but of sound mind and memory doth make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and following that is to say I commit my body to the Earth to be decently buried, and my soul I recommend to the Lord in Hopes of a joiful Resurection.

Item after all my just debts, and funeral Expences are paid, I give and bequeath unto my Son Thomas Joyce all my Real, and Personal Estate to him and his Assigns for ever, and in case he shall die without Issue, then I give and bequeath said Real, and Personal Estate unto my beloved Wife Elizabeth Joyce during her natural life, and at her decease then my Will and desire is that Richd Joyce son of my Brother Richard Joyce shall have my now dwelling Plantation to him and his Assigns for ever, and lastly I acknowledge this to be my last Will and Testament revoking all other former Wills by me made.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 7th day of March Anno Domini One thousand seven hundred, and seventy seven

signed sealed Published and declared by the Testator in presents of us.

Thomas his R mark Joyce (seal)

James Cary

Henry Ashbaw

Zachariah Jacob

Ann Arundel Coty fct May 16th 1777 . . . . Came James Cary, Henry Ashbaw and Zachariah Jacobs the three subscribing Witnesses to the within Will and made Oath that they saw Thomas Joyce the Testator 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 their Apprehensions of a sound and disposing mind memory and understanding, and that they 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

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sworn before me Elie Vallette D Com

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In the Name of God amen I Benjamin Purnell of Anne Arundel County in the Parish of Queen Caroline. being in Health and of

a sound and perfect mind and memory thanks be to Almighty God for the same and knowing the uncertainty of this Life do declare publish and make this my last Will and Testament disanulling and making void all other Will or Wills heretofore by me made either in writeing or Otherwise.

Imprimis I Bequeath my soul to Almighty God who gave it my Body the Earth to be decently buried according to the discretion of my Executor hereafter named, and as to my Worldly Goods after my just debts is paid I give as follows

Item, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth Purnell all that Tract or Parcel of Land Called the victory being and lying situate in Parish aforesaid containing Two hundred and ten Acres during her Natural life and after her decease to descend to my Cousin Benjamin Purnell Carr son of Walter Carr to him his Heirs or Assigns for ever and if the said Benjn Purnell Carr should die without Issue, then the said parcel of Land is to descend to his next eldest Brother and as for my Personal Estate after the death of said wife Two third I bequeath to Nirlinda Bowman Wife of Jacob Bowman and her Heirs the other third part to be disposed of as my said Wife shall think fit and I do hereby constitute and Appoint my said Wife Elizabeth Purnell my whole and sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament revoking all others. In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal this eighth day of June Anno domini seventeen hundred and seventy two

in presence of.

Benjamin Purnell (seal)

Greenbury Ridgely

Joseph Ray

Richard Ridgely

Ann Arundel Coty fct April 11th 1777 . . . . Came Joseph Ray one of the subscribing Witnesses to the within Will, and made Oath that they saw Benjn Purnell the Testator 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 Apprehensions of a sound and disposing mind memory and, understanding, and that he together with Greenbury Ridgely and Richard Ridgely 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.

Exam. 4 sides

sworn before me Elie Vallette D Com

a a Coty