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sums say six hundred dollars to be equally divided between all the children of my said
Daughter Sarah and share alike, my said hereafter named Executors to retain the unexpired
time of said Negroes, Item, I give and bequeath to my grand son John Kemp son of Joshua
Kemp my Silver Watch, Item, I give and bequeath to my grand son William Kemp
son of Shadrach Kemp my Shot Gun, Item, I direct and request that my hereafter
named Executors manumit and set free, or cause to be manumitted and set free from
personal Slavery all my Negroes at the periods or dates hereafter mentioned or annexed to
their respective names, My Negro Man Benjamin to be manumitted and set free
immediately after my death, My Negro Stephen to be manumitted and set free the
1st day of May in the Year 1837, My Negro Boy Abraham to be manumitted and set
free the 1st day of May 1843, My Negro Boy William to be manumitted and set free the
1st day of May 1845, My Negro Boy James to be manumitted and set free the 1st day
of May 1848, and my Negro Girl Harriet to be manumitted and set free the 1st day
of May 1851, Item, I devise and bequeath all the rest and residue of my Estate both
real and personal, of what kind and a nature soever, to be equally divided amongst
the following persons, Deborah Busby wife of Abraham Busby, Ruth Gill, Amanda
Gill and John Gill all children of Mary Gill, to them their heirs and assigns for-
ever, in equal portions, share and share alike, And Lastly I do hereby constitute
and appoint my dutiful and affectionate sons Shadrach Kemp and Joshua Kemp
my Sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament, revoking and annulling all
former Wills by me heretofore made Ratifying and confirming this and none other to
be my last Will and Testament, In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and affixed my Seal this fifth day of April in the year of our Lord one Thousand and
eight hundred and twenty Three,

John Kemp. Seal
Signed, Sealed, published and declared by John Kemp the above named Testator,
as and for his last Will and Testament, in the presence of us, who at his request, in
his presence, and in the presence of each other, have subscribed our names as
Witnesses thereto, Augustine Taney, George W. Johnson, Lewis ^{his} Pitts, Baltimore
County, Sc^{ts}. On the 16th day of April 1823, came Augustine Taney, George W. Johnson
and Lewis Pitts the three subscribing witnesses to the foregoing last Will and Testa-
ment of John Kemp late of said County deceased and made Oath on the Holy Evan-
gely of Almighty God, that they did see the Testator sign and seal this Will, that
they heard him publish, pronounce and declare the same to be his last Will and
Testament, that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehen-
sions of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, and that
they subscribed their names as Witnesses to this Will, in his presence, at
his request, and in the presence of each other.

Sworn to in open Court. Test, W^{ts} Buchanan, Res^t

Joseph Osborn's last Will and Testament } In the name of God, Amen; I Joseph Osborn of the
County of Baltimore, and State of Maryland, being
sickly, but of a sound mind, memory and under-
standing and considering the certainty of death and the uncertain time

Thereof, do make publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament in
 manner and form following, ^{1st} my request is that after my decease that my body
 may be decently buried in a Christian like manner at the discretion of those my
 Executors herein after named, and after ^{that} my just debts shall be paid out of my
 personal property, ^{2^{dly}} and the rest of my personal property I give and bequeath
 unto my beloved Wife Writth Osborn, and to my daughter Susanna Osborn, her
 equal part, during the time she is unmarried, but in case she marries, during
 her Mothers life time, my Wife shall retain the same, and after her decease to be
 equally divided amongst my Children. ^{3rd} As for my real property, viz a tract
 of land called Elliges folly, lying in Baltimore County containing 50 acres, more
 or less, also another tract called Turkey locks Hall, containing 35 acres more or less
 lying in the aforesaid County, I give devise and bequeath unto my said Wife,
 Writth Osborn and daughter Susanna Osborn, to have equal parts thereof, thus my
 Wife Writth Osborn during her natural life, and my daughter Susanna her half
 part during the time she is in an unmarried state, and in case she marries
 before her Mothers death, her Mother shall retain the whole land, during her life,
 and if her Mother should die, before her, and she be not married at the decease
 of her Mother, the said Lands shall be sold, and the money accruing therefrom
 shall be equally divide amongst ^{my} children. And I do hereby nominate and
 appoint my Wife Writth Osborn the sole Executor of this my last Will and Tes-
 tament, hereby revoking all former Will and Wills by me heretofore made. At Wit-
 nesses whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this third day of November in
 the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and eight,

Joseph ^{his} Osborn. Seal

Signed, Sealed, published and declared, by the above named Joseph Osborn as and
 for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us, who have hereunto subscri-
 bed our names as Witnesses therein in the presence of the said Testator, and
 in the presence of each other.

Nath^l. Sykes, Abraham Jones, John Coriegh. Baltimore County, Set. On the
 16th day of April 1823, came Abraham H. Price and made Oath on the Holy Evan-
 gel of Almighty God that he was well acquainted with Nathaniel Sykes one of the
 subscribing Witnesses to the aforesaid last Will and Testament of Joseph Osborn
 late of said County deceased and also with the handwriting of the said Nathani-
 el Sykes and this deponent verily believes that the signature of "Nath^l. Sykes"
 subscribed to the aforesaid Will to be in the proper handwriting of the said Nathaniel
 Sykes, Sworn to in open Court the 16th day of April 1823, Test: Wm. Buchanan, Regt
Baltimore County Set. on the 28th day of May 1823, came John Coriegh one of the
 subscribing witnesses to the aforesaid last Will and Testament of Joseph Osborn
 late of said County deceased and made Oath on the Holy Evangel of Almighty
 God, that he did see the Testator sign and seal this Will, that he heard him pub-
 lish, pronounce and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament, that at
 the time of his so doing he was to the best of his apprehension of sound disposing

mind, memory and understanding, and the name of John Breigh subscribed as a Witness to the aforesaid Will was subscribed and written by Nathaniel Sykes, at the request and in the presence of this deponent, he not being able to write, and in the presence of the said Testator, and this deponent further saith that he saw Nathaniel Sykes and Abraham Jones the two other subscribing witnesses thereto sign their names as Witnesses to the aforesaid Will, and they subscribed their names as Witnesses in the Testator's presence, and that the said Nathaniel Sykes and Abraham Jones are now both deceased.

Sworn to in open Court. Test: Wm^r Buchanan, Regt.

Duplicate of Richard Williams last Will & Testament

In the name of God, Amen; I Richard Williams of Frederick County, and State of Maryland, being sick and weak in body, but of sound mind and memory, considering the certainty of death, and the uncertainty of the time thereof and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs and thereby be the better prepared to leave this world when it shall please God to call me hence, do therefore make and publish this my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following, that is to say: First and Principally I commit my Soul into the hands of Almighty God, and my body to the Earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors herein after named, and after my debts and funeral charges are paid, I give and bequeath unto my beloved Wife Margaret all my property real & personal, to have free and full use thereof during her natural life, and at her death to have the disposal of the one half thereof as she may think proper, and the other half thereof to be equally divided amongst my relations. And Lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved Wife Margaret and Charles Maloy of the City of Baltimore to be sole Executors and Executor of this my last Will and Testament, revoking and annulling all former Wills by me heretofore made Ratifying and Confirming this, and none other, to be my last Will and Testament. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this twenty fifth day of February in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and twenty three Richard Williams Seal
Signed, Sealed, published and declared by Richard Williams the above named Testator as and for his last Will and Testament, in the presence of us, who at his request, in his presence, and in the presence of each other, have subscribed our names as Witnesses thereto, Jas. A. Shorb, George Groves, John Carritt, Frederick County, to wit: On the 17th day of March 1823. Then came George Groves and made Oath in the Holy Evangelis of Almighty God that the foregoing instrument of writing is the true whole Will and Testament of Richard Williams late of Frederick County deceased that hath come to his hands & possession & that the same was placed into his hands by the Executors of the deceased to be deposited in the Office of the Register of said County Henry Steiner. Register.
Frederick County, to wit: On the 9th day of April 1823. Then came George Groves and John Carritt two of the subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing last