

Saint Mary's County Feb the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 1803. Then came Hzekiah Smoot & William Thomas, two of the four subscribing witnesses to the within last will and Testament of Thomas Dacey, late of Saint Mary's County deceased, and made oath on the Holy Evangel, of almighty God, that they did see the Testator therein named sign and seal this will, and that they heard him publish, pronounced and declared the same to be his last will and Testament; that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehensions of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, and that they respectively subscribed their names as witnesses to this will in the presence and at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other; also that they did see Joseph Richardson and Matthias Clarke the other two witnesses to this will subscribe the same in the presence and at the request of the said Testator.

Certified by Jeremiah Jordan Reg<sup>r</sup> Wills  
for Saint Mary's County

John M Barber In the name of God Amen. I John Myveart Barber of his last will & Testament. I Saint Mary's County in the State of Maryland, enjoying (by the blessing of God) my usual health and understanding, but calling to mind the uncertainty of this life, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make & ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form following. - In primis I recommend my soul into the hands of God, that gave it me, hoping through the merits of my blessed savior and redeemer, Jesus Christ, to receive the same again at the general resurrection, and my body to the earth, to be buried in a decent manner according to the direction of my Executors and Executor hereafter named. - Item. I will that all my just debts be paid. Item. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Lydia Barber all my Estates, both Real and personal, during her single life (except the first four following bequests, which are made to my daughters Margaret Ester, Mary Billingsley, Catharine Barber and my grand son Alexander Edwards.) - Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Margaret Ester and Mary Billingsley, two negroes Wight Harriet and George, to be lotted for by them, to them and their heirs forever. - Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Catharine Barber one negro girl named Phenny to her and her heirs forever, also, one feather Bed, bedstead and furniture, a Horse, bridle and saddle, a Cow and calf, a chest, half a dozen pewter plates, a pewter dish and Bason and an Iron pott, to her and her heirs forever. - Also I give to my said daughter, on the day of Marriage, if it should happen before the death of my wife, either negro Charity or Joe (at the discretion of my wife) but in case my wife should die before my said daughter Marries, that then my daughter shall be at liberty to take either of the aforesaid negroes, to her & her heirs forever. Item I give and bequeath unto my grand son Alexander Edwards, one Horse, Bridle and saddle, and a feather Bed and furniture to him and his heirs forever. - Item. I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas Barber my now dwelling plantation,

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(as also part of two tracts of land, the one called "Onions desert," the other "Inwards forest") after the death or marriage of my wife Lydia Barber, to him & his heirs forever, but under this restriction, that my daughter Catharine Barber shall have an equal right with him, to the use of the Lands Houses &c. during her single life. - Item, I will, and desire that after the death or marriage of my wife Lydia Barber, that my other plantation (it being part of a Tract of Land called "Hopewell") after the crop that may then be on it, shall be secured, shall be sold, and the money arising from the sale with the residuum of my Estate, that shall then be in being, which is not already disposed of by this my will, with the future increase or decrease, be divided in the following manner Vizt. One sixth part to the legal representatives of my deceased daughter Henrietta Pinner - One sixth part to the legal representatives of my deceased daughter Sarah Edwards - One sixth part to my daughter Margaret Ester, & in case of death, to her legal representatives - One sixth part to my daughter Mary Billingsley, & in case of death, to her legal representatives - One sixth part to my daughter Esther Edwards, & in case of death, to her legal representatives - And the other sixth part to my daughter Catharine Barber, and in case of death, to her legal representatives to them and their heirs forever. Lastly, I hereby nominate, constitute, ordain appoint and ordain my beloved wife Lydia Barber Executrix, and my beloved son Thomas Barber Executor of this my last will and Testament, hereby revoking, disannulling and disallowing every other will or wills by me formerly made and done and done, and acknowledging this and only this, to my last will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this Thirtieth day of November. 1802.

Signed, sealed, published & declared to be the last will & Testament of John Myveart Barber in presence of us  
 Saml. Amery - Robert Barber - Elizabeth Amery -

John Myveart Barber

Saint Mary's County, to wit, the 7<sup>th</sup> day of September 1803 Then came Thomas Barber, and made oath on the holy Evangelists of almighty God, that the within is the true and whole will & Testament of John Myveart Barber late of Saint Mary's County deceased, that hath come to his hands or possession, and that he doth not know of any other.

Certified of Jeremiah Jordan Reg. rills.

Saint Mary's County, to wit, the 7<sup>th</sup> day of September 1803. Then came Samuel Amery and Robert Barber, two of the three subscribing witnesses to the aforesaid last will and Testament of John Myveart Barber, late of Saint Mary's County deceased, and severally made oath on the holy Evangelists of almighty God, that they did see the Testator therein named sign and seal this will, and that they heard him publish, pronounce and declare the same to be his last will and Testament, that at the time of his so doing, he was to the best of their apprehensions of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, and that they respectively subscribed their names as witnesses to this will, in the presence and at the request of the Testator

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and also that they did see Elizabeth Amery the other witness to this will, subscribe the same, in the presents and at the request of the said Testator. —

bestijed for Jeremiah Jordan reg. wills for St. Mary's County.

I Lydia Barber, widow and executrix as appointed by John M. Barber in his will dated on the thirteenth day of November Eighteen hundred and two, do hereby renounce the power of Executrix of said will, and declare my intention of abiding by said will, and my consent to the same being admitted to record. In witness whereof I have hereto set my hand & seal this seventh day of September Eighteen hundred and three. —

Witness Saml. Amery.

Lydia Barber

Martin Yeates, May 11<sup>th</sup> 1803. In the name of God. I Martin Yeates of his last will &c. Saint Mary's County am far advanced in years, and much afflicted in body, but of sound mind, memory and understanding do make & ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form as follows. — Item 1<sup>st</sup> I give and bequeath unto my grand son Barton Yeates son of Martin Yeates Twenty pounds Currency, one good Bed and furniture, when he arrives to the years of Twenty one. — Item 2<sup>d</sup>. I give and bequeath to my daughter Susanna Greenwell five pounds Currency. — Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Eleanor Brown Five pounds Currency and one woolen wheale. — Item 3<sup>d</sup>. I give and bequeath unto my two grand Daughters Nancy and Catharin Graves fifty shillings each when they shall arrive to the years of sixteen. — 4<sup>th</sup>. Item I give and bequeath unto my two grand children Doratha Cissell and George Cissell fifty shillings each that is to say when they come of age, Doratha at sixteen years old and George at Twenty one. — 5<sup>th</sup>. Item I give and bequeath unto Rebecca Yeates wife to Ignatius Yeates the best Chest one Desk, one cupboard, one Linen wheale, and one wooden wheale, one Tea Kettle, & all kind of Tea ware, all cotton cards, and wool cards. — 6<sup>th</sup>. Item. I give & bequeath unto my son Ignatius Yeates one black Horse, one cow and calf, one yearling, Two sheep to him and his heirs forever. It is further understood that the said Ignatius Yeates is to have the use of Oxen, Horses, ploughs and carts, plantation Utensils of every kind to secure the crop now on hand, out of which crop when secured the said Ignatius Yeates is to pay out of the said crop unto William Yeates his brother, seven barrels & one half of corn, and one third part of the wheat that is made on the Land, and Two hundred and fifty pounds of Tobacco out of the said crop. — I further will to my Ignatius Yeates Thirty pounds current money to be paid out of my Estate, and one Bed and furniture. 7<sup>th</sup>. Item I give and bequeath unto my two sons William and Ignatius Yeates all my house hold property of every demention, plows, Harrows, Hoes, Axes, Tools of every kind to be equally divided between the said William & Ignatius Yeates. —

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