Memory and Understanding but Calling to mind the Mortality of my Body, and Knowing that is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament, that is to Say, principally and first of all I give and recommend my Soul into the hands of him that gave it, and my Body I recommend to the Earth to be Buried in decent Christian Burial at the discretion of my Executor and as touching Such Worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life: (after my just Debts are duly paid) I give, demise, and dispose of the Same in the following Manner, —

Imprimis I give and bequeath to my beloved Wife Catharine, the Use of my plantation whereon I now Live being part of a Tract of Land, Known by the name of New York, and the Use of another Tract adjoining, Call'd Maiden's point; during her Natural life, and then to go to my Son Joseph and the Heirs of his Body Lawfully begotten.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Joseph two Small parcels of Land call'd Tomkins purchase which I bought of Jno. and Edward Smoot which Said parcels of land I give unto my Son Joseph and the Heirs of his Body Lawfully begotten forever, Also one other Tract of Land adjoyning my Land Called New York, call'd Good Luck, I give unto my said Son Joseph and the heirs of his Body Lawfully begotten forever, but in case the said Joseph dying without Issue then the above Tracts of Lands to go to my Son Henry and the Heirs of his Body Lawfully begotten forever.—

Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Henry all that Tract or parcel of Land Called and known by the name of new Design lying in Saint Marys County to him and his Heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Samuel all that Tract or parcell of Land lying at the Cool Springs called Woods Inclosure, also one other Tract or parcell of Land called Dockcots Delight which I bought of George Scroggin lying in Charles County, all which Tracts or parcells of Land I give unto my Said Son Samuel and his Heirs forever.—

Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Sarah all that piece or parcel of Land call'd Pinnor lying in Prince George's County to her and her heirs lawfully begotten forever—

Item I give and bequeath the Labour of a Negro Woman called Hannah to my belov-ed Wife (over and above her third part of my personal Estate) during her Natural Life. And then the negro and her Increase to be Equally Divided between my two Daughters Margarett and Elizabeth.

And lastly all the rest of my Personal Estate to be Equally Divided amongst my Surviving Children.—

And I hereby Nominate and Appoint my beloved Wife Catharine to be Executrix of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former Will or Wills herebefore by me Made

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this twenty Sixth Day of June Anno Domini one thousand Seven hundred and Seventy two.

Signed Sealed published and Declared by the above named Joseph Edelen, as and for his Last Will and Testament, in the presence of us who have hereunto Subscribed our Names as Witnesses thereto in presence of said Testator and in the presence of Each other — the Words (and heirs) being first duly interlined.

Joseph Edelen (Seal)

Jezreel Penn
Joseph Shaw —
Thos. Evans — —

(On)

On the Back of the aforegoing Will was thus Written Viz.—

Charles County ss. 19th October 1775 Then came Catharine Edelen and made Oath on the holy Evangels of Almighty God that the foregoing Instrument of Writing is the true and whole Will and Testament of Joseph Edelen Late of Charles County deceased, that hath come to her hands on possession and that She doth not Know of any other.—

Certified by Dan. Jenifer D.C.—

Chas. County ss. 19. October 1775, Then came Joseph Shaw and Thomas Evans two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing last Will and Testament of Joseph Edelen Late of Said County deceased and Severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels of almighty God that they did see the Testator thereon Named sign and Seal this Will and that they heard him publish pronounce and declare the Same to be his last Will last Will and Testament that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their Apprehensions of Sound disposing mind Memory and Understanding and that they respectively Subscribed their Names as Witnesses to this Will in the ffence and at the request of the Testator and in the ffence of each other and that they also Saw Jezreel Penn Subscribe as a Witness to the said Will.—

Certified by Dan Jenifer D.C.—

I further Certifie that Joseph Edelen the heir at Law to the deceased was ffent at the time the above probate was taken.—

(7s 6d.)

In the name of God Amen I Sarah Stone of Charles County being Sick and Weak of Body but of Sound and disposing mind and Memory thanks be to Almighty God, being Willing to settle my Affairs in time, do make and Ordain this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following.—

I give and bequeath my Soul to Almighty trusting to be Saved through the better death and passion of my blessed Saviour Jesus Christ, my Body I Commit to the Earth, to be Buried in such Christian and decent manner as my hereafter Mention shall think Meet and Expedient and as to what worldly Goods God hath been pleased to bless me with I give and Bequeath as follows.—

Imprs. I give and bequeath unto my belov.d Daught.r Rach.l Stone my Negro Woman called Sarah also my negro child called Robert I give the said Negro.s to her the said Rachel Stone and her heirs forever.— Also I give unto my Daught.r Rachel my Desk to her and her heirs forever.—

Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Elizabeth Land Stone my Negro boy called Gerard to her and heir.s for ever Also I give unto my Daughter Elizabeth Land Stone my Chest to her and her heirs.—

Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved Brother Jesse Duglass the Use of my Negro boy Walter for and during the life of the said Negro Walter but if my Broth.r Should dye without heir of his Body Lawfully begotten, then and in such case it is my Will and desire that the said Negro Walter shall return and be the property of my Daughter Elizabeth Land Stone and her heir.s forever.—

Item I give and bequeath all the remainder of my Estate not mentioned in this my

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