Will, MD, Dorchester, MANUEL MANLOVE 1773

In the name of God Amen

The 30th day of January 1773 I, **MANUEL MANLOVE**, of Dorchester County in Maryland, merchant, being sick and weak in body for the perfect mind and memory, thanks be to almighty God, and calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men wants to die do make & ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say:

FIRST of all I recommend my soul to God that gave it to me and as to my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a Christian like and decent manner, at the discretion of my executrix, and not doubting but I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God, and as touching such worldly goods wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give devised and disposed of in the manner and form following and:

FIRST my will and desire is that all my just debts expenses be fully satisfied and paid by my executrix hereafter named.

IMPRIMIS I give and bequeath to my well beloved wife, **BETTY MANLOVE**, the plantation and tract of land lying and being in the head of Sussex County called the Golden Field containing 300 acres, more or less, with all improvements thereunto belonging. Likewise about 100 acres more lying to the eastward being in the Duke of York's Manor, joining to his former, during her natural life and at and at her decease to be equally divided according to quantity and equally between my brother **BOOZ MANLOVE**'s two eldest daughters **MARY MANLOVE** and **ELIZABETH MANLOVE**, and the lawful surviving heirs of their body, with all the improvements thereunto belonging forever. But if either of them good decease without such heirs then the whole of the aforesaid tract of land to fall to the other and the surviving heirs of her body as aforesaid forever.

I ALSO leave 350 acres of land on the south side of former called Mount Pleasant with all the conveniences thereunto belonging to my well-beloved wife **BETTY MANLOVE** during her natural life and at her deceased to be equally divided between my brother **JONATHAN MANLOVE**'s oldest son **GEORGE MANLOVE** and my sister **SARAH MANLOVE**'s youngest son **JONATHAN MANLOVE** to be equally divided according to quantity and quality to them and their lawful surviving heirs of their body forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my stepson **CLEMENT POLK** 1 Negro boy named JIM and £30 current money of Pennsylvania to be paid him at the age of 21 years and my wearing watch to him and his lawful heirs of his body but for the want of such heirs then to the nearest In Blood forever.

AS ALSO I leave £3 lawful money as aforesaid to be paid out of my estate yearly and to be applied to the use and support of my grandmother **DOROTHY BURRIS** during her natural life.

I LIKEWISE leave to my well-beloved wife **BETTY MANLOVE** all my immovable estate as not before mentioned such as Negroes, stock, plate together with all my household furniture, cash, bill's, bonds, accounts with all my rights and privileges to her and her heirs forever. I also constitute, make and ordained [her] my whole and sole executrix of this my last will and testament revoking and disannulling all other Wills, bequeathed by me heretofore made ratified and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament.

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And testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this day and your above written.

MANUEL MANLOVE {seal}

Signed, Sealed, published, pronounced and declared to be my last will and testament in the presence of $\ensuremath{\mathsf{us}}$

JOHN NEWMAN ELIJAH ADAMS DAVID RICHARDS

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At the foot and on the back of the foregoing will was this written viz

Dorchester County Maryland

On the 11th day of March and Anno Domini 1773 **BETTY MANLOVE**, the appointed executrix, made oath on the holy evangelists of almighty God that the foregoing instrument of writing is the true and only will and testament of **MANUEL MANLOVE** light of Dorchester County, too that have come to her hands or possession and that she does not know nor ever made sense, by the said testator.

Certified

JOHN GOLDSBOROUGH, deputy prothonotary Dorchester County

Dorchester County

On the 11th day of March Anno Domini 1773 **ELIJAH ADAMS** and **DAVID RICHARDS** two of the subscribing witnesses to the media for going well being duly and solemnly sworn on the only evangelist of almighty God deposed and said that they saw the testator **MANUEL MANLOVE** sign the foregoing will and heard him publish 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 apprehension of sound of disposing mind and memory and that they together with **JOHN NEWMAN** the other subscribing witness to the foregoing will subscribed their respective names as witnesses there to in the presence of the testator and at his request.

Certified

JOHN GOLDSBOROUGH, deputy prothonotary Dorchester County

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