to mind the Uncertainty of this Life do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say after my Body is decently buryed and all my Just debts truely paid by my Executors hereafter named and as touching such worldly Estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with in this Life, I give demise and dispose of the same in the following manner.

Imprimis I give and bequeath unto my three Sons Benjamin, Wilkinson Jonathan All that Tract of Land whereon I now dwell, which I lately bought being part of Annarundell Manor, to them and their Heirs for ever first forty Acres to be laid of for my Son Wilkinson adjoining his Land and to run with his Line and the Remainder to be equally divided between my other two Sons Benjamin Jonathan but if it should so happen that either of them dye without Issue lawfully begotten his part to be enjoyed by the Surviving Brother and his Heirs for ever.

Item I also give and bequeath to my said Son Benjamin, one Young negroe fellow called Tom.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Jonathan a negroe Boy named Will and a feather Bed and Furniture.

Item I give and bequeath to my Son Cadock one negroe Boy named Abraham.

Item I give to my daughter Ester Perry one negro Girl called Page with her Increase I also give five pounds Currency to my daughter Rachell Brashears.

Item I give Twenty Pounds Currency to be divided among my other four Children. Dowall Nathan Rachell and Charity equally. I give Five Pounds Currency to be equally divided among the Children of my deceased Daughter Mary Ray. And as for the Residue of my Estate I give to my dear wife Mary during her Widowhood or life, but after her Marriage or decease my Will is that it be equally divided among my Children.

Lastly I appoint Constitute and Ordain my dear wife Mary and beloved Son Benjamin Executors of this my Last Will and Testament, And I do hereby utterly disallow Revoke and disanul all and every other will or wills whatsoever by me heretofore made or said to be made Ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my last will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto Sett my hand and affixed my Seal the day & year above written.

John his mark I Brashears (Seal)

Signed Sealed Published Pronounced and declared by the said John Brashears as his Last Will and Testament in the Presence of Us the Subscribers . . . . . .

Thomas Tillard
Samuel Cheney
John his mark I Birkhead

In the back of the aforegoing Will was thus written Viz.

Ann Arundel County October 8th 1774. Came Thomas Tillard one of the Subscribing witnesses to the within Will and made Oath that he saw John Brashears 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 to the best of his Apprehension of a Sound and disposing mind memory and Understanding and that he together with Samuel Cheney and John Birkhead Signed their names as Witnesses to this Will in the presence and at the Request of the Testator and in the presence of each other.

Sworn before me Elie Vallette Dpty Com. A. A. Cty.

Ann Arundel County Octob. 8: 1774 . . . . . Came Mary Brashears the Widow of John Brashears the within Testator and quitted claim to the Several Bequests made

to her in the within Will and Electeth in lieu thereof her dower or third part of the deceased's Estate both Real and Personal

Before me Elie Vallette Dpty Com. A. A. Cty.

Calvert County (to wit) October 7th 1774 came John Birkhead one of the Subscribers to John Brashears deceds. Will and made Oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God that he saw the Testator John Brashears Sign a Will that was produced to me and heard him Publish and declare the same to be his Last Will and Testament and at the time of his so doing he was to the best of his Apprehension of sound disposing mind and memory and that he Signed his respective name as an Evidence to the said Will in the presence of the Testator and at his request and in the presence of Thos. Tillard & Saml. Cheney the other Subscribers to the said Will.

Sworn before Clem.t Smith Depty Com.r Calv.t County

This deposition was filed by Benjn. Birkhead and at his Request Recorded. Test Vallette Reg.r } (Vide further Probat fo: 181)

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In the name of God amen I Anne Howard of the City of Annapolis Widow being sick and weak in Body but of sound perfect and disposing mind and memory do make this my Last Will and Testament in manner following. My Soul I give to the hands of God who made me, and my Body to the Earth to be decently buryed at the direction of my Executor hereafter named.

As to my worldly Estate I dispose thereof as followeth.

Imprimis my will and desire is that all my Just debts be well and truly paid as also my Funeral Expences.

Item As to all the Residue and Remainder of my Estate I give and bequeath the same to be equally divided amongst all my Children namely Samuel Harvey, Anne, Philip, Charles Benjamin and Thomas Howard, my daughter Anne to have her full share over and above what I have given her by Deed.

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my Son Samuel Harvey Howard whole and Sole Executor of this my Last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto Sett my hand and Seal this 21st day of June Anno Dom. 1774.

Ann Howard (Seal)

Signed Sealed Published Declared as and for her Last Will & Testament in presence of Us . . . . . .

Thos. Brooke Hodgkin
J. Hall
John Howard

On the back of the aforegoing Will was thus written Viz.

Ann Arundel County to wit September 13th 1774 Came Thomas Brooke Hodgkin and John Howard two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within Will and made Oath that they saw the Testatrix herein named sign and seal the same and heard her Publish Pronounce and declare it to be her Last Will and Testament, and that at the time of her so doing she was to the best of their Apprehensions of a Sound and disposing mind memory and Understanding and that they Severally Signed their names as Witnesses to this Will together with John Hall the third Subscribing Witness in the presence and at the Request of the Testatrix, and in the presence of each other.

Sworn before Elie Vallette Dpty Com. A. A. Cty.

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