

Asel Barton's }
Last Will and Testament}

In the name of God, Amen! I Asel Barton of Baltimore County, State of Maryland being weak in body, but of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding, considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof, and being desirous

to settle my worldly affairs, thereby being the better prepared to leave this world when it shall please God to call me hence, do therefore make this my last will and testament in manner and form following, viz - First and principally, I commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God, and my body to the earth, to be decently buried at the discretioin of my Executor here after named, and after my just debts and funirel charges are paid I devise and bequeath as follows. Item, whereas I have provied for six of my daughters namely Charlotte Ruth, Casander Gitchel, Sarah Allender, Telisa Pierce, Harriott Barton, Eliza Ferguson. I give and bequeath therefore to each one of them, twenty five cents and no more of my Estate whatsoever. Item, I give and bequeath to my son Philip Alexander Barton, one negro girl cal'd Sophia and one chest and all my carpenters tools, and also to have the first born child that should live to the age of two years old, Negro Charlotte should have which I give to my daughter Mary Ann Barton. Item, I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Ann Barton one negro child called Charl-otte. Item, I give and bequeath to my son Godfrey Barton one negro child called Mary. Item, I give and beq-ueath to my daughter Juliet Barton one negro girl called Ann. Item, I give and bequeath to my daughter Henryetter Barton one negro girl called Pricy. Item, I give and bequeath to my son Jennings Barton twenty five cents current money, also the first child that is born of negro Ann that lives to be two years of age, that is born of the girl that I give to my daughter Jelet Barton. Item, After the above mentioned Legacyes and bequ-eaths are taken out, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Delily Barton, all the rest and residue of my Estate dureing her natural life in lieu of her thirds by Law allowed, and after the death of my said wife it is my will and desire the property may be equally divided between the six children that I have by the present wife. and Lasltly, I do hereby constitue and appoint Zachariah Giddon to be sole Executor of this my last will and testament, revoking and annulling all former wills by me heretofore made ratifying and confirming this and none other to be my last will and Testament. In testimony I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed my seal this thirtyeth day of July in year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty two

Asel A. Barton {Seal}
his mark

Signed, sealed, published and declared by Asel Barton the above named Testator, and for his last Will and testament in the presents of us, who at his request in his presents and in the presents of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto Jacob Geddon_Elizabeth Christopher

Baltimore County Sct. on the 26th day of November 1823 came Jacob Geddon one of the subscribing evidences to the foregoing last will and testament of Asel Barton late of said county deceased, and made oath on the holy evangely of Almighty God that he did see the testator sign and seal this will, that he heard him publish pronounce and declare the same to be his last will and testament. That at the time of his doing he Jacob Geddon_Elizabeth Christopher was to the best of his apprehension of sound and disposing memory and understanding and that he together with Elizabeth Christopher the other subscribing evidence thereto, subscribed their names as witnesses to this will in his presence, at his request and in the presence of each other.

Sworn to in open court Test Wm. Buchanan Reqr.