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230. hereby constitute and appoint my beloved Son Jacob Basford to be sole 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 Second day of November 1810.

Signed Sealed and delivered by John Basford 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.

Leonard Sellman
John W. Watkins
Joseph Hall.

The Deposition of Doctor Joseph Hall taken in open Court by consent of parties on the 5th day of January Anno Domini 1819. who being sworn on the holy Evangely of Almighty God, deposeth and saith as follows: That on or about the 2d day of November in the year 1810, he, this deponent, was desired by the late John Basford, of Anne Arundel County, deceased, to sign his name as one of the Witnesses to the paper, now shewn to this deponent, purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of the said John Basford, which he did, and which Leonard Sellman and John W. Watkins the other Witnesses also did, all in the presence of the said John Basford, and in presence of each other - that he, this deponent, saw the said John Basford sign his name and affix his seal to the said paper, and heard him pronounce, publish and declare the same to be his Last Will and Testament - and that he the said John Basford, at the time of so doing, was to the best of this deponents apprehension and belief of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding. That the execution of the said paper as the last Will and Testament of said Basford took place at the Dwelling House of said Basford - and that the said paper was then put into the possession of Mr Leonard Sellman by said Basford for safe keeping, but how long it remained in his possession this Deponent does not know - neither does he know how, when or by whom the name and seal of said John Basford, the Testator, were cut off and removed from the said paper. But this deponent saith that the said John Basford, about two or three years after the execution of said paper, purporting to be his last Will and Testament, did in conversation with this Deponent mention that it was his the said Basford's, Intention to make a very different Disposition of his property from what he had done in his Will but he did not inform this deponent what that disposition was to be - nor did this Deponent ever read the paper executed in his presence by said Basford previous to the death of said Basford. That this Deponent does not recollect that he observed any interlineations or erasures in the paper executed by said Basford as his Last Will and Testament - and further this Deponent saith not - Sworn to in open Court before Horatio Ridout and Lewis Neth Justices of the Orphans Court of Anne Arundel County.

Horatio Ridout
Lewis Neth Jr.

The Deposition of John W. Watkins taken in Open Court by consent of parties on the 16th day of January 1819. who being sworn on the holy Evangely of Almighty God, deposeth and saith as follows. That on or about the 2d day of November in the year 1810. he this deponent was desired by the late John Basford of Anne

239. Arundel County, deceased, to sign his name as one of the Witnesses to the Paper, now shewn to this deponent, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of the said John Basford, which he did; and which Leonard Sellman and Joseph Hall the other Witnesses also did, all in the presence of the said John Basford, and in the presence of each other, that he this deponent saw the said John Basford sign his name and affix his seal to the said paper, and heard him pronounce, publish and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament, and that he the said John Basford at the time of so doing was to the best of this deponent's apprehension and belief of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding. That the execution of the said paper, as the last Will and Testament of said Basford took place at the Dwelling House of said Basford. And that the said paper was then put into the possession of Mr Leonard Sellman by said Basford for safe keeping but how long it remained in his possession this deponent does not know, neither does he know how, when or by whom the name and seal of said John Basford the Testator were cut off and removed from the said paper. That this Deponent does not recollect that he observed any interlineations or erasures in the paper executed by said Basford as his last Will and Testament, and further this deponent saith not.

Sworn to before
Alexandria 14 Jan. 1819.

Wm Gassaway Reg Wills AA Co.

I hereby certify that Jacob Basford of P.G. County State of Maryland hath given me notice that on 16 instant he intends to apply to the Orphans Court of A.A. County for letters of admn under the last Will and testament of John Basford late of said County deceasd and warnes me to appear before said Court and shew cause if any I have why such letters should not be granted as he shall then apply for.

as Witness my hand.

Thos Whittington.

We the undersigned do hereby certify that we have received the above notice as witness our hands

John Basford
Sarah Basford

To the Honourable The Judges of the Orphans Court of A.A. County.

Baltimore January 16th 1819.

Having been duly notified of the intention of my brother Jacob Basford to apply to the Judges of the Orphans Court of A.A. County to take out letters of administration on the last Will and Testament of my Beloved Father. This is to certify that I have no objection to his application being granted.

Thomas Basford.

Anne Arundel County set. the 8th day of February 1820 } Then came Jacob Williams one of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of Walter Dumphry late of Anne Arundel County, deceased, and made Oath on the holy Evangely of Almighty God, that he did see the Testator therein named make his mark and seal this Will, and that he heard him publish, pronounce and declare the same to be his 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 that he together with Charles Waters and Richard W. Marriott the other Subscribing Witnesses respectively subscribed their names as Witnesses to this Will in the presence and at the request of the Testator and all in the presence of each other.

Sworn before

Wm Gassaway Reg Wills AA Co.

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