Goods as it hath pleased God to bestow I give and bequeave as follows Viz

First I give unto my Eldest son Roger Fountain all my part of that Land which fell to me by the death of Charles Adams son of Roger Adams lying in the North East fork in Dorchester County to him and his heirs and assigns

Secondly

Secondly I give unto my youngest son Filghman Fountain now Unbaptized my Dwelling plantation containing one hundred acres now called Fancy and if the said child should die without heirs the said Land is to be equally divided between my other two sons William Fountain and Nathaniel Fountain.

Item I give unto my loving wife Major Fountain one third part of all my moveables Estate.

Item I give unto my daughter Charlotte Fountain my negro girl named Jude to her and her heirs.

Item I give unto my son William Fountain my negro man named Sambo to him and his heirs.

Item I give unto my son Nathaniel Fountain my negro woman named Pegg to him and his heirs only my Will and desire is the the first child the negro woman Peg shall have that lives to be one year old to be the property of my youngest son Filghman Fountain.

Item after my just debts are all paid I give the remainder of my Estate to be equally divided amongst my five children Roger Fountain William Fountain Nathaniel Fountain Charlotte Fountain & Filghman Fountain.

Lastly I Constitute appoint and ordain my loving wife Major Fountain to be my whole and sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament and I do hereby make null and void all former Wills Gifts or Legacys by me at any time before made or given.

Signed Sealed Pronounced and declared by the Testator to be his last Will and Testament In presents of us

Joseph Godwin
James his mark Robinson
Lewis his mark Buzzine

Will his mark Fountain (Seal)

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

Dorchester County Ss On the 10th day of March Anno Dominie 1773 Major Fountain the Appointed Executrix in the aforegoing Will made Oath on the holy Evangils of Almighty God that the aforegoing Instrument of writing is the true and only Will and Testament of William Fountain late of Dorchester County deceased that hath come to her hands on profession and that she does not know nor ever heard of any other Will made since by the said Testator.

Certified ff Jno Goldsborough Dy Comy Dor Cty

Dorchester County Ss On the 10th day of March Anno Dominie 1773 Joseph Godwin one of the Subscribing Witnesses to the aforegoing Will being duly and solemnly Sworn on the holy Evangils of Almighty God deposed and said that he saw ~~that he saw~~ the Testator William Fountain 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 his apprehension of sound and disposing mind and memory and that they together with James Robinson and Lewis Buzzine the other Subscribing Witnesses to the aforegoing Will Subscribed their respective names as Witnesses thereto in the presence of the Testator & at his Request

Certified ff Jno Goldsborough Dy Comy Dor Cty

Dorchester County Ss. I the Subscriber being the Widow of the Testator William Fountain do hereby certify that I choose one third part of her real and personal Estate to which I am endowable Witness my hand this 10th day of March Anno Dominie 1773.

her
Major mark Fountain

Certified ff Jno Goldsborough Dy Cty Dc.

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