In the name of god amen

I Thomas Dowe of Prince George County in the Province of Maryland Planter being of sound mind and Memory tho' weak in body Recommending my Soul to God thro' the all sufficient Atonement of the blood of Christ do make this my last Will and Testament in manner following

First my Desire and Will is that my whole Estate which is personal only be Divided into three equal parts or Shares and that my wife Virlinda and my sons Charles and Walter have each such equal share or part which my said sons shall be intituled to receive as they shall respectively attain the age of nineteen years and in case of the Death of either of my sons before he shall attain that age then the Survivor to be intitled to the share of such Son so Dying

Further it is my Desire that the shares or parts of my sons should remain in the hands of my wife till they shall have attained their respective age of nineteen years as above-mentioned and I do earnestly request my loving wife that she will be careful to give them such Learning and Education as shall be proper for their Station but in case my wife should Marry again I do hereby Authorize and Impower my father Mr. John Dowe and my friend Mr. John Addison whom I request to take upon them the trouble of being my sons Guardian if they shall judge it absolutely necessary to prevent the Embazzlement and wasting of the shares or parts of my said sons and not otherwise to take the said Shares and parts of my sons into their hands till they shall attain the age abovementioned

And Whereas I am apprehensive that my two men Slaves called Sam and Jerry may prove Disobedient and refractory to my wife after my death my Will is that if this my Suspicion should be verified in the event my wife should with the approbation of the abovementioned Guardians of my sons sell one or both of the said men slaves applying the Money arising from such Sale to the purchase of other Slaves

Lastly I Constitute and Appoint my loving wife Virlinda sole Executorix of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and annulling any Will or Wills by me heretofore made In Testimony whereof I do hereunto set my hand and affix my Seal this nineteenth day of March in the year of our Lord 1773

Thomas Dowe (Seal)

Signed Sealed Declared and Published to be the last Will and Testament of the said Thomas Dowe on the day and year above written in the presence of us whose names are Subscribed and who signed this Attestation in the presence of the Testator and of each other

W. Addison
Jona.n Boucher

On the back of the aforegoing Will was thus written Viz.t Prince Georges County to wit Nov.r 24.th 1773 then Henry Addison and Jonathan Boucher the two Subscribing Witnesses

Witnesses to the within Will made oath on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God that they did see Thomas Dowe the Testator therein named Sign Seal publish pronounce and Declare the same to be his last Will and Testament and that at the time of his so Doing he was to the best of their apprehension of sound and Disposing mind memory and understanding and that they Signed their names as Witnesses to the said Will in the presence and at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other

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Certified by

Wm. T. Wootton Dep.y Comt.y of Pr. Geo.s County.

In the name of god Amen

this 10.th day of March 1769 I Samuel Waters of Prince Georges County in the Province of Maryland Planter being of perfect sound mind and memory thanks be to God for the same and calling to mind the uncertain Estate of this life I do make ordain and Appoint this my last Will and Testament revoking and making void all other Wills heretofore by me made and as for such Temporal as it hath pleased the Lord in mercy to bestow upon me far above my Desarts I give and bequeath the same in the manner and form as follows

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Samuel Waters his heirs and assigns forever my tract of Land called Cleaning containing seventy two acres also two hundred twenty seven acres out of my tract of Land called Waters's Lofs to be laid off in a regular manner adjoining to the Cleaning

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Robert Waters his heirs and assigns forever my tract of Land called Addition to Dogyard containing thirty four acres also one hundred and twenty six acres out of my tract of Land called Waters's Lofs and in case either of my aforesaid sons Dies without lawful issue my Will and meaning is that his part of the Lands aforesaid shall descend to my sons Edward and Stephen Waters their heirs and assigns forever

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Edward Waters his heirs and assigns for ever thirteen acres of Land out of my tract of Land called the Gore of Cherry Walk also my Common Warrant now Located between Jericho and walk

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Stephen Waters his heirs and assigns forever one hundred acres of Land out of my part of a tract of Land called Jericho beginning at a bounded white Oak standing on a steep bank near Patuxson River it being the Sixth last corner tree of the said tract of Land called Jericho and running South West to a branch called Ryleys Draught then running with the said draught North forty four Degrees Westerly till it will with a North East line drawn to the upper end of my Poroson near John Waters's bounded tree standing by a parcel of great Stones include one hundred acres of Land then binding with Patuxson River to the beginning tree also my tract of Land called Addition to Jericho containing thirty six acres also fourteen acres of my tract of Land called Jericho lying in the white Oak grounds to be laid of adjoining to my brother John Waters's line Beginning at the Mercy branch and running with a North East line to a board on Patuxson River

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