

Last Will and Testament of James M. Landing
From Worcester County Court House, Maryland Dec 1989.
Sent to Donald R. Landing by Fay Brooks, volunteer at Worcester County Library and Worcester County Court House.

In the name of God, Amen, I James M. Landing of the County of Worcester in the State of Maryland being feeble in body, though sound and disposing mind memory and understanding, considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time when of, and being desirous to settle my wordly affairs and thereby be the prepared to leave this world when it shall please god to call me hense do therefore make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say

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 discretion of my executor herein after named and after my debts and funeral charges are paid I devise and bequeath as follows I give and bequeath unto my Wife Sarah Ann Landing of the County of Worcester and of the State of Maryland my Farme on which I now live and my negroes known by the following names Henry, William, John, and Ellen so long as the Said Sarah Ann Landing remains my Widow and if the Said Sarah Ann Landing should ever marry then she shall only be entitled to her things. I likewise will and bequeath all my personal property consisting of Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, and all things belonging and now remaining on my Farme to Sarah Ann Landing so long as she remains my Widow and at the death of if she ever Marryes again my children shall have each of them an equal division of my property, And lastly I do hereby constitue and appoint my Dear Wife Sarah Ann Landing and Isaac B. Landing my brother to settle my estate of this my last will and testiment 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 testamony whereof I have hereinto set my hand and affixed my seal this the fifth of February in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and forty six.

James M. Landing *** Seal ***

Sign sealed published
and declared by James
M Landing the above named
James M Landing as and for
his last will and testament
in the presence of us who at
his request in his presence
and in the presence of each
other have subscribed
our names as witnessed hereto

Isaac Webb
John W Blades
Isaac B Landing

Worcester County ??? The 25th day of February Amino Domino 1847 There came Isaac Webb and John M Blades two of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing last Will and Testament of James M Landing and severally made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that they did see James M Landing the testator 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 capable of executing a valid deed or contract and that they with Isaac B Landing the other subscribing witness respectively subscribed their names as witnesses to this will at the request of the testator in his presence and in the presence of each other.

Before Teagle Townsend ???
for Worcester County