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be of age. to be secured by their Guardian in good security, and paid to them on their coming severally of age. I appoint Washington B Baker and my wife Ann Maria Lewis Executors of this Will and Reuben Eldridge, Guardian of my minor Children. Witness my hand and seal this 11<sup>th</sup> day of Nov. 1853  
 Witnesses at sealing  
 Gardley Warner. Reuben Eldridge  
 Richard Lewis

West Chester. September 13<sup>th</sup> 1853 When personally appeared Gardley Warner and Reuben Eldridge who on their solemn affirmations did declare and say that they were personally present and did see and hear Richard Lewis, the testator in the foregoing instrument of writing named sign seal publish pronounce and declare the same as and for his last Will and Testament. And at the time of so doing he was of a sound and well disposing mind and memory to the best of their knowledge and belief.  
 Affirmed before me. A. Leslie, Ref

It is remembered that on the thirteenth day of September A. D. 1853 the last will and testament of Richard Lewis deceased was proved and approved in due form of Law and Letters Testamentary thereon were duly granted to Washington B Baker and Ann Maria Lewis, who were affirmed well and truly to administer the goods and Chatters rights and credit of said deceased according to law also diligently and faithfully regard and well and truly comply with the provisions of the law relating to collateral Inheritances  
 A. Leslie Ref

Joseph Osborn

Will I Joseph Osborn of the Township of Thornbury in the County of Chester and State of Pennsylvania being of a sound and disposing mind memory and understanding but bearing in mind the uncertainty of life do make and publish this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all former Wills by me at any time heretofore made. I imparts - It is my will that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon as conveniently may be after my decease by my Executors herein after named. Item - I give and devise unto my son Joseph Osborn and to his heirs and assigns for ever my farm, plantation and tract of land, situate in the Township of Mattowa in the County of Chester and State of Pennsylvania bounded by lands of Benjamin Sharpless, Chalkley Bill and others, being the same devised to me by my father Peter Osborn together with the roads, and the Hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging. Item - I give and bequeath unto my son, Joseph Osborn the sum of Seven thousand dollars. Item - I give and devise unto my daughter Jane Hickman wife of Wellington Hickman and to her heirs and assigns forever, my tract or lot of Woodland, situate in Birmingham Township, County of Chester and State of Pennsylvania containing fifteen acres, more or less with the appurtenances, bounded by lands of Joseph Pennock and others, and being the same purchased by George Fancett and me of said Joseph Pennock, but now owned exclusively by me. Item - I give and bequeath unto my said daughter Jane Hickman the sum of twelve thousand dollars. Item - I give devise and bequeath, the residue and remainder of my Estate and property of whatever kind or nature to my said two Children Joseph Osborn and Jane Hickman, to be equally divided between them, share and share alike, their heirs and assigns forever. Item - It is my will and I hereby direct that if my said son Joseph Osborn shall bring any claims or demands against my Estate, that the same shall not be paid until legally recovered, and shall then be paid out of the devises and bequests herein made to him. And that if my said daughter Jane Hickman or her husband Wellington Hickman shall bring any claims or demands against my Estate that the same shall not be paid until legally recovered, and shall then be paid out of the devises and bequests herein made to my said daughter Jane Hickman. Finally, I hereby make ordain nominate constitute and appoint, my said son Joseph Osborn and son in Law Wellington Hickman Executors of this my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I Joseph Osborn the Testator have to this my Will and Testament set my hand and seal this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and forty nine  
 Joseph 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 at his request and in his presence have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto  
 Gibbons Gray, John Hickman

West Chester Sept 27. 1853 When personally appeared Gibbons Gray and John Hickman who on their solemn affirmations did declare and say that they were personally present and did see and hear Joseph Osborn the Testator in the foregoing instrument of writing named sign seal publish pronounce and declare the same as and for his last Will and Testament And at the time of so

doing the best of a sound and well disposing mind and memory to the best of their Knowledge and belief. Affirmed before me. A. Leslie Ref

Be it remembered that on the twenty seventh day of September A.D. 1853 the last will and testament of Joseph Osborne deceased was proved and approved in due form of law and letters testamentary thereon were duly granted to Joseph H. Osborn and Wellington Dickinson who were solemnly affirmed well and truly to administer the goods and chattels rights and credits of said deceased according to law also diligently and faithfully regard and well and truly comply with the provisions of the law relating to collateral Inheritances

A. Leslie Ref

John Richards

Will In the name of God Amen, I John Richards of Warwick Township in the County of Chester and State of Pennsylvania being sound in body mind memory and understanding (Blessed be God for his mercies) but considering the uncertainty of this transitory life do make and publish this my last will and testament (revoking all others) in manner and form following; to wit: First and as the most principal part I commend my soul into the hands of God hoping he will deal mercifully thereby. And secondly I give my body to the earth to be buried in a decent and Christian like manner. And as for what little worldly estate it hath pleased him to bless me with I give and bequeath in the manner and form following. First - it is my will and I do order that all my just debts if there should be any along with my funeral expenses, be punctually and speedily paid by my Executor herein after mentioned. Secondly, It is my will and I do order that as soon as conveniently can be after my decease, that all my property both Real and personal be appraised by two disinterested persons and that no person be allowed to take any part thereof at the appraised value, but that the whole remain for the use and to be occupied by my well beloved wife Rachel Richards and my unmarried daughter Sarah Richards during the term of her natural life, that is the said Rachel, or so long as she remains my widow. Thirdly - It is my will and I do order that at the death of my wife or her marriage, if that should take place, that the whole of my estate Real and personal shall then fall to my daughter Sarah Richards, and to her heirs forever for her own free use and benefit to have and to hold, to sell or to keep as she may see proper with the exception of the following Legacy, Viz; and 4<sup>thly</sup> - I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Richards now intermarried with Jonathan Wynn Five dollars, as her full share of my estate and this I do not from any want of affection to her but from the conviction that she is comfortably settled in this life. And Lastly I hereby nominate and appoint my daughter Sarah Richards my sole Executor of this my last will and Testament with full power and authority to carry out the provisions of this my last will and do all that may appertain to be done by an Executor. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this second day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty two

John <sup>his</sup> Richards

Signed Sealed and declared by the said John Richards to be his last will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request signed it as witnesses. Thomas J. Graham, David Todd.

West Chester Sep<sup>r</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1853 Then personally appeared Thomas J. Graham and David Todd who on their solemn Oaths did declare and say that they were personally present and did see and hear John Richards the testator in the foregoing instrument of writing named sign seal publish pronounce and declare the same as and for his last will and testament and at the time of so doing he was of a sound and well disposing mind and memory to the best of their Knowledge and belief. Sworn before me. A. Leslie Ref

Be it remembered that on the twenty eighth day of September A.D. 1853 the last will and Testament of John Richards, deceased, was proved and approved in due form of law and letters testamentary thereon were duly granted to Sarah Richards who was affirmed well and truly to administer the goods and chattels rights and credits of said deceased according to law, also diligently and faithfully regard and well and truly comply with the provisions of the law relating to collateral Inheritances

A. Leslie Ref

David Wiley

Will The last will and Testament of David Wiley of the Township of London Grove in the County of Chester & David Wiley considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being of sound mind and memory; I thank God for the same; do make and publish this my last will and Testament. First I recommend my soul to God who gave it and my body to the earth from whence it came to be buried in a decent and becoming manner. And of such worldly goods as it has pleased God to favour me with, I distribute in the following manner, to wit; As soon after my death as conveniently can be done