Named Sign and Seal the said Will & heard him publish Pronounce and Declare the same to be his last Will & Testament. and that at the time of his so Doing he was to the best of their apprehensions of sound and Disposing mind. Memory & Understanding – And that they together with Thomas Ramson Marshall did sign their names as Witnesses to the said Will in the presence and at the request of the Testator & in the presence of each Other

Certified By Wm. T. Wootton Dpty. Q. Register

Prince Geo.s Coty. January 28th 1775. – Benj.n Ford One of the Appointed Ex.rs to the within Will hath Refused to act as Ex.r to said by Virtue of said Appointment. and hath Renounced all his right. Title & Claim to said Executorship accordingly. Certified By –

10 Folios

Wm. T. Wootton Dpty. Q. Register

Vide Widows renunciation Recorded in Folio 610 – }

In the name of God Amen

I John Manning Simmons of Calvert County in the province of Maryland being sick and weak in Body, but of perfect Mind. Memory & Understanding do make this my last Will and Testament Revoking all Others heretofore by me made in Manner and form Following – –

Item I will that all my Land Lying to the Eastward of the Main Road called the Quakers Road and Running with said Road be sold Excepting my House and One Acre and a half of Land about them And the Money that the said Land sells for to pay my Creditors – –

In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and seal this Seventh day of January One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Five – –

Sign'd Seal'd and Delivered by the Testator as his last Will & Testament in the presence of – – } John Manning Simmons (Seal)

Henry Dipon
Thomas Dipon
Jesse his X mark Day } In the Back of the aforegoing Will was thus written Viz.t

Prerogative Court March 25th 1775. – The Same Henry Dipon & Jesse Day. Two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will & Testament of John Manning Simmons late of Calvert County Deceased & Severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God. that they did See the Testator thereon Named Sign & Seal this Will. and that they heard him publish. Pronounce & 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 & Understanding & that they Respectively Subscribed their names as Witnesses to this Will in the presence and at the Request of the Testator and in the presence of each Other – Also that they did See Thomas Dipon One of the Subscribing Witnesses to this Will sign the same. at the Request and in the presence of the Testator – – I do further certify that Elizabeth Simmons. the Widow of the Deceased. was present at the time the above probate was taken & that she did not Object to the taking the same – –

3½ Folios

Wm. Fitzhugh
Commy. General

In the name of God Amen

I Sarah Hopper of Queen Anns County Widow, being weak and low. but of perfect Sense and Disposing mind and Memory, thanks be to God, therefore do make this my last Will & Testament, hereby revoking all Others heretofore made – –

First I desire that my Body may be Decently Interred and that my just Debts be paid and Discharged – –

Item I give and Devise to Joseph Hardesty Son of the late Dr. Joseph Hardesty Journal Seaman Twenty Dollars at Seven Shillings & Six pence each. which said sum I desire may be paid by my Executor in Six Months after my Decease to Dorter Kirkton Hutchings – in case he shall in that time enter into Bond with such Security as my Executor shall think Sufficient for the payment of the said sum and the rate of three pr Cent pr Annum Interest thereon to the said Joseph Hardesty his Heirs – when he the said Joseph shall attain the age of twenty one Years – and the said Dorter Kirkton Hutchings his Receipt for the same shall be a Sufficient discharge to my Executor – –

Item whereas there are accounts subsisting between Mr. William Hopper and myself which are unsettled I give him the Balance that may be due the firm on our private account Exp.d on Condition that he pay off my Amount in the Store belonging to Hopper & Kent in Partnership – –

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