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In the Name of GOD Amen

I William Pettway of the Parish of Albemarle in the County of Sussex do make & declare this my last Will & Testament in manner following First I Bequeath my Soul into the Hands of Almighty God, hoping & believing a remission of my Sins by the Merits & Mediation of Jesus Christ my blessed Redeemer, and my Body I commit to the Earth to be Buried at the Discretion of my Executors hereinafter named and my Worldly Estate I give & Devise as follows —

First That in order my Debts & funeral Charges may be paid my Will & desire is that these following Negroes Viz. George, Charles, Jeany Betty & Matt may be Sold or such or so in any of them as my Executors shall think sufficient to Effect that Purpose and that as soon as may be after my Decease.

Also I Give & Bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth & to her Assigns a Negro Girl named Jemima and her future increase, and that in consideration of Mr. Boisseau's having given my Daughter Molly a Negro Girl.

Also If my Wife should be with Child and that Child should be a Boy, I give & Devise to that Boy and to his Heirs & Assigns forever all my Lands with their Appurtenances, I likewise give to the said Child whether Boy or Girl a Negro Girl named Sylvia and her future increase, but if the said expected & unknown Child should be a Girl then my Will is that after the Death of my Wife my said Lands & Appurtenances be equally divided amongst my Children that shall be then alive, or their Issue my meaning is that if any of my said Children should die before my Wife, leaving Issue, such Issue shall have the Parents share divided amongst them.

Also I Give & Bequeath unto my Wife or either of my Children now in being my two Negroes Fanny & Nan as the said Negroes shall choose.

Also I Give unto my dearly Beloved & Loving Wife Sarah until my Daughter Elizabeth shall arrive at the Age of Twenty one years, or either of my Children Elizabeth or Molly shall marry, the use & profits of all my Estate of what kind soever not heretofore disposed of, in order to Educate & maintain my Children according to their Degree —

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Also Upon my Daughter Elizabeths arriving to the Age of Twenty one years or either of my Childrens Marrying, my Will & desire is that ^{that part} of my Estate the use whereof is given to my Wife as aforesaid, be by such Persons as the Worthy Court of Judges shall appoint equally divided amongst my Wife and Surviving Children, that is to say, my Wife to have the use & profits of ^{the} said allotted to her during her Natural Life and after her Death the said part to be equally divided amongst my Children or their Issue, my Meaning is that if any of my Children should die before that period leaving Issue such Issue shall have the Parents share divided amongst them.

Also If all my Children should die unmarried during the Life of my Wife and before they are capable according to Law of making a Will then my Will is that my Wife have in property Ten of my Estates such as she shall think proper to choose, and my Will is that all the Residue of my Estate Real & Personal be equally divided amongst my Brothers & Sisters now in being or their Issue that is to say that if any of my Brothers or Sisters should die before the said division takes place leaving Issue such Issue to have the Parents share divided amongst; — the Land to be to the shares their Affairs & Assigns ^{severally} Respectively.

Lastly I do hereby constitute & appoint my said Wife Sarah sole Executrix of this my last Will & Testament, and my Will is that my said Executrix be not obliged to give Security for the Execution of my said Will (except in the Event of her Marriage) and that there be no Appraisement of my Estate. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand & so at this fourth Day of July in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven Hundred & seventy two —

Signed Sealer declared & published
as for the last Will & Testament of the
Testator within mentioned in presence
of us who Subscribed our Names as Witnesses
in the Testators presence & at his Request

James Davenport
Edmund Weathers
Benjamin Weathers

William Pettway Seal