1736 Will of Jesse Jacob Bourne

(MD Wills; Liber 21, folio 678-678)

I Jesse Jacob Bourne of Calvert County and Province of Maryland being at present in perfect Health and sound memory do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner of following

Item My will and desire is that all my just debts be paid by my Executrix hereafter named

Item My will is that my loving Wife Alice Bourne have the use of one third part of all my Estate both Real and personal I have in the World during her Natural Life

Item I give and bequeath to my Son George Bourne all that part of my Land called Jacobs Choice situate to the South of a Creek called Coxes Creek or the Herring Pond which said Land I give unto my said son and the Heirs male to be by him begotten and for want of such Heirs to my right Heirs male forever

Item My will is that all the rest of my Land to the Northward of Coxes Creek be divided between my three sons Jesse, Jacob and Thomas Bourne that is to say that the North and South Line of my said Land being the Westernmost bounds there of be divided at three equal distances from whence the said Land to be partitioned by East lines unto the Bay or River of Patuxent of which said Divisions it is my Will that as they my said Sons come to full age they may take their Choice to them and their heirs male forever and for Default of such Heirs to my right Heirs male

Item I give to my eldest Son Jesse Bourne one Negro Girl called Rachel and her Increase to him and his heirs forever

Item I give to my son George Bourne one mulatto boy called Dick

Item My will is that all the Residue of my Personal Estate be equally divided amongst all my Children share and share alike when they come of full age to receive the same

Lastly I nominate constitute and ordain my Loving Wife Alice Bourne sole and whole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament in Testimony whereof forever to have set and put my hand and seal this fourth Day of the Eight Month called October Anno Domini 1736