

I London Payne being sound in mind and weak in body do make this my last will viz I leave to Maria Blue and Fanny Knowlton my two sisters my house and lot after the death of my wife Candice Payne

London ^{his} Payne
 T^{est} Spencer
 Alexander & West
 Henry & Morris

Alexandria November 10th 1817

District of Columbia f¹

Be it remembered that on this twenty sixth day of January one thousand eight hundred and twenty before me Alexander Moore Register of Wills for the County of Alexandria in the District of Columbia came T^{est} Spencer Alexander West and Henry Morris witnesses to this last will and Testament of London Payne deceased and proved the same in due form of law. and on the 21st February in the same year Administration with the will annexed was granted to Henry Morris he having given bond and security according to law

Alex. Moore
 Reg^r Wills

KNOW all men by these presents that we Henry Morris Andrew Bell and Maria Blue are held and firmly bound unto Robert Young Esquire Judge of the Orphans Court of Alexandria County in the District of Columbia, and his successors in office in the sum of three hundred dollars lawful money of the United States to the payment whereof well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs executors and administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this twenty first day of February one thousand eight hundred and twenty

The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bounden Henry Morris shall well and truly perform the office of Administrator with the will annexed of London Payne late of Alexandria County deceased, according to law, and shall in all respects discharge the duties of him required by law, as Administrator aforesaid without any injury or damage to any person interested in the faithful per-

formance of said office then the above obligation shall cease, it shall otherwise remain in full force and virtue in law.

Sealed & Delivered
 in presence of
 Alex. Moore Reg^r Wills

Henry ^{his} Morris
 Andrew ^{mark} Bell
 Maria ^{his} Blue

Schooner Stag April 17th 1819 underway

Dear Rebecca,

I have been 3 years on the last voyage, I wish you were all times but not being in a place where I could receive an answer I never wrote for one. I know that you and all the world will censure me for my long absence and I must acknowledge that it really merits it, but I think I can throw myself at your feet and receive pardon. I acknowledge that I do not deserve it, for this 3 months I have been closely confined in a dismal Prison. At the expiration of which time I was liberated, the details to tedious to mix into, but at a future period I hope to enjoy that felicity which I have long been a stranger to, most injured woman I cannot tell how to repair the uncertainty that I have occasioned you try and get my pardon from the family - in case of my death while on this voyage, you will receive \$4000 and my emoluments arising from this voyage will amount to about \$2000, six in all, I have appointed a friend that will see you righted as my agent. I beg you will write me on the receipt of this, so as to meet me on my return. I will send for me to the care of Mr. Sonchay to be delivered to Robert Wilson Cunningham the Gent^l that is to see you righted. If I make this voyage safe I am determined to go home my respects to the family. Mr. Patterson and family also. my respects to the family. Mr. Patterson and family also.

To Mr. Rebecca Bird, Alexandria,

my respects to the family. Mr. Patterson and family also.

Yours,
 M. Bird

District of Columbia f¹

Be it remembered that on this 10th day of February 1820 before me Alexander Moore Register of Wills for the County of Alexandria in the District of Columbia came John J. Brooks Edmund Edmonds and William Patterson and severally made oath upon the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that they are well acquainted with the hand writing

John
writing of ~~John~~ Bird late of Alexandria deceased and they
truly believe the foregoing letter directed to Rebecca Bird wife of
the said ~~William~~ ^{John} is wholly written and signed by him

Alex. Moore
Reg. Mills

Know all Men by these presents that we Thomas Swann an John
Mercer are held and fully bound unto Robert Young Esquire Judge
of the Orphans Court of Alexandria County in the District of Columbia
and his successors in office in the sum two thousand lawful money of the United
States to the payment whereof well and truly to be made we bind ourselves
our heirs executors and administrators jointly and severally firmly by these
presents sealed with our seals with our seals and dated this tenth day of
February 1820.

The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the
above bounden Thomas Swann shall well and truly perform the office
of Administrator of Jane Byrd Swann late of Alexandria County deceased
according to law and shall in all respects discharge the duties of him
required by law as Administrator aforesaid without any injury or damage
to any person interested in the faithful performance of said office then the
above obligation shall cease it shall otherwise remain in full force
and virtue in law.

Sealed & Delivered
in presence of
Alex. Moore

Thos Swann Esq

Jno Mercer Esq

In the name of God I Valentine Bontz of the Town of Alexandria
District of Columbia finding myself in a very weak state of health, consider-
ing it proper whilst my God permits me to possess strength of mind sufficient
to make a disposition of my worldly estate of which I am possessed or may
be possessed should I recover from my present indisposition after first resign-
ing my soul to the author of my being confiding in his mercy do give unto
my wife Mary Bontz all my estate real & personal of which I am at present
possessed or may be possessed by reversion or otherwise for ever to be at her sole
use & disposal and it is expressly to be understood to be my wish that none
of my relations shall in any manner use possess or enjoy any portion of
the estate of which I am possessed or might be entitled to by reversion
or otherwise but that Mary Bontz my wife shall be & is my sole heir
thereto And I hereby appoint my wife Mary Bontz my sole & only
to this my last will & testament Witness my hand & seal this fifth day
of January Eighteen hundred & twenty
Signed sealed & acknowledged
in presence of

W. A. Harper
John H. Smith
Evelyn Rupp

Valentine Bontz

District of Columbia

It is remembered that on this 11th day of February
1820 before me Alexander Mercer Register of Mills for the County of
Alexandria in the District of Columbia came William A. Harper and
John H. Smith Witnesses to this last will and Testament of Valentine Bontz
deceased, and proved the same in due form of law and on the same day letters
Testamentary were granted to Mary Bontz the Executrix therein named she
having given bond and security according to law.

Alex. Moore
Reg. Mills