them & their Heirs, equally to be divided: but as it is my express Will and intention in Case of the Death of both my own Children, that my said Sister shall have the use of the profits of my Estate, during her life, for the benefit of herself & Children, I do hereby Give devise and Bequeath the same to Joseph Sim and George Lee, Esquires, & to their Heirs, in trust to and for the use of my said Sister Symmer & her Children, during her life, and at her Death to the said Children in manner aforesaid as they respectively come of Age or Marry, and to no other use intent or purpose whatsoever—

Item, I give and bequeath to Hancock Lee, the son of my Brother John Lee the picture drawn from my Brother Hancock Lee, and my Silver Bowl or Pontiff, with the Rim, before excepted, to be delivered at my Death—

Item, I give and Bequeath to Mary Brooke Sim the Daughter of my Husband Colo. Joseph Sim, to be paid her in case of the Death of both of my Children, the Sum of One Hundred Guineas—

Item. I give & bequeath to the said Joseph Sim & George Lee & John Lee a Mourning Ring, each, of three Guineas Value, to be purchased out of my Estate at my Death—

Item, I do Constitute and appoint the said Joseph Sim, my Brothers John Lee and George Lee Guardians of my two Children, and Executors of this my Last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and Affixed my Seal the twenty third day of February One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Six:

Signed, Sealed, published & declared by the Testatrix as and for her last Will and Testament in presence of us. — Lettice Sim (Seal)

The Razures in the twenty fourth & twenty fifth lines in the 2d page, and the Words "in manner aforesaid" interlined in the 3d 25th line, made before execution—

The Words "my Brothers John Lee" in the 12th line of this page, made before executing; Also the Words "& John Lee" in the 8th line.

Margaret Lee Rogers
Sarah Buchanan
Thos. Sim Lee

Prince Georges County. I Lettice Sim being yet yet of sound and disposing Mind & Memory considering the bequest to my Children

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to be in terms too general & that for their Advantage it may be necessary, or the Legatees or any of them mentioned in the foregoing Will, to dispose of the whole or any part of my Negroes, do hereby empower my Executors within mentioned, to sell or dispose of the whole or any part of the said Negroes, if they should think it necessary, and most to the Advantage of my Estate—

And further I request my said Executors, if from the Management of my Estate over and above a Sufficient Maintenance for my Children and without encroaching on the principal thereof, they can spare any thing to the Support of my Sister Symmer & her Children, that they will apply such part thereof for that purpose as they in their discretion may think fit. In Witness whereof I acknowledge this as a Codicil to my Will, Signed & Seated with my hand and Seal this first day of April One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Six—

Signed, Sealed, & declared by the Testatrix to be the Codicil to her Last will and Testament in the presence of us, witnesses by her particularly requested. — Lettice Sim (Seal)

Ann Harris
Chloe Lee

At the foot of the aforegoing will & Codicil was thus written Viz—

Prerogative Office to wit April 5th 1776. } Came Margaret Lee Rogers and Thomas Sim Lee two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within Will, and made Oath that they saw Lettice Sim, the Testatrix, Sign and Seal this Will, and heard her publish Pronounce and declare the same to be her Last Will & Testament and that at the time of her so doing she was to the best of their Several Apprehensions of a sound and disposing Mind Memory and understanding, and that they together with Sarah Buchanan the third Witness Severally signed 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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Prerogative Office to wit April 5th 1776. } Came Ann Harris and Chloe Lee the two Subscribing Witnesses to the within Codicil, and made Oath that they saw Lettice Sim the Testatrix Sign and Seal this Codicil and heard her publish pronounce and declare the same to be a Codicil to 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 Codicil in the presence and at the request of the Testatrix and in the presence of each other—

Before me Elie Vallette Regr

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