Happy hereafter; and my Body, at such time, I desire, may be decently Buried in a Christian Manner, with as little Cost as possible, by my Executor hereafter Mentioned —

Item. As to my Worldly effects: my Will and Appointment is, that the third part of my late Husbands Personal Estate, as by Administration Adjudged, and which was Justly my Right, be, at my decease, equally divided among my four Surviving Children, Ann Ford, Joseph, Elizabeth, and Mary Joy, or their Heirs, respectively, in case of either of their Deaths from this present date — I have a sincere regard and Motherly Affection for the Children & Memory of my late beloved Son William Joy: but as I have been Obliged / thro' Gods pleasure in calling him to himself / to Settle with his Widow, my beloved Daughter Ann Joy, what portion of his Fathers Estate fell, regularly, to his Share, and to pay the same in Liquid Money, or full and Substantial Value, taking entirely upon my self her part of the Wasteing and perishable Effects; I therefore think it but Reason, and a piece of Justice due to the Rest of my family, that, as I, in their name, am burdened as said is; they in recompence after my decease as aforesaid, be entitled to my undivided Portion / among them / to make up for the seeming Partiality that at present, has been shown to my said Son William's Family, so much, in appearance, to their / my other Children's / Prejudice — —

It: I hereby Nominate and Appoint my beloved Son Joseph Joy as Sole and only Executor of this my Last Will and Testament; revoking & Annulling all other Will or Wills by me heretofore made; and declaring this, in every respect, to be my genuine and Authentick one.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this Twenty fourth day of November in the Year of our Lord God Seventeen Hundred and Seventy.

Elizabeth her [-] I Joy (Seal)
Initial letters

Sign'd Sealed and declared in presence of.
Edward Warren
John MacPherson

At the foot of the aforegoing Will was thus Written Viz.t

Charles County Sc.t 18th November 1775 Then came Joseph Joy and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that the within Instrument of Writing is the true and whole Will and Testament of Elizabeth Joy late of Charles County deceased that hath come to his hands or possession and that he doth not know of any other

Certified by. Dan.l Jenifer D.C. of Cha. County

Charles County Sc.t 18th November 1775 Then came Edward Warren and the Reverend John McPherson two Subscribing Witnesses to the (foregoing)

foregoing last Will and Testament of Elizabeth Joy late of said County deceased, and Severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that they did see the Testatrix therein named Sign and Seal this Will, and that they heard him publish pronounce and declare the same to be her Last Will and Testament; that at the time of her so doing she was to the best of their Apprehensions of sound and disposing mind Memory and Understanding; and they respectively Subscribed their names as Witnesses to this Will in the presence and at the Request of the Testatrix and in the presence of each other

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Certified by Dan.l Jenifer D.C.
of Charles County

In the name of God Amen I Samuel Berry of Charles County being low and Weak in health but of a sound and disposing Mind and Memory do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following to wit

Item I hereby order and direct that legal be paid and satisfied as soon as may be after my decease as to my Burial I leave to the discretion of my Executors —

Item I give and Bequeathe unto my Well beloved Sister Elizabeth Berry one Negro Wench called Cate during her Natural life then to fall to my Son Thomas Berry his Heirs forever Likewise give her fifty Acres of Land on the Cool Spring Branch to be laid of part Cultivated and part on Cultivated so as to render it suitable for her to live on during her Natural life time, one Mare called Betty and one Cow to be found her to give her Milk to to have Sufficient Provision found her for the insuing Year after my Death by my Executors —

Item I give and Bequeath unto my Well beloved Sister Ann Berry twenty pounds Worth of Provision such as Corn Wheat or Pork to be paid to her at different times as it shood be thought most needfull, at least five pound a Year as she calls for it by my Executors —

Item I give and bequeathe unto my Well beloved Cousin Samuel Berry Son of Humphrey Berry one Negro Man named Robin to him and his Heirs forever —

Item I give and bequeathe unto Elizabeth Willat one Negro Boy named Will And one Mare named Sorrel to her and her heirs forever likewise Sufficient provision found her for the insuing Year after my Death by my Executors —

Lastly I hereby Constitute and appoint my Well beloved Son Thomas Berry an only Heir my Executor to see this my Last Will and Testament Complyd as to you I need not Mention in my Will, nature is directed without Willing to you In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this Seventh day of September in the Year Seventeen hundred and Seventy five —

Samuel + Berry (Seal)

Signed Sealed Delivered published and declared by the said Samuel Berry the Testator

(As)