

I, Maria Catharine Barthelmess
 of Massachusetts and State of Georgia being of sound mind and
 memory, do make and publish this for my last Will and Testament
 First, I give and bequeath to my Daughter Maria Bird
 of Offingham County, a negro girl named Betty now about
 the age of Ten years, and also the future issue from her body, and as to
 be subject to the debts or contract of her husband, and after the
 death of my said Daughter Maria, the said negro girl Betty and
 all her issue shall descend to the Children of her, my said daughter
 second I further give to my daughter Maria not to be subject
 to the debts of her husband, and to my son John Barthelmess
 a certain negro man named Joe, and generally known by the
 name of Joe Russell, to hold jointly and divide equally thereon
 according to the laws of his state, or to be sold and divided
 as both my Children shall mutually agree. Third, I give
 and bequeath to the Children of my son John Barthelmess
 those who are already born, and those which may hereafter
 be born from his present wife and by him begotten a certain
 negro girl named Rachel about the age of seven years
 and also the future issue from her said body.

Fourth and lastly, I also give and bequeath to my daughter
 Maria Bird and to the Children of her body (not to be subject
 to the debts or contract of her husband) and to the Children
 of my son John Barthelmess those who are already born and
 those which may hereafter be born from his present wife and by
 him begotten, all the residue of my estate, both real and
 personal to be divided equally, that is to say one Half to my
 daughter Maria and the Children of her body, and the
 other Half to the Children of my son John Barthelmess as
 before particularly expressed

For the purpose of having this my
 last will carried into full effect to the true intent and
 meaning thereof I do appoint my son John Barthelmess
 my sole Executor and trustee for my said Daughter Maria
 and her Children

I Charge my said Executor before any
 Division of my said Estate that all my debts be paid

Reposing trust in the Supreme King of the universe confidence
 in the Redeemer I submit my remaining days and those of here
 after to his Holy power and keeping. In witness whereof I have
 hereunto set my hand and seal this eighth day of April in
 the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
 twenty six

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 signed & sealed this 8th day of April 1826