

In the name of God Amen — I Francis A Rochester of Queen Ann's County and State of Maryland, knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of Death and for the better settling of my worldly affairs, do make and ordain this instrument of writing to be my last will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say, Imprimis — I commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it, and my body to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my family and my Executor herein after named.

Item — I give and devise unto my son Samuel Stevens Francis Rochester and his heirs forever, all the Farm or plantation whereon I now dwelle, (with the exceptions herein after mentioned) composed of certain tracts or parts of tracts of land known by the names of Ripley, Colliss's gift, Out Range and Ashton or by whatsoever names they may be called — I also give and bequeath unto my said son, my Mettletock and Family Bible and my negro boy named William Henry

Item — I give and devise unto my daughter Mary Matilda Rochester and her heirs forever, all my Farm or plantation which I purchased of Thomas Walker, lying contiguous to my dwelling plantation aforesaid, and composed of certain tracts or parts of certain tracts, called Fordsbridge, Ashton and Colliss's lot containing two hundred and twenty three acres of land more or less and also nineteen acres and twenty four perches of woodland, it being a part of my said dwelling plantation, and a part of the tract first above mentioned called Ripley Beginning at a stone at the end of twenty two perches in the second line of said tract and from thence runs north fifty five degrees west ~~sixty~~ ^{north} ~~sixty~~ ^{degrees} four perches to the main road leading from Church Hill to J. B. then with the said road forty four ^{and} _{one} ^{feet} east eighty two perches and seventeen ^{one} _{feet} of a perch to intersect the said second line of Ripley aforesaid and then with that line reversed to the said beginning I also give and bequeath unto my said daughter Mary Ma-

-tilde Rochester my Mahogany Bureau Piano Forte and
one dozen silver tea spoons-

Item - I give and devise unto my daughter Julianne Stevens Rochester and her heirs forever, my plantation or farm near J. B. known by the name of Hackett's Delight, containing about twenty five acres and also a part of a tract of woodland, lying on the north side of the main road leading from J. B. to Millington and adjoining the lands of John Nolison, Joseph Barton and Joseph M. Smith containing thirty four acres more or less - I also give and bequeath unto my said daughter Julianne S. Rochester, my mahogany side-board, work stand, one dozen silver dessert spoons and my negro boy named Richard -

Item - I give and bequeath unto my grand-daughter Ann Elizabeth Smith, my negro boy called James and my negro woman called Julian -

Item - I give and bequeath unto my grandson, James Francis Hall, my negro boy called John, and my negro woman called Margaret and also my silver watch -

Item - I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Eliza Rochester, my bay Horse and Gig, her choice of one of my Beds bedsteads and furniture therefor and one of my Carpets these articles are given in addition to her third part of my personal estate -

Item - It is my will and desire and I hereby so direct that the balance of my personal ^{Estate}, after all my just debts and charges are paid, and my said wife's third part & the legacies above named are taken out, shall be divided equally between my two daughters aforesaid and my two grand children aforesaid, share and share alike

Item - My will is, and I hereby so direct, that in the event of either of my said daughters dying without leaving lawful issue of her body, all the lands and real estate

herein given to her so dying, shall go to my surviving daughter and her heirs forever - and in case my said son Samuel shall die without leaving lawful issue of his body I will and devise all the lands and real estate, herein given to him to my two daughters aforesaid jointly and their heirs forever.

Lastly I hereby constitute and appoint my friend John A. Hall, sole Executor of this my last will and Testament, revoking and annulling all others hitherto by me made and establishing this only —

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this nineteenth day of October anno domini one thousand eight hundred and forty two

Signed, sealed, published and declared

by Francis A. Rochester the above

named testator as and for his Francis A. Rochester Seal

Last Will and Testament in

the presence of us, who at his

request and in his presence

and in the presence of each

other, have subscribed our

names as witnesses thereto.

James Stoops

James W. Stoops

Tho. Brown

Queen Anne County Sept^r 3rd Then came Jno Brown one Oct. 4th 1860 3 of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing Will and made oath on the Holy Evangel of Almighty God, that he did see Francis A. Rochester the Testator therein named sign his name to the foregoing Will, that he heard him publish pronounce and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament. that at the time of so doing he was to the best of his apprehensions of sound and disposing mind

memory and understanding, that he signed his name
as witness and saw James Stoops and James W. Stoops
sign their respective names as witnesses to the aforesaid
will in the presence of each other and in the presence of
the Testator and at his request

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W. A. Johnson Reg. Wills
for Queen Anne's County

Queen Anne's County, set, Then came Rachel Rochester & J. F. Hall
Nov. 12th 1860 and made oath on the Holy Evangel of
Almighty God, that the foregoing Instrument of writing is the
true and whole last Will and Testament of Francis A. Rochester
late of Queen Anne's County, deceased, that has come to their
hands or possession, and that they do not know of any other.

W. A. Johnson, Reg. Wills
for Queen Anne's County

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W. A. Johnson, Reg. Wills
for Queen Anne's County

Queen Anne's County set Then came Rachel Rochester
& J. F. Hall the Administrators with the will annexed and made
oath on the Holy Evangel of Almighty God, that the foregoing
Instrument of writing is the true and whole last Will
and Testament of Francis A. Rochester late of Queen Anne's
County deceased, that has come to their hands or possession
and that they do not know of any other.

Reg. Wills
for Queen Anne's County