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thereof he was of sound mind memory & understanding to the best of their Knowledge
Coram Petronis Reg. Jure. Be it Remembered that on the 18th Sept.
1709 the last Will and Testament of Robert Humphrey Deed was proved in due form
of Law and probate and Letters Testamentary were granted to John Jones and Robert
Lord Executors therein named having first solemnly affirmed well & truly to
administer the said Deed's Estate and bring an Inventory thereof into the Register's
General's Office at Philad: at or before the 18th October next and also render a true
Account when thereunto lawfully required Given under my Hand & Seal of
Office by Pe. Swan, Register

Robert & Jonathan
Osborne's Will

In the Name of God Amen

Jonathan Osborne late of Barbados but now of the City of Philadelphia in the
Province of Pennsylvania Esq: do make my last Will and Testament as followeth VIZ:
First It is my Will that my Debts and funeral Expences be paid And I give unto my
dear and loving Wife Mary all my Household Furnitures and all my Rings Jewells
Plate of what kind soever and I give unto her my said Wife my Chair with the Trappings &
appurtenances with Two Chair Horses and one of my Saddle Horses which she shall
choose And I give unto my said Wife one hundred Pounds Currency of Barbados to buy
her Mourning And it is my Will that she my said Wife have a power of giving And I
herby Authorize her to give out of my Estate at her Decease by Will or otherwise the sum
of one thousand Pounds Currency aforesaid to be divided among the Children by me begotten
of her as she shall think proper and that my said Wife may be and remain at my
Dwelling house in Barbados and have all necessary Accommodations on my Estate there
during Widowhood And I give to my son James Osborne four hundred Pounds Currency
if at his Age of twenty one And if he shall dye under that Age leaving lawfull Issue
such Issue shall have out of my Estate the four hundred Pounds Legacy aforesaid And I
give to my son Samuel Osborne eight Hundred Pounds Currency aforesaid at his Age of
twenty one And if he shall dye under that Age leaving lawfull Issue such Issue shall
have out of my Estate the sum eight Hundred Pounds Legacy And I give to my Daughter
Mary the sum of eight Hundred Pounds Currency aforesaid at her Age of eighteen Years
or Day of Marriage which shall first happen And I give to my Daughter Catherine
Osborne eight hundred Pounds Currency aforesaid at her Age of eighteen Years or Day of
Marriage which shall first happen Moreover I give my Son Samuel Sixty
Pounds Currency aforesaid to be laid out in Negroes at the Discretion of his Guardians
within four Years after my Decease And it is my Will that if my said Wife Mary be
now with Child of one or more Male or Female such shall have Six hundred
Pounds Currency aforesaid at the Age of twenty one Years besides such Pounds
aforesaid to be laid out in Negroes at the Discretion of their Guardians with five
Years after my Decease And it is my further Will that if any of my Children
dye without lawfull Issue before their respective Ages appointed for receiving their
Legacies Then those respective Legacies shall return to my Estate for the sole use &
Benefit of my Heir at Law Also my Will is that if all my Children shall dye without
Issue before they arrive at the Age for receiving their respective Legacies And my said
Wife survive them and their respective Issues Then that she my said Wife be paid
by my Executors the sum of One thousand Pounds Currency aforesaid out of my Estate
within two Years after the Decease of all my Children and their Issues And Whereas by
Acts of Sale and Release bearing Date respectively the first & second Days of June

in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred thirty three I and my said Wife
 formerly Mary Mayproger Spinster did therein convey to my said Son Samuel
 Osborne of the Parish of St James in Trust That Plantation or Parcel
 of Land with the Buildings and Appurtenances thereto belonging called four square
 Plantation with full power to sell the same And the Use of one moiety arising from
 the Sale to be to the Use of me and my said Wife until my two Daughters Mary &
 Catherine attain respectively their ages of eighteen And whereas I have herein
 before given unto them my said Daughters eight hundred pounds each at
 their respective ages or Days of Marriage as aforesaid Now it is my Will That
 before they receive their respective Legacies aforesaid They shall first Discharge
 & release my son Robert Osborne or my Heir at Law from the Payment of any
 Money arising from Sale of said Plantation & Premises And if one or both
 of them shall refuse so to do Then I do make void any Legacy or Legacies by me
 given by this my Will to one or both that shall respectively refuse so to release
 and I give and bequeath unto my beloved son Robert Osborne and his Heirs for
 ever all my Estate real & personal whatsoever or wheresoever he paying all my
 Debts and Legacies aforesaid And therefore I do make and appoint him the said Robert
 Osborne my sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament but during his
 Minority if such shall be the Case at my Decease I do nominate my said Wife
 Mary with my good Friends James Bruce Esq of the Parish of St Andrew in
 Barbados and my beloved Brother Samuel Osborne M Robert Burney of
 Barbados and John Caughton of the Parish of St Johns in Barbados and
 M John Jackson of the Parish of St George in Barbados and Executors of this
 my last Will and Guardians in Trust during the Minority of my son Robert both
 of the Bodies and Estates of all and every of my Children until they arrive at
 their full ages the Boys at twenty one And the Daughters at eighteen And it is
 my further Will That my said son Robert shall have an equal Power of Guardians
 ship over the Bodies & Estates of the younger Children as soon as he shall arrive
 at the Age of twenty one in conjunction with those above mentioned And it is
 my further Will That if my said Wife Mary shall marry again after my Decease
 then and at such time all the powers of Executorship or Guardianship over the
 Bodies or Estates of any of my Children hereby given unto her shall become void
 And I do hereby give unto her my said Wife the Negroes Women named Violet
 & Venus with their Children And I do request my said Wife to keep on my
 Plantation in Barbados all the Negroes belonging unto her upon my Decease
 for the benefit of the same plantation And I do desire of her my said Wife to
 receipt of three hundred pounds of Ann, in Lieu of the five hundred pounds of
 Ann, as mentioned in a little more during the Term of her Natural Life And it is my
 Will And I do hereby empower the above mentioned Executors and Guardians of my
 Children to have a full power of buying all things that shall be found necessary towards
 keeping up and supporting my Estate And from time to time to buy Negroes Little
 Houses build repairs and to dispose of all and every Part of the Crops that may arise
 from my Estate by selling or Shipping and entirely to act in and upon the premises
 as they in their Judgment shall think most conducive to the real benefit and
 Advantage of my Heirs And it is my Will That all my Children shall have such

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Maintenance and Education and from my Estate as then above appointed Executors shall think fit And it is my Will that my Land in the County of New Castle in Delaware be sold in the simplest or otherwise by my Executors for the Time being the Survivors or Survivor of them upon Ground Rents payable to my said son Robert his Heirs Executors and Assigns or unto such other person or persons their Heirs Executors and Assigns unto whom the residuary part of my Estate by the Force of this my Will for the Time being shall appertain And I proove all other Wills by me heretofore made In Witness whereof I the said Robert Jonathan Osborne have hereunto set my Hand and seal the ninth Day of September in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred thirty six All I have my funeral may be wth as little Expence as Decency may be Rob^t Jonⁿ Osborne Test: Signed sealed published and declared by the above named Robert Jonathan Osborne for and as his last Will and Testament (The words [without lawfull Issue] between the 24th & 25th Lines on the first side and the Words [of this my last Will and Guardians] between the 1st & 2^d Lines of the second side of this sheet of Paper being first interlined and the Words [Guardians and] beginning the line of the second sheet first struck out) In the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our Names in his presence and at his request Richard Nixon Sarah Rolfe Charles Brodhead

Attest: 22^d September 22^d 1736 Then personally appeared Richard Nixon Sarah Rolfe and Charles Brodhead the subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing Will and the said Richard Nixon and Sarah Rolfe on their Oath and the said Charles Brodhead on his solemn affirmation according to Law did severally declare they saw & heard Robert Jonathan Osborne the Testator therein named sign seal publish and Declare the same Will to be his last Will and Testament and that at the doing thereof he was of sound Mind memory and Understanding to the best of their Knowledge & belief & they at the request and in the presence of the said Testator did subscribe their Names as Witnesses to the same Will
Coram Pet^r W^m S^r Reg^r Gen^r

Be it Remembred That on the 22^d Day of September 1736 the last Will and Testament of Robert Jonathan Osborne was proved in Due form of Law and Probate and Letters Testamentary were granted unto Mary Osborne one of the Executors in the said Testament named having first sworn (the other Executors being absent) with fealty to Administer the said Deced^t Estate and bring an Inventory thereof into the Register Generals Office at Philad^a as or before the 22^d of December next and render a true Account when thereunto lawfully required Govern under my hand & seal of Office by Pet^r W^m S^r Reg^r Gen^r

In the Name of God Amen the twenty fifth Day of November in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and thirty five I Henry Brearely of Lembrack Township in the County of Philadelphia Yeoman being of perfect mind & memory Thanks be given to God therefore calling unto mind the mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to dye Do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the Hands of God that gave it and for my Body I desire it to be buried in a Christian like and decent manner nothing Doubting but the general Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God And as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this Life I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner in full Imp^rimus I give and bequeath unto Mary Apalona Seavely my dearly beloved Wife the sum of Two hundred & fifteen Pounds seven Shillings of

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