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In the name of God Amen. I William H. Wilmer of the Town of Alexandria and District of Columbia, calling to mind the uncertainty of life; do make this as my last will and testament.

Fest. I commit my soul to God, trusting in his mercy through the merits & mediation of Jesus Christ his son our Lord, for a joyful resurrection to eternal life. My body commit to my friends to be disposed of as they may think best. I appoint my beloved wife Ann B. sole agent & trustee of all my property real & personal, for the benefit of my children and require that she shall not be compelled to give any security for the performance of the trust, relying implicitly upon her judgment & integrity guided by the counsel of discreet friends to discharge the duty committed to her. And hereby authorise and empower her to sell, dispose of, and convey and to give proper & full title to, any property I possess, to invest the proceeds in such a manner as she thinks best, for the interest of my children, with as full power as I should possess myself in the premises. It is my wish that she should enjoy the use of the said property, real & personal during her life, if she live so long, until the youngest of my children has reached a full age, subjected to this condition; that if the proceeds can be so invested as to yield a sufficient interest for her comfortable support & the support and education of the children, besides paying the legacies & such parts of them as may be prudent, to pay to the children as they severally arrive at age, it is my request to her that she do so. At present, the interest of my property will not yield a sufficient amount for the support & education of my family. It would be desirable, therefore to till the said land as soon as a reasonable price be obtained for it. It is my will that all my children share equally with each other in my property excepting that my daughters have each one half more than my sons. Accordingly I give & bequeath that at the death of my wife, or at such time after the children severally arrive at age as she may find convenient & consistent with the support & education of them, to pay their legacies to all my children now living, & any that my wife may be pregnant with at the time of my death, all my property, real & personal, to be divided among them. My daughters having equal shares and one half more than my sons; it being my idea of justice due to the helplessness of their sex. A last & most anxious desire & prayer is that my dear children may all be endowed with the virtues of grace, the principles & habits of the Christian

Religion, the favour and blessing of Almighty God, & the well founded assurance of Heaven. As to my wife, she is safe by the terms of the everlasting covenant. If I may be admitted to heaven, confidently hope to meet her there. My dearest son be to you always endeared to join your beloved affectionate parents in that blessed place. Live in love and peace together fear God & keep his commandments, obey your mother follow her example, you will secure your happiness in this world & the world to come; God is mighty & blesses my dear children. I publish & declare this to be my last will & testament, this fourth day of May anno Domini eighteen hundred & thirty six. Given under my hand & seal the day and year before written. Wm H. Wilmer  
At a Session of the Orphans Court for the County of Alexandria in the District of Columbia the 1<sup>st</sup> day August 1828 this last will & testament of William H. Wilmer deceased was presented to the Court by Amo Bruce Wilmer the Executor therein named and proved by the oath of Isaac S. Moore Esq<sup>r</sup> Clerk  
make R. FitzHugh to be wholly written & signed by the Testator and ordered to be recorded, and on the Execution having taken therethat prescribed by law Letters Testamentary were granted her without security as required by the Testator.

A. Moore Reg<sup>r</sup> Stills

I Alice Coleman of the Town and County of Alexandria District of Columbia, being of a sound and disposing mind make and ordain this to be my last will and testament and by these Presents do revoke all former wills made by me, and declare and publish this to be my last will in the following manner:-  
1<sup>st</sup>. I do give and bequeath unto my son James P. Coleman all my personal Property of every description after my just debts are discharged and paid.  
2<sup>d</sup>. I do give and bequeath unto my son James P. Coleman my real Estate situated on Fairfax Street where I now reside with the white fence on said street extending west to Royal Street, on the following conditions Whereas it has pleased God to give to me a son who is an idiot, William Coleman, entirely unfit to maintain, or take care of himself, and I have fixed on my son James P. Coleman his brother, as the most proper person to take care of him, now if my son James takes charge of his Brother William and furnish him with board and lodgings with all necessary clothing as long as he the said William shall live; I then do give to my son James P. Coleman the aforesaid real Estate. If my son James should die before my son William, then leave my real Estate before mentioned to the surviving Executor interest, to be rented out and the money

Know all men by these presents that I John Price Wilmer am held and firmly bound unto Christopher Hale Esq. Judge of the Orphans Court of Alexandria County, in the district of Columbia and his successors in office in the sum of one thousand dollars to the payment whereof well and truly to be made, I bind myself, my heirs Executors and Administrators jointly and severally, firmly by these presents sealed with my seal and dated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August 1828.

The Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bound - John Price Wilmer, shall well and truly perform the office of Executor of William H. Wilmer deceased, according to law then the above obligation to be void, else to remain in full force and virtue in law.

John P. Wilmer.

L.S.

Witness

A. Moore

Reg'd wills.

Sealed

At a session of the Orphans Court, in the County of Alexandria in the district of Columbia, the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August 1828, this last will and testamento of William Harden deceased was proved in due form of law by Simon Darn and Robert Ball two of the witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded. And administration with the will annexed was granted to Ann E. Harden his widow.

Teste. A. Moore. Reg'd will.

I Ann Elizabeth Harden, widow of William Harden deceased do renounce the provision made for me by his will and take instead thereof my legal rights as provided by the act of assembly of Virginia and - Given under my hand and seal this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August 1828.

Ann E. Harden. L.S.

Witness  
A. Moore {

The last will and Testamento of William Harden of the County of Alexandria in the district of Columbia, considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being of sound mind and memory blate, be it known of god, for the same somwhat did my last will and testamento after my just debts are paid, I give all the property I possess to my beloved wife Ann Elizabeth Harden during her natural life, to my son Charles Wesley Harden and my daughter Maria, and Wesley have arived to lawfull age my will go that she be sole guardian for my children during her life if she shall, along her surviving me, alone and from and after her decease or second marriage, I appoint my trusty friend Robert Ball to act for them he his heirs or assigns. Secondly, I will all my estate with the appertaining thereto and so to my son Charles Wesley Harden when he comes of age he and his heirs for ever, his paying his sister Mary Ann Harden two hundred dollars - Leave a bond due from Naval Beauchamp in Kentucky to me for two hundred and eighty five dollars out of that I wish fifty two dollars a piece paid to John Correll and George Jackson Correll it being left with me for them to remain to go toward educating my children etc. this I promise my will as witness my hand and seal this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 1828.

Wm. Harden. L.S.

Witness John Richard

Know all men by these presents that we, Ann Elizabeth Harden and Wesley Carter, are held and firmly bound unto Christopher Hale Esq. Judge of the Orphans Court for the County of Alexandria in the District of Columbia and his successors in office in the sum of one thousand dollars to the payment whereof well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs Executors and administrators jointly by these presents sealed with our own seals and dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August 1828.

The Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bound - Ann Elizabeth Harden administratrix with the will annexed of William Harden late of Alexandria County see &c shall well and truly perform said office according to law then said obligation to be void else to remain in full force and virtue in law.

Sealed and witnessed in

presence of the Co. L - }  
} A. Moore. Reg'd wills.

Ann E. Harden. L.S.

Wesley Carter. L.S.

I wish after my death that the two hundred dollars I now have in the hands of Mr. John Gubb should be equally divided between him and George Ira Thomas. No relation of mine is to have any thing that belonged to me. I appoint Thomas W. Head as my Executor of this my last will and Testamento being made this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July 1828 and acknowledged and signed and published at such further presence of

Moses T. Hall.

J. W. Head.