In the Name of God Amen this fourth day of October one thousand Seven hundred Seventy and Seven. I Michael Strong of Said County in the province of Maryland being weak in body but of perfect sound disposing mind and memory, And for what worldly Goods and Estate the Lord and giver of Life hath been pleased to Bless me with in this Transitory world, I do dispose of it in manner and form following Viz

1st I commend my Soul to Almighty God that gave it me, and my Body to be buryed in a Christian like manner at the discretion of my Executors hereafter mentioned

2dly I will and desire that all my Just and Lawfull Debts be duely paid and satisfied

3dly I give and bequeath to my well beloved Son William Strong my now dwelling plantation and all the Land thereunto belonging to him and his Heirs forever, But if my son William should die without Lawfull Issue, then to my son Michael Strong to him and his Heirs forever, And if my son Michael Strong should never return Home to this Country aforesaid, then my Will and desire is that my now dwelling plantation and Land aforesaid shall be equally devided between my two youngest Daughters namely Rebecah, and Margaret to them and their Heirs forever.

4thly I give and bequeath unto my well beloved Daughter Rebecah one Negro Boy named Daniel as a Legacy to her, her heirs forever

5thly I give and bequeath unto my well beloved Daughter Margaret one Negro Girl named Minta as a Legacy to her, her Heirs forever

6thly My will and desire is after my Just and Lawfull Debts is paid and the Legacys taken out of my Estate that then the remainder part of my Estate should be equally devided amongst my nine Children or the Survivors of them, namely, Thomas, Michael, Anne, Sarah, Jane, Rebecah, Mary, Margaret and William

7thly and Lastly I do appoint my well beloved Son William Strong

and Joseph Garnett my Sole and sole Executors of this my Last Will and Testament, revoking and disanulling all Will Wills that ever has been heretofore by me made, and allowing this and no other to be my Last Will and Testament, Unto which I have hereunto set my hand and Seal the day & year first above Written and do pronounce the same to be my Last Will and Testament before the subscribing Witnesses.

Fra.s Shirven
Joel his + Higginbottom mark
N. Ricketts

Michael Strong (seal)

NB the foregoing will is recorded in another Book — fo 115.

In the Name of God Amen October the 15th Seventeen Hundred & Eighty one I William Ford of Kent County in the State of Maryland being very sick and weak of Body but of sound and perfect mind and memory thanks be to God, and as touching such Worldly Goods as it pleased God to bless me with in this life, do make and ordaine this my Last Will and Testament in the manner & form following. Viz.t Imp.s I give and bequeath unto my Son Moses Ford one tract of land (lying and being in the State of Pensilvania and the County of West Westmorland) containing three hundred Acres which said Land I bought of Charles Foreman Junr. to him and his Heirs & Assigns forever. Item I give unto my son William Ford my dwelling Plantation I now live on containing one Hundred fifty eight Acres of Land more or less (it being a part of two tracts of Land called Chance and Broomfield) to him and Heirs and Assigns forever. Item I give unto my two sons Joseph and Robert Ford one tract of Land containing Two Hundred Acres (lying now in the Delaware State but formerly in Kent County Maryland) it being part of a tract of Land called Deer Park formerly belonging to Benjamin Blackiston

to be equally divided betwixt them to them and their Heirs & Assigns forever. I also give & bequeath unto my Son Moses Ford one Negro Girl called Beck untill she arrives to the age of Eighteen when she is free by her manumission Inrolled in the County Records. Also I give unto my son William Ford one Negro Girl called Dark untill she arrives to the age of Eighteen years when she is free as above. Also I give unto my son Joseph Ford one Negro Girl called Mell until she arrives at the age of Eighteen years when she is free by her Manumission. Also I give unto my Daughter Sarah the wife of Aaron Hill one Negro Girl called Hannah that she Sarah hath now in possession to her & her Heirs forever. also I give unto my Daughter Sarah Six silver Tea spoons and silver tongs. Item I give unto my Niece Rachel Ford (the Daughter of my Brother John Ford) one Bed and furniture which Bed she lyes on now, to her and her Heirs forever. My Will and desire is that after my just Debts & funeral charges are paid and the above Legacys taken out of my Estate the remaining part of my Estate to be equally divided amongst my Children Viz.t Moses, William, Joseph, Robert & Sarah, Share & Share alike. And I do hereby nominate and appoint my son Moses Ford my only & Sole Executor of this my Last Will and Testament, Utterly revoking & denying all other Will or Wills heretofore made or done by me Ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament as Witness my hand Seal the day & year above Written.

Signed Sealed published pronounced and declared by the Testator to be his Last Will and Testament in the presence of

Jn.o Marck

Joseph Greenwood

William his ✠ mark Collins

William his ✠ Ford mark

Ford (Seal)

16 November 1781. Then came John Marck & Joseph Greenwood two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within Last Will & Testament of William Ford late of this County deced, and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, And William Collins the other Subscribing Witness thereto (he one of the people called Quakers on his Solemn Affirmation

to him Administered affirmation to him Administered, affirm & declared, that they did see the Testator therein named sign & 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, and in the presence of each other

J Nicholson Reg.

Recorded J Nicholson Reg.

In the Name of God Amen I William Salisburry of Kent County in the State of Maryland Farmer calling to mind the Uncertainty of this transitory life, and the certainty of death, but at the same time of perfect sound mind and memory thanks be to Almighty God for the same, doth publish make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament, that is to say principally and first of all I recommend my Soul into the hands of God that gave it, and my Body to the Earth to be Buryed in a christian like and decent manner at the directions of my Exors and as touch such worldly Estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner, Imprimis after my Just Debts and funeral charges be paid and my dearly beloved wife Isabella Salisburry's thirds taken out I give devise and bequeath unto my Son William Salisburry the sum of Five pounds Sterling.

Item I give devise and bequeath unto my son James Salisburry all that Plantation where on I now live containing about Four Hundred & forty Acres be the same more or less with all the Improvements and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or any wise appertaining to him his Heirs and Assigns for ever. Item I give and bequeath unto my Son James

James Salisburry all my Book Debts and all other Debts whether upon Bond or otherwise together with all the Interest that shall be due on the same. Item I give and bequeath unto my said son James Salisburry all my plate and silver vessels Viz. one Silver Tankard and one Bowl also six tea spoons, and Six Table Spoons, Buckles silver Watch, & Clock and all my sleeve Coat and Waistcoat Plate Buttons, but incase my said son James should deceased without Issue then my Will is that the above plantation devised to my Daughter Mary Cooper her Heirs and Assigns forever, Item I give devise and bequeath unto my two eldest Daughters Mary Cooper and Elizabeth Smith all that plantation whereon Oliver Smith now lives known by the name of Free Gift to them & their Heirs and Assigns for ever, in the following manner that is to say at my decease the said Mary Cooper and Elizabeth Smith to cast Lots for the said place and whoever of the said Sisters gains the Land shall pay the other the sum of Seven hundred pounds Curran Money of Maryland on demand, But in case that the above named plantation willed unto my son James should descend to my Daughter Mary in default of Issue as above mentioned, then my Will is that my said Daughter Elizabeth her Heirs or Assigns to enjoy the said plantation whereon she now lives clear of all incumbrance of said Mary her Heirs or Assigns, and if the money above mentioned be already paid the said Mary to repay the same back again to the said Elizabeth or her Heirs. Item I give devise and bequeath my largest Chest of Drawers and my largest Looking Glass unto my said son James Salisburry Item. my Will is that the residue and remainder of my Goods & Chattels be equally divided share & share alike among my four Children named James Salisburry Mary Cooper Elizabeth Smith and Sarah Reed Item my Will is also that Sarah Reeds Share of said Legacys be kept in the hands of my Exors hereinafter named, and the Interest arising from the said be paid annually to my said Daughter Sarah Reed and at her decease the principle unto her Heirs or Assigns

And I also Constitute make and Ordain my Son in Law Oliver Smith

Smith and my dearly beloved wife Isabella Salisbury Joint Exors of this my last Will and Testament revoking and disannulling all other Wills and Testaments by me heretofore made Ratifying & Confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand & Seal the day of in the year of our Lord Christ Seventeen hundred & seventy nine 1779.

Wm. Salisbury

Signed Sealed published and declared by the above Testator William Salisbury to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us the Subscribers, & the words whereon stands now lies between the forty first and forty second lines of this Will was enterlined before the Sealing or publishing of this present Instrument of Writing, Not also that my wife Isabella is to have no thirds in the plantation whereon Oliver Smith now lives

Geo. Vansant. Charles Jones, Joshua Browning,

December. 20th 1781 Then Came George Vansant & Charles Jones two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of William Salisbury late of Kent County deced, And severally made Oath on the Holy Evangils of Almighty God, that they did see the Testator therein named sign & seal this Will and that they heard him publish, pronounce & declare the same to be his last Will & Testament, That at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their Apprehensions of sound & disposing mind, memory, and Understanding, And that they these deponents together with Joshua Browning the other Subscribing Witness 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.

Recorded per J. Nicholson Regr.

J. Nicholson Regr

The last Will and Testament of John Dean.

I John Dean of Chester Town in the State of Maryland do make my Last Will and Testament in manner & form following to Wit

First. If my Dear wife should be pregnant and bring forth a living child, my Will and desire is, that all my Estate both Real & personal be divided between my dear Wife and my Dear Child as the Law directs

Secondly If my dear wife should not be pregnant, or should not bring forth a living child, then, I give and bequeath all ~~my~~ such part of my Estate as am possessed of or have any claim to by Virtue Marriage, to my dear wife, I also give and bequeath to my said dear wife the sum of three Hundred pounds. These two bequests to be considered as an Equivalent for and in Lieu of my wifes Dower and thirds in the Residue of my Estate

Thirdly I give and bequeath such part of my Estate both real and personal as is given to me by Virtue of my Dear Brother Benjamin Deans Will, the one half to my dear Brother Robert Rolston his Heirs and Assigns forever, and the other half of that part of ~~his~~ Estate to my Nephew John Dean Stevenson his Heirs & Assigns forever.

Fourthly I give and bequeath one half of the Remainder and Residue of my Estate whether real or personal to my Nephew John Dean son of my dear Brother Joseph Dean his heirs & Assigns forever and the other half of the said remainder and residue to my Nephew John Dean, son of my dear Brother William Dean, his Heirs and Assigns forever, upon ~~the~~ this Express Condition, nevertheless that they pay out of the said Estate so as aforesaid devised, and which I hereby charge with the same all my Just Debts. Lastly I appoint my dear wife and my Brother Joseph Dean Executors of this my last Will hereby revoking all other Wills by me made Witness my hand & Seal this Twenty fifth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and Eighty one.

J. Dean (Seal)

Signed Sealed and delivered published pronounced & declared as

and for his last Will and Testament by John Dean in the presence of us the Subscribers who Witnessed the same at his request in his presence and the presence of each other

Edwd. Worrell
J Piper
Philip Brooks

December 20th 1791 Then Came Edward Worrell Joseph Piper and Philip Brooks the three Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of John Dean late of Kent County deceased, and severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels 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 & Testament, that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their Apprehensions, of sound and disposing mind, memory, & 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

J Nicholson Regr

Recorded pr J Nicholson Regr

In the Name of God Amen I Benjamin Kelley of Kent City in the State of Maryland Farmer being weak and Low but of sound and disposing mind and memory do make this my last Will and Testament as follows First I recommend my Soul to Almighty God beseeching his most gracious Acceptance of it, Likewise I give my Body to the Earth from whence it was taken Item after my Body being decently buryed and my Just Debts being paid my Will and desire is that my Executors hereafter mentioned do give unto my beloved Nephew Benjamin Kelley one Sorrell Colt called Jenney or one new Cloth Coat which wife my beloved Wife shall Chuse, Item I give & bequeath unto my well beloved wife Hannah Kelley all the Residue of my Estate after my Just

Just Debts and the Legacy abovementioned are paid, Item I do hereby appoint Andrew Pearce with my beloved Wife Executors of this my Last Will and Testament Revoking all former Wills by me made In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this Eighteenth day of February 1770.

his
Benjamin B Kelley (Seal)
mark.

Witness
Ann Herring, William Pearce.

January 17th 1782 Then came Ann Herring and William Pearce the two Subscribing witnesses to the within Last Will and Testament of Benjamin Kelley late of this County deceased, And severally made Oath on the Holy Evangelist 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, and in the presence of each other.

J Nicholson Reg.

Recorded J Nicholson Reg.

In the name of God amen I Christopher Hall being in low and weak Estate of Body though of a sound and well disposing mind and memory, thanks be to God for it, do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, to wit, First I give and bequeath unto my loving wife Arminta Hall all that part of a Tract of Land called the Fork Estimated to be about one Hundred & Eighty Acres during the term that she remains my Widow, and at the Expiration of the said term of her Widdow Hood I give & bequeath

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bequeath the afd one Hundred and Eighty Acres of Land to my
Son Cuthbert Hall to him his Heirs or Assigns forever,
I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Araminta Hall a Negrow Girl
named Hannah, I give and bequeath unto my Son Agnew Hall a
Mare that he commonly rides called Kate, My will and desire is
that after my Just Debt and funeral charges is paid, all the
remainding part of my personal Estate after my wifes thirds is taken out, and
the above Legethcys are likewise taken out, be ~~taken out~~, Equally
divided between my Children, Agnew, Samuel, James Araminta
and Christopher Hall, and lastly I do hereby Constitute and appoint my
Son Cuthbert Hall my whole and Sole Executor of this my last Will and
Testament, and I do hereby Revoke and make null and Void all former
Wills heretofore by me made, And I do Constitute this as my last Will
and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal
this Sixteenth day of December Anno Dom 1701.

Chris.r Hall (Seal)

Published and Declared
Signed Sealed and delivered this as my last Will and Testament in
presence of, Oliver Smith, Thos Boyer, Jams Pearce.
January 6th 1702 Then came Oliver Smith and Thomas Boyer two of the
Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of Christopher
Hall late of Kent County deceased, and severally made oath on the Holy
Evangelist of Almighty God, that they did see the Testator therein named
Sign and Seal this Will, And that they heard him publish pronounce &
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 & disposing
mind, memory & Understanding, And that they the deponents together with
James Pearce the other Subscribing Witness within named 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.

Recorded p. Mich.l Jenn Reg.r Mich.l Jenn Reg.r

In the Name of God amen I William Knock of Kent County being of perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God. Calling to mind the Mortality of my Body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament. First I give and bequeath unto my beloved Wife Isabella one third of all my Household Goods Debts and Moveable Effects and the remaining two thirds I give and bequeath unto my beloved Sons William & Samuel Knock, that is of my Household Goods Debts and Moveable Effects to be equally divided among them. I also give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Isabella the one third of all my Lands during her natural life. I give unto my beloved Son William Knock all that Tract or parcel of Land called Hempshier containing Ninety Acres, to him & his Male Heirs for forever, and if my Son William should die without Male Issue to my Son Henry Knock, and if my son Henry should die without Male Issue, to my son George Knock, and if my son George Knock should die without Male Issue, to my son John Knock and his Heirs forever, I also give and bequeath unto my son Samuel Knock a tract or parcel of Land formerly called Bennetts hope, but now called Rachels farm containing forty five acres to him and his Male Heirs forever, and if my Son Samuel should die without Male Issue to my son Benjamin Knock, And if my son Benjamin should die without Male Issue to my son William Knock to him & his Heirs forever. I also give unto my Sons Daniel, Henry, George, John and Benjamin Knock the sum of one shilling Sterling to be paid to each of them, I also give to my Daughters Armenta, Crosby, Hannah and Rebeca Knock the sum of one shilling Sterling to be paid to each of them by my Executors, I also Constitute and appoint my beloved wife Isabella and my son William Knock as my Executors And I do hereby utterly disallow revoke and disannul all & every other former Testaments, Wills, Legacys Bequests and Executors by me in any way before named, Willed and Bequeathed.

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Ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will &
Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
Seal this Thirtieth day of October Seventeen Hundred Eighty one

William his ✕ mark Knock (Seal)

Signed Sealed and published and declared by the said William
Knock as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us
Benjamin Briscoe, Joseph Greenwood, William Briscoe.
January 19th 1702 Then came Benjamin Briscoe and Joseph Greenwood
two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will & Testament
of William Knock late of Kent County dead, and made Oath on the
Holy Evangels 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 these deponants together with William Briscoe the other
Subscribing Witness to this Will Respectively Subscribed their
names as Witnesses in the presence, and at the request of the
Testator, and in the presence of each other.

J Nicholson Reg

Recorded
J Nicholson Reg

In the Name of God Amen this twentieth day of Novembe
in the year of our Lord God one thousand seven hundred and eigh
one I James Breward of Kent County and State of Maryland being
very sick and weak in Body but of perfect mind and memory, that
be given unto God, therefore calling unto mind the mortality of my
Body, and that it is ordained for all men once for to die, do make and
ordain this my last Will and Testament, that is to say principally
and first of all I commend my soul into the hands of God that gave
it and my Body to the Earth to be buryed in a christian manner,
and as for such worldly Goods and Estate wherewith it hath pleased
God to bless me with in this life I dispose of the same in manner &
form following. I give and bequeath unto Martha Breward my wife
the plantation whereon I now dwell being Scituate on a tract of La
called Chance by her freely to be possessed and Enjoyed during her
natural life. Item I give and bequeath unto my three lawfull
Children after the decease of Martha Breward my wife the said tra
of Land called Chance to be equally divided between them all, and
if in case either of them Sarah died without lawfull Heirs, it is to be
divided equally between the other two. Item I give and bequeath unto
my wife Martha Breward my Crop of Corn that shall be on my
dwelling plantation at the time of my decease, and then my Will is
that all my Moveable Estate be equally divided between my three
Children. I do hereby make and ordain this my last Will & Testamen
In Witness whereof I have hereto put my hand & Seal the day and
year above Written

Signed Sealed & Acknowledged in the presence of us the Subscribers by said James Breward to be his last Will and Testament. R. Taylor, Wm. D Price his mark, Jam. + Hollingsw his mark.

James + Breward his mark (Seal)

February the 16 1702 Then Came Richard Taylor and James Hollingsworth two of the subscribing Witnesses to the within Will of James Breward

d made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they
saw the Testator therein named Signe and Seal this Will, and
that they heard him publish pronounce and declare the same
to be his Last Will and Testament, and 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 these depon-
ents together with William Price the other Subscribing Witness
within named 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.

J. Nicholson. Reg

Recorded J. Nicholson Reg

In the Name of God Amen I Robert Field of Whitehill in
the Townships of Mansfield County of Burlington and province of West
New Jersey, being in good health and perfect mind and memory on
the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and Sweaty four
make this my last Will and Testament in manner following. I resign my
Soul to its Creator in humble hopes of its future happiness as in the
disposal of a being infinitely good, and my Body to the Dust from whence
it came to be buryed in a decent manner by my Executors hereafter
named, and my Will that all my just Debts and funeral charges be
first paid and discharged as soon as possible after my decease
Imprimis I give and bequeath to my son Samuel Field three hundred
Acres of Land the North Westerly part of my Estate at White Hill joining
the River Delaware eeee

yearly and every year the Sum of Sixty pounds so long and no
longer then she remains my Widow, to him and to his Heirs for Ever
Item I give and bequeath unto my two Daughters Lydia & Mary
Field one thousand pounds each to be paid them, when each arrive
at the age of Eighteen years, for the payment of said Legacies to my
two Daughters, I do hereby make all that part of my real Estate
not bequeath to my son Samuel Field and Subject to the Widows
of my Estate both real and personal. I give and bequeath to my
loving Wife Mary Field so long and no longer then she remains my Widow
and that in Lieu of Dower, And I do hereby empower my said Widow, with
the Advice of my Executors to sell Convey and Confirm the same or such
parts of the real Estate as she may think proper, and it is my advice that
the same may be sold, And as the proviso is made at her special
request to enable her to educate and bring up my Children in a
manner as she with the advice of my Executors shall judge best,
I do order that an Exact Inventory be made out, of all my Estate both
real and personal, particularly that part bequeathed to my said Widow
Conditionally and delivered my Children when they come of age to
Inherit, in order that they may be able to obtain Justice in case of
my Widow Marrying again, And should my Widow Marry it is my
Will and I do order that she delivers up all the Effects both real and
personal which she may have kept in her hands, as also all the
moneys she may have received, arising by sales of Lands or other
Effects by Virtue of the Will to my Executors for the use of my Children
or the Survivivors of them which in case they all arrive to the Ages
aforesaid I order the one fifth to be paid to my son Samuel Field and the
two fifths to each of my Daughters Lydia and Mary Field, But in case
one of my Daughters should die before she arrives to the of Eighteen
years, I do order that her share be paid to her surviving Sister, should
both my Daughters die before they arrive to the age of Eighteen years
then both their shares to go to my son Samuel Field, And in case of my
Sons death before he arrives to the Age of twenty one years, then his share to

equally divided between my two Daughters their Heirs & Assigns
ever, Now my true ~~Intent~~ Intent and meaning is Conformable to our
reement, is that if my beloved Wife should live and die my Widow
e may have it in her power to bequeath all the part & Interest to
ed in my Estate which is bequeathed her by this my last Will and
estament in such manner as she may think proper, and in case she
narries again she is to deliver up as aforesaid to which I shall only add
hat in case my Executrix and Executors sell the Negroes they may
ndulge them in their Choice of Masters, or be particular carefull in
etting good places for them even at a less of Twenty p Cent, And I do now
lominate and appoint my loving Wife Mary Field Executrix and my
orthy Brother in Law Thomas Yardly and Micajah How Esq.r Executor
o see this my Last Will and Testament performed hereby revoking all
ther Wills by me made In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand
eal this day and year afore Written September 1.st 1774

Rob.t Field (seal)

igned Sealed & delivered by the Testator as his last Will & Testament
in the presence of us Wm Wood, Hannah Wood, William Newbold.
Noted that with my own hand I erased the Eighteenth & part of the
Nineteenth lines on the fore.t side of this my Will, as they contained
nothing to my mind — Robert Field.

William Wood and William Newbold two of the witnesses to the within Will being
two of the People called Quakers on their Solemn Affirmation do Severally declare
and say that they were present and saw Robert Field the Testator in the within
Will named Sign and Seal the same, and heard him publish pronounce &
declare the within writing to be his Last Will and Testament, And that
at the doing thereof the Testator was of Sound and disposing mind &
memory as far as they know and as they very believe, And that Hannah
Wood the other Subscribing Witness was present at the same time And
Signed her name as Witness together with the Affirmants in the Presence
each other and in the presence of the Testator. William Wood William

Newbold — affirmed at Burlington April 10th 1775

Before Robert Burcham Surrog.

The foregoing Will being proved probate was granted by his Excellency Governor Franklin unto Mary Field Thomas Yeardley and Micajah Haw Executors in the said Will named, the two first being duly affirmed and the latter duly Sworn truly to perform the same, Exhibit an Inventory thereof and render a true Account when thereunto lawfully required, Given under the prerogative Seal the day and year aforesaid

Chas Pettit Reg.

I do Hereby Certify the foregoing to be a true Copy from the Record in Liber No. XVII of Wills Pages 138. 9. 40, 1 in the Registers Office at Burlington in the State of New Jersey.

Bowes Reed Reg

His Excellency William Livingston Esq. Governor, Captain General and Commander in Chief in and over the State of New Jersey and Territories thereunto belonging in America Chancellor and Ordinary in the same, To all whom these presents shall come Greeting — I do hereby Certify that Bowes Reed Esq. who subscribed the Attestation to the Copy of the Will of Robert Field hereto annexed, is Register for the probate of Wills, and granting Letters of Administration in and for the said State of New Jersey, and that to all Copies of Wills so attested under the Hand of the said Register due faith and Credit is and ought to be given. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and caused the Great Seal of the said State to be hereunto affixed at Trenton the twenty seventh day of May in the Sixth year of the American Independence and in the year of our Lord one thousand seven Hundred and Eighty two.

Wil. Livingston

Recorded per J. Nicholson Reg

In the Name of God Amen I William Riley of Kent County
in the State of Maryland being sick and weak of Body but of Sound &
disposing mind and Memory and Understanding and Considering
the Certainty of Death and the uncertainty of the time thereof and
being desirous to settle my Worldly affairs and thereby be better
prepaired to leave this World when it shall please God to call me hence
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 buryed at the discreation of my Executrix and
Executor herein after named, And after my Debts and funeral charges
are paid and my wifes thirds taken out I devise and bequeath as follows
Imprimis I give leave and bequeath unto my son Nicholas Riley my
now Dwelling Plantation with all the Improvements thereon to him
and his Heirs and Assigns forever. Item my Will and desire is
that my Executrix and Executor shall sell my Negro Woman called
Rachel and her two Children, the one called Mary, and the other Joe
in order to pay my Just Debts and as far as they may sell for.
Item my will and desire is and give and bequeath unto my Daughter
Sarah Riley and to the Child or Children my wife now goes with
whether Male or Female all the Remainder of my Negros and their
Increase to be equally divided between them according to Quantity
and Quallity at the time my said Daughter Sarah shall arrive
to the Age of Sixteen years or day of Marriage which shall first
happen. Item my Will and desire is that the remainder of my
personal Estate be equally divided between my son Nicholas
my Daughter Sarah and the Child or Children my wife now goes with.
And Lastly I do hereby Constitute and appoint my loving wife
Rachel Ryley and John Voorhees hole and Sole Executors and
Executor of this my Last Will and Testament revoking & annulling
all former Will or Wills by me heretofore made Ratifying and
confirming this and none other to be my Last and Testament

Testament In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my
Conclusive Hand and Seal this Seventeenth day of February in
the year one thousand seven Hundred and Eighty two.

William Riley (Seal)

Signed sealed published and declared by William Riley the above
named Testator as and for his Last Will and Testament in the
presence of us who at his request and in his presence have
Subscribed our names as Witnesses thereto.

Wm Worth Hannah Wilson, Thos Browning.

April 5th 1782. Came William Worth one of the Subscribing Witnesses
to the within last Will and Testament of William Riley
late of Kent County deceased, and made Oath on the Holy
Evangels of Almighty God, & the same time came Thomas
Browning another of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within
last Will and Testament of William Riley deceased, on his Solemn
Affirmation to him Administered, Severally Affirmed and declared
that they did see the Testator therein named Sign and Seal this
Will, and that they heard him publish pronounce and declare
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
these deponants, together with Hannah Wilson the other Subscribing
Witness within named, 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.

J Nicholson Reg.

Recorded per J Nicholson Reg.

In the Name of God Amen I William Cobbyn of Kent County in Maryland Cooper being of perfect mind and memory make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following to Wit First I desire that my Body may be decently ~~buryed~~ interred in Saint Pauls Parish Church Yard in the County aforesaid without any other ceremony then the office of the Dead (as appointed by the Church of England) to be read at my enterment by some man who shall be a native of one of the British Isles. My Estate and my Effects I bequeath and dispose of in manner and form following. First all my just Debts to be paid. the residue and remainder of my Estate Goods, Tools, Bonds, Notes Accounts, with all other properties whatsoever to me appertaining; I give devise & bequeath unto my well beloved friend and Countryman Henry Iles of the County aforesaid Blacksmith, whom I do hereby constitute and appoint the whole whole and sole Executor of this my Last Will and Testament; and I do hereby utterly revoke disallow and disannul all former bequests Wills and Legacies by me heretofore in any wise left or made; declaring, ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my Last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this first day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven Hundred and Eighty two

Wm his mark Cubbin (seale)

Signed Sealed published and declared by the above named Testator William Cobbyn, to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us, who signed our names in the presence of the Testator, and in presence of each other — James his mark ✕ Skinner, Alexander his mark ✕ Ross.

April 15. 1782 Then came James Skinner and Alexander Ross the two subscribing Witnesses to the within Last Will and Testament of William Cobbins late of Kent County deceased, and severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that they did see the Testator Sign and Seal this Will, and that they heard him publish pronounce and declare

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 & disposing mind, memory and Understanding and that 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.

J Nicholson Reg

Recorded J Nicholson Reg

In the Name of God Amen I Richard Hosier of Kent County in the State of Maryland Gentleman being sick and weak in body but of sound mind memory and Understanding do make & Publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following First and principally I give my Soul to Almighty God my Creator and Mercifull Redeemer, and my Body to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like manner, and as for the worldly Goods it hath pleased God to bless me with, I give devise and dispose in manner & form following I ~~give~~ lend to my beloved wife Ann all my Negroes Stock and other moveables during her life first Subject to the Payment of my Just Debts

I give and bequeath unto my son Henry Hosier (after the death of my said Wife Ann) one Negro Woman named Phillis, I also give and bequeath unto my said son Henry (all my Real Estate to him and his Heirs forever) but the New House commonly called the Shop with one Acre of Land Adjoining & next the Orchard which I give my son Samuel Hosier to him & his Heirs forever, I also give & bequeath unto my son Samuel a Negro Woman named Rachel after the death of my wife,

I give & bequeath after the death of my wife to my son Richard Hosier one Negro man named James

I give & bequeath unto my son William Hosier after the death of my said Wife one Negro Girl named Mint.

I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Ann Hosier (after the death of my afs Wife) one Negro Girl named Hannah & one Cow. about four years old

I give and bequeath after the death of my wife all the residue of my personal Estate to be Equally divided between my afs Children Henry, Samuel, Richard, William and Ann

Lastly I hereby nominate and Appoint my Loving wife Ann my sole Executrix of this my last Will & Testament hereby revoking all former Wills and Wills by me heretofore made In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this nineteenth day of December one thousand seven hundred and Eighty one

Rich. Hosier

Signed Sealed published and declared by the Testator Rich. Hosier as and for his last Will and Testament in the presents of us who have subscribed our names as Witnesses hereto in the presents of & of the Testator and at his request

Mar. Silden, Cha. Silden Junr, A. Glenn,

NB By way of Codicil to the above Will my Intention was & is when I mentioned in the above Will. I also give & bequeath unto my son Henry all my Real Estate to him & his Heirs forever My Will and Intention was & is that my Loving wife Ann should have and Injoy Except what I have given to my son Samuel my Real Estate during her life or Widowhood and then to go to my son Henry to him & his Heirs forever and not before In Witness hereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 24 day Decemb. 1781.

Rich. Hosier

Signed Sealed published and declared by the Testator to be his Last Will and Testament Witness Cha. Groome, Samuel Tysheyr, Daniel Beck.

March 2. 1782 Then came Alexander Gleen one of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of Richard Hosier late of Kent County deceased, and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that he did see the Testator therein named Sign and Seal this Will, and that he heard him publish, pronounce & declare the same to be his last Will and Testament; that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of his apprehensions, of sound and disposing mind, memory, and understanding, and that he this deponant together with Marmaduke Tilden & and Cha Tilden Jr. the other two Subscribing Witnesses within named 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 — at the same time came Samuel Hosier and Daniel Beck and Severally made Oath as aforesaid that they did see the Testator Richard Hosier sign and seal the within Codicil and that they heard him publish, pronounce and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament, and that he was to the best of their apprehensions of sound disposing mind, memory and Understanding and that they these deponants together with Chas Groome the other Subscribing Witness to the within Codicil named Subscribed their names as Witnesses to the within Codicil in the presence and at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other.

J Nicholson Regr

Recorded
J Nicholson Regr

In the Name of God Amen I Henry Clark being in a low and weak Estate of Body though of sound disposing mind and Memory thanks be to God for it, I do make and Ordain this my last Will & Testament in manner and form following, first & principally I recommend my soul to God my Saviour from whome I received my being, and my Body to the Earth to be buried in such Christian like manner as my Executor hereafter to be named may think proper, and as to the worldly Wealth wherewith it hath been

been pleased God to bless me with I give & bequeath as follows Viz—
First I give and bequeath the plantation I now live on called Sherwood ship
containing by Estimation four Hundred Acres to be equally divided
between my three Sons, John, Henry, and William Clark, to them
their Heirs or Assigns forever, but in case either of them should
die without Lawfull Issue or Assignment, then my Will is that
the deceased part be equally divided between the Survivors, But
in case two of them should die without Lawfull Issue or Assignment,
then my Will is that both their parts goe to the Surviver and his
Heirs or Assigns forever, I give and bequeath unto my son William
Clark the House and Lotts that he now lives in Laying in George Town
to him his Heirs or Assigns forever, I give and bequeath unto my
son Gideon Clark his heirs and Assigns forever Twenty acres of Land
Adjoining to the plantation I now live on, which said Twenty acres of
Land is called & known by the name of Angles Lott or Angles Test, but In
case my son Gideon should die before he comes to the age of Twenty one
years old or without Lawfull Issue or Assignment, then my Will is
that the said Twenty acres of Land willed to him go to my son Nathaniel
Clark his Heirs or Assigns forever, I give and bequeath unto my
son Lambert Clark Fifty pounds Common money to be paid him by
my Executor out of my personal Estate. I give & bequeath unto
my Daughter Araminta Clark a Negrow Boy called George. I give and
bequeath unto my Daughter Milcah Clark my riding Mare, and a Negro
Girl call'd Fanny, and it is my Will and desire that all the remainder
of my personal Estate that is not already bequeathed be Equally divided
between my Eight children following Viz, Gideon, and Nathaniel
Clark, Mary Spearman wife of William Spearman, Milecent, Margaret,
Sarah, Araminta, and Milcah Clark, and I do hereby Constitute and
appoint my son William Clark my whole and sole Executor of this
my last Will and Testament, and I do hereby Revoke and make Void
all former Will or Wills heretofore by me made, and I do Constitute
this as my Last Will and Testament as Witness my Hand

hand and seal this twenty first day of September Anno Dom 1770

Henry Clark. (Seal)

The within Will was Signed Sealed published and declared by the within Testator to be his last Will & Testament in presence of us who were requested by him to Sign the same as Witness the day & date within mentioned — Jas Brady, Jas Pearce, Elijah Massey.

April 12th 1802 Came James Brady and James Pearce two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of Henry Clark late of Kent County deceased, and severally made oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that they did see the Testator therein named sign and seal this Will, and that they heard him publish, pronounce & declare the same to be his last Will & Testament that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehensions of sound disposing mind, memory, and understanding; And that they respectively Subscribed their names as Witness to this Will (together with Elijah Massey the other Subscribing Witness within named) in the presence, and at the request of the Testator, and in the presence of each other.

J Nicholson Reg.

Recorded.

J Nicholson Reg.

In the Name of God Amen I Rebeca Moore of Kent County in the State of Maryland being sick and weak but of sound and disposing mind & memory do make this my last Will & Testament in manner and form following that is to say first and principally I recommend my Soul to God in hopes of being saved through the merits of my blessed Saviour & Redeemer Christ Jesus, and my Body to the Earth to be buried in such decent manner as my Executors hereafter named shall think fit, and as to such Worldly goods as it hath pleased God to bestow on me my Will is that they be as hereafter expressed —

Imprimis I give and bequeath to my Daughter Dawes to her and her Heirs forever Viz. a Negro Man Boy called Bob a Negro Girl called Jane & half a dozen leather bottomed chairs, a large walnut Table and a large

In the Name of God Amen I John Cosdon of Kent County and State of Maryland being weak in Body but of sound mind and memory blessed be God, do this second day of September one thousand Seven hundred and Eighty two make and publish this my last Will and Testament in the manner & form following that is to say — Imprimis I order and my Will is that my Just Debts and funeral charges be first paid and Satisfied — Item I give and bequeath to my Niece Ann Cosdon Hackett all my Estate to her & her Heirs forever after my Debts are paid as above mentioned — I also appoint Simon Hackett my sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament, And I do hereby revoke & disannul all my other Wills by me made, allowing this and no other to be my last Will and Testament; In Witness whereof I John Cosdon have hereunto set my hand & seal the day & year above Written — Signed, Sealed, published, pronounced and Delivered by the said John Cosdon and for his Last Will and testament in the presence of —

John Cosden (Seal)

Cuthbert Hall, William + his mark Smith, Eph.m Vansant Jun.d

September 13.th 1782 Then came Cuthbert Hall & Ephraim Vansant Jun.d two of the subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will & Testament of John Cosdon late of Kent County deceased & severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that they did see the testator therein named Sign & Seal this Will, and that they heard him publish, pronounce & declare the same to be his last Will & 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 the said deponants together with William Smith the other subscribing Witness within named subscribed their names as this Will in the presence and at the request of the testator, and in the presence of each other

Recorded
J Nicholson Reg.r

J Nicholson Reg.r

In the Name of God Amen I Ann Absly being sick and in low Condition but in Sound and in perfect memory and calling to mind the uncertainty of this life do make and ordain this my last Will & Testament — Item I give and bequeath my Soul to God who gave it me, my Body to be decently buryd at the Descretion of my Exeutor hereafter mentioned —

Item I give and bequeath to my son George Absly Forty pounds Specie and my Shoe Buckles. —

Item I give and bequeath to my son William Absly one Negro boy called Will. —

Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Ann Absly one Negro Wench big with Child called Peg & my gold Sleave Buttons and the remainder of my Estate after my Lawfully Debts is paid to be equally divided between my three Children — And I do hereby appoint my Father Robert Roberts to be my whole and sole Exeutor of this my Last Will and Testament —

Aug.st the 1782

Signed Sealed in the presents of Ann Absly (Seal)

Joel Willis, George Hartshorn, James Wroth Junr. —

Aug.st 20.th 1782. Then came Joel Willis George Hartshorn & James Wroth Junr. the three Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will & Testament of Ann Absoley late of Kent County deceased, and severally made Oath Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that they did see the Testator therein named sign & seal this Will, and that they heard her publish, pronounce and declare the same to be her last Will and Testament, that at the time of her so doing she was to the best of their apprehensions of sound and disposing mind, memory & 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. —

Recorded

J Nicholson Regr

In the Name of God Amen I John Cosdon of Kent County and State of Maryland being weak in Body but of sound mind and memory blessed be God, do this second day of September one thousand Seven hundred and Eighty two make and publish this my last Will and Testament in the manner & form following that is to say — Imprimis I order and my Will is that my Just Debts and funeral charges be first paid and Satisfied — Item I give and bequeath to my Niece Ann Cosdon Hackett all my Estate to her & her Heirs forever after my Debts are paid as above mentioned — I also appoint Simon Hackett my sole Executor of this my last Will and testament, And I do hereby revoke disannul all my other Wills by me made, allowing this and no other to be my last Will and Testament, In Witness whereof I John Cosdon have hereunto set my hand & seal the day & year above Written — Signed, Sealed, published, pronounced and Delivered by the said John Cosdon and for his Last Will and testament in the presence of —

John Cosdon (Seal)

Cuthbert Hall, William his mark Smith, Eph^m Vansant Jun^r

September 15th 1782 Then came Cuthbert Hall & Ephraim Vansant Jun^r two of the subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will & testament of John Cosdon late of Kent County deceased & severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that they did see the testator therein named Sign & Seal this Will, and that they heard him publish, pronounce & declare the same to be his last Will & 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 the said deponants together with William Smith the other Subscribing Witness within named subscribed their names as this Will in the presence and at the request of the Testator, and in the presence of each other

Recorded
J Nicholson Reg^r

J Nicholson Reg^r

In the Name of God Amen I Charles Hynson being in
sound well disposing mind and memory thanks be to Almighty
God, do make this my last Will and Testament in manner & form
following. Imprimis I give my soul into the Hands of Almighty
God who first gave it me Jesus Christ my Redeemer in whose alone
Merits I trust for my Salvation, and touching such Worldly Goods as
pleased Almighty God to bestow upon me I give in manner & form
following and first, 1st My Will is that my son Charles Hynson
have my Bed, that is, his first Choice of my Beds & furniture
at the Value set down by an Estimate of my own, it being Six
pounds ten shillings, my Clock & fourteen pounds, four
table Silver Spoons at three pounds, my great Chest standing in my
Hall at one pound ten shillings, my Close Press at two pounds
ten shillings. — 2dly My Will is that my son John Carvil Hynson
have my Trunk and Case marked with the Letters T & M with a large
Canister and ten Sugar ~~box~~ Trunk in it Estimated at four pounds
his second Choice of Beds & furniture at six pounds, his first Choice
of my Desks two pounds, Six Table Silver spoons at four pounds ten
shillings, Six Chaney Coffee Cups & three Dr & Slop Bowl twenty shillings
3dly My Will is that my son Richard Hynson have my Chaise pan lea-
Table by Estimation twelve shillings, and third choice Bed furniture
at 5 £. . . 4thly I give unto my Grand Daughter Waltham Rolph
Daughter of John Rolph & Thebey his wife one Negro Lad named
Barnes, — 5thly I give unto my Daughter Thebey Rolph wife of John
Rolph all the Remainder of my Chaney by Estimation fifteen shillings
her fourth Choice of my Beds & furniture Best Rugg. five pounds &
Chest of Draws & Dressing Glass at three pounds —
6thly I give unto my Grand Daughter Martha Rolph one Negro Girl
named Jane, 7thly I give unto my Grand Daughter Martha Hanson
Daughter of Hensel Hanson & Mary Hanson his wife one Negro Girl
Darcus, fifth Bed & furniture four pounds . . 8thly I give ~~unto~~ Negro
Grand Daughter Sarah Hynson one Negro boy James,

9.ly I give unto my Grand Daughter Waltham Hynson Daughter of John Carvil Hynson & Rebecca Hynson his wife the Child my Negro Minta is at this time big with, two Cows and Calves and all my silver Tea spoons and all my Green stone Ware

10.ly I give unto my Sister Mary Jones one Cow & Calf

12.ly I give Elizabeth Dunn wife of Jo. Dunn one Seat in my Pew in St. Pauls Parish during her Natural life

13.ly I give one Negro Man named Cuff unto my son John Carvil Hynson

14.ly My Will full Intent and meaning is that my three sons Charles Hynson, John Carvil Hynson, and Richard Hynson have the several Articles above mentioned in my Will at the several prices set down Opposite the Articles, and that what ever the one have more in value, to be equally divided as hereafter mentioned (as follows)

And first. I give unto my five Grand Children Charles Hynson son of Charles Hynson, Phebey Hynson Daughter of John Carvel Hynson Sarah Hynson Daughter of aforesaid John Carvil Hynson & Rebecca his wife, Waltham Rolph Daughter of John Rolph & Phebey his wife Martha Rolph Daughter of afors.d each (every one of them over & above what I have Deeded (bequeathed unto each of them five shillings Specie and no more of my Estate

secondly. My will is that after my three sons Comply with my requisition and the overplus of the several Articles be Estimated in my Estate that each (every one of them have five shillings paid to each of them and no more of my Estate.

3.ly I give all the remainder of my personal Estate, to be equally devided amongst all my Grand Children meaning those to whom I have not Left of with five shillings Specie.

Lastly I nominate (appoint my son Charles Hynson sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament Utterly revoking making Null & Void all other other Wills made by me in any wise this 21 day of Sept.r 1702. Signed Sealed (Pronounced & Declared in Presents of us James Wood Anderson Tho.s Thompson Mary Preston

Cha.s Hynso.n

October 15th 1782. Then came Thomas Thompson & Mary Burton two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within Will of Chr. Hyson late of Kent County deceased & made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they did see the Testator therein named Sign & Seal this Will and that they heard him publish, pronounce & declare the same to be his last Will and Testament and at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehensions of sound & disposing mind, memory and Understanding, and that they these deponents together with James Mowal Anderson the other subscribing Witness within named 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.

J Nicholson Reg.

Recorded.
J Nicholson Reg.

In the name of God Amen I William Smith of Kent County and State of Maryland being sick and weak of Body but of sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be Almighty God for the same, do make and publish this my last Will & Testament in manner and form following that is to say.

First I give and devise unto my Son William all my now dwelling plantation being part of a tract of land called Vianna, the Crop now on the ground Excepted as part of Parsonal Estate, I farther give and devise him my said Son William and his Heirs twenty acres of Wood Land being part of a tract of Land called Chance to be laid off in the South east Corner of my part of said tract of Land so as may be most convenient to the remainder part of said Land. My Will is that my said Son William pay to his three younger Brothers and two Sisters ~~viz Thomas~~ viz Thomas, Robert, Samuel, Sarah & Ann, one Hundred pound to be equally devided amongst them and paid as they arrive of Age.

Secondly I give and devise unto my Son James Smith and his Heirs & Assigns all the remainder part of my Land called Chance with all the Improvements thereon, the Crop now on the Ground Excepted as part of my personal

personal Estate he my said son James paying to his three younger Brothers and two Sisters Viz Thomas, Robert, Samuel, Sarah & Ann fifty pounds to be equally divided amongst them, and paid them as they come to age. Thirdly I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Sarah one Sorrel Horse. Fourthly My Will is that after my Just Debts and funeral are paid and the above Legacy and my wifes thirds taken out, that the residue and remainder of my personal Estate be equally divided among all my Children Viz. Thomas, William James, Robert, Samuel, Sarah & Ann, share & share alike. Fifthly and Lastly I appoint and ordain my two sons William and James Joint Executors of this my last Will and testament, revoking all other Wills by me heretofore made.

Wm. Smith (L.S.)

Signed Sealed published & declared by the above named William Smith to be his last Will & Testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as Witnesses in the presence of each other and at his Request, Isaac Spencer, Oliver Smith, John Woodall. The words my Sarah's thirds between Sixth & Twenty seventh lines were Interlined before Signing and sealing.

Janry. 20th. 1783 then came Isaac Spencer and Oliver Smith two of the within Witnesses to the within last Will & Testament of William Smith late of Hunterdon deced, and severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that they did see the Testator therein named sign & seal this Will, And that they heard him publish, pronounce & declare the same to be his last Will & Testament, that at the time of his so doing, he was, to the best of their apprehensions, of sound and disposing mind memory & understanding, And that they & each of them together with John Woodall the other subscribing Witness within named 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

J. Nicholson Regr

Recorded

J. Nicholson Regr

Declared in presence of us James Howell Lancelot [illegible]

In the name of God Amen I Archibald Wright of Kent County and State of Maryland being sick and weak in Body but of sound mind and memory, first and principally I commit my soul unto the Hands of Almighty God, and my Body to the Earth to be decently buryed at the discretion of my Executrix herein after named, and after my Debts and funeral charges are paid it is my Will & desire as follows. first that my wife Margaret shall Injoy and possess all my real property in this County during her life, after her decease to descend to my sons John Wright & William Wright in manner & form following that is, that the real Estate should be as equally divided between the said John and William as may be, and that after my beloved wife Margaret taking one third part of my personal property, It is my Will & desire that the remaining part of my personal Estate should be Equally divided between my Children John, Mary, Ann, Sally, and William, And lastly I do appoint my dear Wife Margaret Wright to be sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament, revoking & Annulling all former Wills by me heretofore made Ratifying and Confirming this & none other to be my last Will Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this 24 day of January 1783.

Archibald Wright

Signed sealed published and declared by Archibald Wright the above named Testator as and for his last Will & Testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence have subscribed our names as Witnesses, William Henry, William Clark, John Voorhees

February 20th 1783 Then came William Henry and John Voorhees two of the subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of Archibald Wright late of Kent County deceased, and severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels 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 & Testament; that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehensions, of Sound &

disposing and memory and Understanding; and that they these deponants together with William Clark the other Subscribing Witness within named Respectively Subscribed their names as Witness to this Will in the presence and at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other.

Recorded per J Nicholson Reg

J Nicholson Reg

In the name of God Amen I Michael Byrne of Kent County in the State of Maryland do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following to wit I give and bequeath to my loving Wife Ann all my Estate hereby making Null and Void all other Will or Wills heretofore by me made Ratifying & Confirming this to be my last Will & Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this 12 day of December 1783.

his mark
Michael X Byrne

Signed Sealed published Acknowledged and declared by the above Michael Byrne to be his last Will & Testament and we have Subscribed our names thereto as Witnesses in his presence & at his Request.

his mark
John Stage, Alexander A.R. Ross

Febry 1st 1783. Then came John Stage one of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will of Michael Byrne late of Kent County deced and made oath that he did see the Testator therein named sign & Seal this Will, and that he 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 this apprehension of Sound & disposing mind Memory and Understanding, And that he this deponant together with Alexander Ross the other subscribing Witness respectively subscribed their names as Witnesses to this Will in the presence & at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other.

Recorded per J Nicholson Reg

J Nicholson Reg

In the Name of God Amen I David Boyd of Chester Kent County in the province of Maryland do make this my last Will and testament in manner and form following

I give and bequeath unto Thomas Bardon my House and Lott and Tools and Houseal furniture and Books and Stock In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 15. day of Febuary 1783.

Signed Sealed published and declared by the testator in the presents of the Subscribers and at his Request

James Rollison — David Boyd —

Oliver Higginbotton, Joel his mark + Higginbotton

Febuary 24th 1783 Then Came James Rollison Joel Higginbotton and Oliver Higginbotton the three subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will of David Boyd late of Kent County deceased, and severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that they did see the testator herein named Sign and Seal this Will, And that they heard him publish pronounce and declare the same to be his last Will & 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.

J Nicholson Reg

Recorded ff J Nicholson Reg

In the Name of God Amen I Thomas Sanders of Kent County farmer being Sick and Weak in Body but of Sound Mind Memory and Understanding do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following. — First I give and bequeath unto my Son Ebenezer that part of my Real Estate known by the name of Prions Neglect — Also I give and bequeath unto my Son Thomas all the rest of my Real Estate called Mitchels Chance together with my Negro Slave Isaac. — Also I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary my Negro Slave Harry. — Also all the Remainder of my personal Estate after — paying all my Just and Lawfull Debts and above Legacies I give & bequeath unto my three Children Ebenezer, ~~Richard~~ Thomas, and Mary, to be Equally divided amongst them, And do hereby nominate & appoint my loving wife Elizabeth Executrix of this my last Will & Testament hereby Revoking all former Will & Wills by me heretofore made. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this 15th day of February In the year of our Lord 1783. — Thomas Sanders

Signed Sealed published & declared by the above named Thomas Sanders — as & for his last Will & testament in the presence of us who have hereunto Subscribed our names Witnesses thereto in the presence of the said Testator & in the presence of each other. John Hurtt, Henry Farrell, Mary her mark X Farrell

April 16th 1783 Then came Henry Farrel & Mary Farrell two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will & testament of Thomas Sanders late of Kent County deceased, and severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they did see the Testator therein named sign & seal this Will, And that they heard him publish pronounce & declare the same to be his last Will & Testam.t that at the time of his so doing he was, to the best of their apprehensions of Sound & disposing mind Memory & understanding, And that they the said deponants together with John Hurtt the other Subscribing Witness to this Will respectively Subscribed their names as Witness to this Will, In the presence, and at the request of the Testator, and in the presence of each other.

Recorded J Nicholson Reg.r — J Nicholson Reg.r

In the Name of God Amen I John Emick of Kent County and State of Maryland being sick and Weak in body but of perfect mind and Memory thanks be given unto God, Therefore calling unto mind the Mortallity of my Body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner & form following Viz.t Imprimis I Commit my Body to the Ground desiring it may a Decent and Christian Interment, My Soul I Commit into the hands of God that gave it looking for that Glorious reunion of Soul & Body at the Resurrection when through the Attone Merrits of my Redeemer Christ Jesus the Righteous Jehovah to Enjoy Eternal Happiness, And for what Worldly Estate the Lord hath been pleased to bless me with (my Just Debts being paid) I bequeath as follows Item I give and bequeath to my eldest Daughter Elizabeth Emick a Negro Boy named Tom Inclusive. Item I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Sarah Emick a Negro Boy named Amos Inclusive Item I give and bequeath unto the afd Elizabeth & Sarah Emick my beloved Daughters Two Hundred pounds each in Specie & the two Negros above mentioned Inclusive, and this to be Levied out of my Estate & paid unto the afd Elizabeth and Sarah Emick when they are of Age at the discretion of my Trustees whom I shall hereafter mention Item I give and bequeath unto my Eldest Son Thomas Emick all that Moiety of Land being a purchase of George Wetherel Item I give and bequeath unto my Son John Emick all the rest of my land that is on the South Side of Still pond Creek, excluding two acres, the said two Acres of Ground to begin at a Chesnut tree standing in the Clear Ground near the Creek where the road originally went through the plantation, and the afd two Acres to be laid out from thence by and with George Rasins line twenty perches in length and as much in breadth as will contain two Acres. Item My Will is that if my Son Thomas shall die without Issue of his Body lawfully begotten that then the Land and whatever else is nominated unto him may revert unto my Son John Emick. And if he should happen to die likewise then the Land to be equally divided between my two Daughters by the afd division

(that is to say) Elizabeth to have that part known by Wetherels purchase and Sarah Cunick the rest as afd Willed to my Son John Cunick, Item my Will is that Jacob & Thomas Jones may have that Lott of Land laid out for them by the Creek Side containing about 2 Acres 1 Rood 26 Perches for and during the term of five years to Commence from first day of January 1783 in Consideration of their building thereon, And if they should build any more than what is now standing on said Lot during said term my Will is that they should be allowed for the same agreable to the Bill of Cost thereof. Item My Will is that William Dugan & Susanah his wife may hold and peaceably Occupy that Lot of Land Laid out for them known by the name of Dugans Lot for and during the term and time of twenty one years from the first day of January 1781 Provided he the said William Dugan do build on the same agreable to Contract a Dwelling House thirty three feet long and eighteen foot wide one room of which building fifteen by eighteen being Compleatly finished with a floor above and below In consideration of which the said Dugan shall hold it rent free for the afd term of twenty one years. Item my Will is that the afd William Dugan shall have hold and Occupy a sufficient quantity of Ground for to build a shop thereon together with a sufficient quantity of Ground for a yard for the same at the Creek Side by the two red Oaks standing on the brink of the bank for and during the term and time of twenty one years rent free from the first day of January 1781.

Item my Will is that the Mill and the two Acres above mentioned together with the Land that naturally belongs to the Mill be sold at the discretion of my Trustees when they think proper in or at any time after my decease and the Value of the same or what it sells for equally divided between my two Sons Thomas and John Cunick after my lawfull Debts is deducted and paid out of the same. Item my Will is that my beloved wife Hannah Cunick shall have the whole of my Land for her & the Childrens use untill the two Boys comes of Age the Mill & the Land nominated and appointed for the use of the same Excluded, provided she doth live

wod fraight so long, but if she takes a Husband and gets Married, then she is to take one third part of my Estate after my lawfull Debts are paid

Item My Will is that the Negro before mentioned shall return to my two sons Thomas and John Eunick wse after the Leases or time aforesaid is Expired

Item My Will is that James Wills Cooper shall or may hold the House he now lives in, as long as he pleases by finding his firewood and paying an Annual Rent of three pounds Specie for the same during the Term he holds it Item My Will is that my beloved friend Jacob Jones be my sole Executor to Enjoy and have the ordering of my whole Estate untill my Children comes of Age, provided he does not Imbezel my Childrens Legacies but take the Consent and advice of the said Trustees following whom I have Instructed, and do desire to advise my said Executor as may be most for my wife and Childrens Good. Item I do Constitute & appoint my well beloved friends Isaac Perkins Jr. Leger Everett and Raffin Gale Trustees to my Estate to see the performance of this my last Will Testament and the ordering of all things for the good of my wife & Children.

My Will & request is that my said Trustees take care that my Children is well Educated and in good order brought up to Learning, for what use may be taught necessary, and not to let at their own disposal or in possession of any part of their Estate untill they are of Age, and then to do nothing without the advice & approbation of my said Trustees,

For the particular Confirmation of all & singular the premises to all Intents and purposes do declare this to be my last Will Testament and no other In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this sixteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty one.

John his mark Eunick

Signed Sealed pronounced and declared by John Eunick the above named Testator and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who at his Request and in his presence have subscribed our names as Witnesses thereto. William Gale, James Wells, Temperance her mark X Brooks

May 29th 1783 Then Came James Wells & Temperance Brooks two of the subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will & Testament of John Eun

John Lemick late of Kent County deceased and severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels 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 & 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 the deponents together with William Gale the other Subscribing Witness within named 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

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In the Name of God Amen I James McClean of Kent County in the State of Maryland being sick and weak in Body but of Sound & disposing mind and memory, and being desirous to settle my Worldly affairs do therefore make and publish this my last Will & Testament in manner and form following

first and principally I commit my Soul into the Hands of Almighty God and my Body to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors hereinafter named, and after my Debts & funeral Charges are paid I devise and bequeath as follows.

Item my Will and desire is that the Marriage Articles or Contract with my dear Wife be complyed with by my Executors, and that they in one year after my deceased do pay unto my said wife a sum of money equal to one fourth part of my personal Estate as the same shall be appraised (all Just Demands being first satisfied) And in case my wife should chuse such House furniture and plate as belonged to her at the time of our Marriage and what shall be remaining at the time of my decease and undisposed of (the Clock excepted) and also a Negro man called Will and likewise my Chaise & Chair Horse in part of the said sum that then my Will is that she shall have all or any of the said Articles at their Valuation or Appraisement in part as aforesaid and also such

such part of the beding and furniture thereof provided the same do not Exceed one half of what shall belong to me at the time of my death in part likewise of the said sum of money aforesd, And if the aforesd Articles and things should not be Sufficient to make up the said sum, that then my outstanding Debts and such part of the Ensuing Crop as may be for Sale be applyd to that purpose, And in case the same should still not be Sufficient, then my desire is that the Lands hereafter bequeathed to my two Daughters Margaret and Anna Maria be Subject and made liable for the remainder of Such Sum, and all the claims from my said wife or any other person or persons whatsoever in Consequence of such Agreement or Marriage Articles, that may anywise arise against my Heirs or Executors in Consequence of our said marriage, and request and devise that the same be sold in such case as aforesd by my Executors herein after named, and that the Surplus money on Such Sale be equally divided between my two said Daughters Margaret & Anna Maria, And if either of them should die before the age of Sixteen the Survivor to have the whole. Item. I give and devise unto my said dear wife during her Widowhood in pursuance and performance of my Contract aforesd, all the North part of the Grove and Grove Addition divided from my other Lands wherein I now live by an East line across the said Lands to be to Wit the said North part beginning at a large Stone standing at the end of the first line of Grove Addition and running South one hundred and eighty eight perches, then east the whole breadth of my Lands untill it Intersect the second line of the Grove being such part of my Lands as is hereafter devised unto my son William. Item I give and devise unto my Grandson William Piper & the Heirs of his Body one half part of all the House and Lot No. 29 now in the possession of his father James Piper being an undivided moiety purchased by me of John Causey and his wife and in case of the death of my said Grandson without such Heirs I give and devise the same to my Daughters Sarah Jackson & Ann Gibson and the Heirs of their Bodies, and in case they die without such Heirs I devise the same

same to my Heir or Heirs at Law. And whereas the other half part or Moiety of the said House and Lot belongs to my eldest Son James as heir to his Mother it is my Will and desire that my said Son James do and shall within one year after he shall attain his age of twenty one, on demand legally made by good and Sufficient deed of Conveyance make over his said half part or Moiety of said House and Lot unto my said Grandson and the Heirs of his Body with remainder as said unto my two Daughters Sarah Jackson & Ann Gibson and the Heirs of their Bodies, and in case of their death without such Heirs the remainder to my Heir or Heirs at Law. And in case my said son James shall refuse or Neglect to do the same on such demand as aforesaid, that then my said son James shall forfeit and pay unto my said Grandson William Piper the Sum of two Hundred pounds Current money to the payment of which I hereby ~~make~~ Subject and make liable the personal Estate which my said son James shall have by devise or otherwise from me. And I do also give and bequeath unto my said Grandson a Negro Woman called Moll and all her Children now in possession of his Father James Piper And Whereas the Lot of Ground in Chester town called No. 28 now in the possession of James Piper belongs to my son James as Heir to his Mother, it is my Will & desire that my said son James do and shall within one year after he shall attain his age of twenty one on demand legally made, by good by good & Sufficient Deed of Conveyance make over the said Lot unto my said Daughter Sarah Jackson and the Heirs of her Body, and in case of her death without such Heirs, then the remainder to my Heir or Heirs at Law, And in case my said said Son James shall refuse or Neglect to do the same on such demand as aforesaid, that then my said son James shall forfeit and pay unto my said Daughter Sarah the Sum of one Hundred and fifty pounds Current Money to the Payment of which I hereby Subject and make liable the Personal Estate which my said Son James shall have by devise or otherwise from me. Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Ann Gibson over & above what I have formerly given her one Lot in Chester Town No. 36 purchased of John Causey and wife (and now in the occupation of Robert

Robert Anderson as Tenant under my said Daughter Ann Gibson and the Heirs of her Body, and in case of her death without such Heirs the Remainder to my Heir or Heirs at Law.

Item I give and devise unto my son William after the death or Marriage of my dear wife his Mother all these Lands devised as aforesd to his said Mother to wit all the North part of the Grove & Grove Addition, divided from my other Lands where I now live by an East line across the said Lands, the said North part to begin at a large stone at the end of the first line of Grove Addition adjoining Wm Boltons Land and running from thence South with the second line of the said Grove Addition one Hundred and eighty eight Perches, from thence East for a devision line as aforesd (allowing for the usual and accustomed variation of the Compass) untill it intersect the second line of the Grove and the land of a tract of Land also called Wilmers farme to him the said William and the Heirs of his Body, And in case of the death of the said William without such Heirs then I give and devise the same to my son James and the Heirs of his Body, and in case of the death of the said James without such Heirs, then to my heir or Heirs at Law.

Item I give and devise my House and one half part of a Lot in Chester Town and now in the possession and occupation of Robert Anderson being part of a Lot No. 82. the said Lot to be divided length ways from Street to Street and the Northwest part whereon the dwelling House stands unto my dear wife, for and during her Widowhood, And in case of her ~~death~~ Marriage or death, I give and devise the same half part unto my son William and the Heirs of his Body, And in case of the death of my said son William without such Heirs, then I give & devise the same to my son James and the Heirs of his Body, And if my son James ~~and the Heirs of his Body~~ should die without such Heirs then to my Heir or Heirs at Law. I also give and devise unto my said son William a Negro Lad called Tom, and a Negro girl called Rachel.

Item I give and devise ~~unto my said son William~~ the other half part of the said Lot No. 82 unto my son James and his Heirs forever.

Item I give and devise to my two Daughters Margaret & Anna Maria and the Heirs of their Bodies one Hundred Acres of Land called Hellins Adventure, and also four Acres adjoining thereto being part of a Tract of Land called Kellys choice, equally to be divided between them as Tenants in Common, and in case of the death of either of my said Daughters without such Heirs, I give and devise the part of such Daughter so dying without such Heirs of her Body unto the Survivor and the Heirs of her Body. And in case both my said Daughters should die without Heirs of their Bodies I then give & devise the said Lands to my Heir or Heirs at Law.

Item I give and devise to my said two Daughters Margaret and Anna Maria a Negro Woman called Jane and the rest of her children not hereby devised and her future Children or Increase to be equally divided between my said two Daughters, and in case either of my said two Daughters should die under age & unmarried then I give and devise the part of the Daughter so dying unto the Survivor, and in case both of them should die under age and unmarried as afore, I give and devise all the said Negroes to my Son William.

Item I give and devise to my son James all my Lands and Tenements not heretofore devised to Wit part of the Grove and Grove Addition Trenchards Memorial and Calders Meadow (the part of the Tract called the Little Grove he has right to as Heir to his Mother.

Item I give and bequeath to my Son James all my ~~Goods and Chattels~~ Household Furniture that shall remain after my wife hath taken such part as is before mentioned if she should chuse it, And also devise unto my Son James all the residue of my Negroes except the use of my Negro Woman called Moll in manner as is hereafter mentioned) and all my farming Utensils and my Stock Except my Horse called Toby which I desire may be sold by my Executors for the benefit of my Estate and I do this and have made Addition to my said son James's Estate in order to enable him the better to support the trouble and charge of maintaining and providing for his poor

poor Afflicted Sister my Daughter Mary whom I desire & Expressly charge him to take ~~care of~~ proper and tender care of, And for that purpose I desire and devise the use of the Negro Woman called Moll to be Constantly employed to attend my Unfortunate Child and wherever she may be or go, during the life of my said Daughter, And in case my said son James should refuse to take the said care and Maintainance of his said Sister or should Neglect to take such care of her as in her circumstances is necessary and proper I then charge my lands devised unto him with the yearly payment & Sum of forty pounds to be paid unto my said Daughter for her maintainance and Support, And as my son James will not for some years to come be of age, I devise and Will that in the mean time and untill my said son James shall arrive to his age of twenty one years that the Guardian or Guardians of my said son James shall take care of the Support and maintainance as also my said Daughter out of the profits of the Estate of my said son James. Item I hereby nominate and appoint my good friend John Kinnard and my son in law James Piper Guardians to my son James to have the tuition and Custody of him and care of his Estate untill he shall arrive to the age of twenty one years. Item I do hereby order and appoint and my Will is that if any difference question or Controversy shall arrive or happen concerning any devise or bequest, or any other matter or thing contained or expressed in this my Will and Last Testament, that there no Suit or suits action or actions at Law or in Equity shall be brought or Commenced or prosecuted but my express Will and meaning is that the same shall be absolutely and wholly referred to the Award order and determination of my good friends William Ringgold of Chester Town, Thomas Smith the Elder Merchant, Robert Cruikshanks and Thomas Bedingfield Hands or the Major part of them or the Survivors or Major part of them, and that whatsoever they or the Major part of them shall order direct & determine in & about the same shall be binding & Conclusive to all & every person & persons therein Concerned.

Lastly I hereby nominate Constitute and appoint my dear friend John Kinnard and my son in Law James Piper Executors of this my Last Will and testament annulling and revoking all former Will or Wills by me heretofore made declaring this and none other to be my Last Will and testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and affixed my Seal this seventh day February in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and Eighty three.

Signed Sealed Published and declared by James McClean the above named Testator and for his Last Will & Testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence have Subscribed our names as Witnesses thereto

Kent County ss. March the seventh 1783

I Hereby Certify that this Instrument of Writing purporting to be the last Will and testament of James McClean was annexed to the Subjoining deposition at the time of making thereof

John Scott

Maryland Kent County ss.

The declaration or deposition of Thomas Bedingfield Hands who on the seventh day of March 1783 personally appeared before me the Subscriber one of the Justices of the peace for Kent County aforesaid and being sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God deposeth and saith, that being sent for by the deceased James McClean of the County aforesaid on the Evening of the 5 of February last past, he went to his House the next day, that he found him lying on the Bed with his cloaths on except his coat & waistcoat, that after some Conversation the deceased told McClean told this deponent he had sent for him to draw for him another Will (this deponent having drawn one for him about two years before) that this deponent asked the deceased if a Codicil to his said former Will would not do the deceased said No, for as there were great

great Alterations in the Situation in his family since then so as to make material and considerable alterations in his present Will or intentions respecting the disposition of his property Will or Instructions and therefore he thought it better to draw altogether a new Will, that soon after the deceased with the Assistance of his Servant Pope did went to his Desk and produced the former Draft of a Will above mentioned and also a Paper which he said contained some of the Alterations and directions for another Will, but that he had not completed them, that this deponent together with the deceased went thro all those and alterations and directions and also took down short Hints and Memorandums as is common on such Occasions of such other matter and things as were dictated to him by the deceased, and in fine received the full Instructions of the deceased in what manner to draw his Will, that the deceased expressed an Earnestness to have his Will speedily executed, that he would not delay it he said two days longer for some considerable Sum he mentioned, that on the deponants departure he desired to know when the Will would be finished, the deponant told him at any time he pleased and that if he desired it he might have it that night as it would be only borrowing two or three hours from his usual Bed time, but the deceased told the deponant it would do at any time about 12 o'Clock the next day and told the deponant he should take care his servant should be at the deponants Lodgings at that hour, and that when his Will was brought he would Execute it that afternoon, and mentioned the Neighbours he designed to send for as Witnesses to the same, so earnest and resolved did the deceased appear to have his said Intended Will Executed on the next day that that he requested this deponant to leave no blanks in it but to fill up even the Blank which is generally left for the day of execution and to date it as of the next day, that the deceased at the time aforesaid and during the whole time the deponant was with him appeared and to the best of this deponants knowledge was of sound & disposing

disposing mind & memory and perfect in his Understanding, —
That the next morning about day break the deponant was —
awakened by the coming of Mr Piper to his House who told him
that Mr Mc Lean had in the night become extremely ill and
he believed was in Immediate danger and requested the deponant
to draw the Will as quick as possible, That this deponant —
presently began the draft, And Mr Piper promised that when —
he returned to Mr Mc Leans (as he intended to do directly —
that he would send a Messinger to be ready to receive the Will
as soon as done, should Mr Mc Lean seem to continue in —
Immediate danger, That after this deponant had drawn the Will
and waited some little time for the messinger, Mr Mc Lean had
himself promised ~~—~~ to send as is before mentioned (having not
received also any Message from Mr Piper which Induced this
deponant to think Mr Mc Lean was not so ill as Mr Piper appre-
hended) This deponant then Inclosed the draft and of the Intended —
Will of Mr Mc Lean together with the ~~draft~~ Notes and the former
draft above mentioned under cover directed to the said Mr Mc Lean
and dispatched his own servant with the same directing him
if he should meet Mr Mc Leans Messinger to deliver him the —
Letter and send him back with it otherwise to proceed ~~with~~ him-
self to Mr Mc Leans and to deliver the Letter into the hands of
Mrs Mc Lean, the servant when he returned told the deponant
that he delivered the Letter to Mrs Mc Lean but that she said —
it was too late for that Mr Mc Lean her Husband ~~was~~ had ~~dead~~ died —
about 5 o'Clock that morning. — This deponant further —
saith that the paper to which this present deposition is —
annexed purporting to be the last Will & Testament of James Mc Lean —
is with respect to the matter of it a true Copy or draft from the Notes
Memorandums and Instructions of the said James Mc Lean as given
and delivered to this deponant by the said James Mc Lean for the
purpose and whereby to draw the same into form and as the

the Last Will and Testament of the said James M.Clean died no other except only in the devise of the Surplus money as is mentiond in the second clause of the said intended Will which this deponent of himself inverted because it naturally followed from the disposition of the principal to Wit the Land, and must have been the Will and design of the deceased as it placed the devise on that head and compleated the disposition of the subject matter according to deed in such manner as from the devise of the Land itself evidently appears to be the design and intention of the deceased.

Sworn to the day and year within Written

Before J John Scott

June 11th 1783 Thomas Bedf. Hands came into Court and made oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that the above deposition is Just and true to the best of his Knowledge

Test J Nicholson Regr.

Recorded pr J Nicholson Regr.

I Thomas Gilpin of the City of Philadelphia Merchant now the Town of Winchester pt. in Virginia being weak in Body but of sound disposing mind do make and declare my Testament and last Will in manner and form following Imprimis I order all my Just debts to be paid and discharged as soon as conveniently may be after my decease Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Lydia Gilpin all my Household furniture plate and other utensils which shall be in use in my family at the time of my decease, and my riding chaise Horse and Cow, Item I give and bequeath to my beloved son Joshua Gilpin all that Brick Messuage or Stone House Situate between front and Water Street adjoining a Messuage of William Redwood on the North and a Messuage of Andrew Hambleton on the South subject to the Rent charge issuing thereout to the said Andrew

Andrew Hamilton To hold ~~and~~ to ~~him~~ him his Heirs and Assigns forever from and after his coming of full age, Item — I nominate my dear wife Lydia Gilpin my dear son Joshua Gilpin my Brother Thomas Fisher, Samuel Rowland Fisher, Miers Fisher and Jabez Maud Fisher to be the Executors of this my Will, hereby requesting them to reduce my personal Estate as soon as conveniently may be to money and place the same at Interest on good security for the use and benefit of the devisees herein after named, and further Authorizing and Impowering them or any four of them (my said dear wife being one) or the Survivors or survivor of them to enter into all my Messuages Lands Tenements Hereditaments and Real Estate whatsoever and wheressoever, and to let and demise the same or any part thereof to any persons whatsoever for any Term or Terms of years reserving such rent and upon such Conditions as they shall think will benefit and Improve my Estate, and if they or any four of them shall think it will be most beneficial to my devisees herein after named to convert all or any part of my Real Estate into money I do hereby Authorize them and Impower them or the Survivors and Survivor of them to bargain sell convey and assure to such Purchasers as shall offer and their Heirs in fee simple all or any part of my Lands Tenements and Hereditaments for the best prices they can procure for the same, and the monies arising from such sale to place at Interest on good security for the uses herein after mentioned. Item I give devise and bequeath to my beloved wife the use Interest and Income of all my Estate Real & Personal until my Eldest child shall arrive to the age of twenty one years (if she so long continued a Widow) at which time my Will is that my whole Estate Real and personal be equally divided among my said wife and all such of my ~~several~~ Children as shall be then living in equal Shares and proportions to them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever — My Will Nevertheless is that so long as my

my said wife shall continue single and shall maintain and educate such of my children as shall be under age, she shall be intitled to the whole Income and Interest of the share of such child or Children notwithstanding the division aforesaid, but if she should marry then my Children after their arrival to fourteen years of age are to chuse Guardians who are to receive their shares and thereout to maintain & educate them, and account with them for any surplus thereof, And if either of my said children should die under age unmarried and without Issue the part or share of such decedent shall go to and be equally divided among the Survivors, And if all my children should die under age unmarried and without Issue, then I do order and direct all their shares of my real Estate whatsoever and wheresoever to be sold by my Executors above named or any four of them or the Survivors or Survivors of them to such purchasers and for such prices as can reasonably be had for the same, and the monies therefrom arrising as well as the said childrens shares of my personal Estate I do give and dispose as follows, to wit, one equal third part thereof to my beloved wife if she be living at the time of such dying of the Children as aforesaid, and if she be dead then to all such Children of her Brothers and Sisters as shall be then born and living in equal shares and proportions. one other equal third part thereof to and among all such Children of my Brothers and Sisters as shall then be born and living in equal shares and proportions, save only that the children of my Brother George shall each of them be intitled to a portion double to that of the other children, And the other equal third part thereof I give to the Corporation of the Pennsylvania Hospital by whatsoever name it is incorporated to be applyed to carrying on the Charitable designs of that Institution — Item I do hereby direct that my Negro Boy Mingo whom I purchased in order to set free, be kept at the Business of a farmer until the first day of March 1781. at which time he

she being then about twenty and years of age) I do order my Executors to set him free, And whereas Thomas Jury when in partnership with me some years ago purchased a Negro Woman named Nancy who if living is Infirm and aged, and as I expect resides at my place in Maryland I do hereby order her to be Suitably provided for by my Executors if she is not able to Support herself, Item I give and bequeath to my beloved Aunt Ann Gilpin of Wilmington a silver Pint Cann as a token of my affection for her, and do desire that the money due to her on my Bond be paid her punctually as she calls for it, Item I give & bequeath to Margaratt Heath who lives with my said Aunt the Sum of five pounds over and above what I have of hers in my hands of which she has an Account, Item I hereby revoke all former Wills by me made and this do declare this only to be my last Will In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal the twenty fourth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight

Thom.s Gilpin L.S.

Signed Sealed published pronounced & declared by the said Thomas Gilpin as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who in his presence and at his request have Signed our names as Witnesses thereof in the presence of each other John Stemberton, Henry Drinker, Sam.l Pleasants

I Thomas Gilpin the Testator above named having reconsidered my above Will am desirous of adding thereto as follows to Wit

My desire is that my Executors do not sell (so long as any of my Children live) any part of my Real Estate lying in or near the Borough of Wilmington except such Lands and Tenements as I hold shares of in common with other persons, which parts or Shares all or any part of my Real Estate they may sell or not (as in my Will above is Specified) at their discretion My reason for this is that the greater part of those Lots which wholly

wholly belong to me in and about Wilmington were given to me by my late dear Uncle Thomas Gilpin and therefore I would chuse them to remain for my children... Item I give unto my Sisters Esther Fisher and Sarah Fisher, my Brothers Samuel R. Fisher and Jabez Maud Fisher, my Nephews Joshua Fisher son of my Brother Thomas, and Thomas Fisher son of my Brother Miers and to each of them, one small piece of plate of the weight of about Sixteen ounces each, as a token of my affection for them. Item I give and bequeath to my dear Children Sarah Gilpin and Thomas Gilpin also to each of them a piece of plate of the like weight of those above mentioned as a token of my affectionate Remembrance of them. Item having in my Will directed all my real and personal Estate to be equally divided between my wife and children &c I do hereby declare my meaning to be, all the residue of my real and personal Estate not in my Will and this Codicil otherwise disposed of, and so the said clause is to be construed. And I do declare this Codicil to be part of my Will and do hereby ratify and confirm the whole and every part thereof as and for my last Will and testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the first day of March 1778.

Thom.s Gilpin (L.S.)

Signed Sealed published pronounced & declared by the said Thos. Gilpin as & for a Codicil to his last Will & testament in the presence of us who at his request have Signed our names as Witnesses. Isx Pemberton, John Pemberton.

New Castle County ss. I do certify that the foregoing Will & Codicil is Recorded in the Registers Office at New Castle, for the County of New Castle, on Delaware in Book L page 220 In testimony whereof I have set my hand at New Castle twentieth day of June 1783

W. Cannan D. Reg.d

Philadelphia City & County ss.

By the Tenor of these presents I George Campbell Esq.r Register for the probate of Wills and granting Letters of Administration in and for the City and County of Philadelphia in the Commonwealth of Pensylvania do make known unto all men that on the day of the date hereof

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at Philadelphia before me was proved, and approved & Insinuated the last Will and testament of Thomas Gilpin deceased (a true Copy whereof is to these presents annexed) having whilst he lived and at the time of his death, divers Goods, Chattels, Rights & Credits within the said Commonwealth, by reason whereof, the Approbation and Insinuation of the said last Will and Testament, and the Committing the Administration of all & singular the Goods, Chattels, & Credits which were of the deceased, at the time of the and also the Auditing the Accounts, calculations and Reckonings of the said Administration, and final dismission from the same to me are manifestly known to belong; and that Administration of all & Singular the Goods, Chattels, rights & Credits of the said deced. any way concerning his Last Will and Testament was committed to Lydia Gilpin, Joshua Gilpin, Thomas Fisher, Samuel Rowland Fisher, and Miers Fisher Executors in said Testament named. they having been first duly affirmed well & truly to Administer the Goods, Chattels, rights and Credits of the said deceased, and make a true & perfect Inventory thereof, and to exhibit both the same into the Registers Office at Philadelphia on or before the Seventeenth day of April next, and to render a true and just Account calculation and reckoning of the said Administration on or before the Seventeenth day of March 1784, or when thereunto lawfully required In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal of Office at Philadelphia the Seventeenth day of March in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred & eighty three

Geo Campbell Reg.

Recorded per Nicholson Reg

In the name of God Amen this 23 day of September in the year of our Lord 1781 I John MacNiel Cannwhittin in the County of Kent and State of Maryland farmer being very sick and weak in Body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God for the same and calling to mind the Mortality of my Body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament that is to say principally and first of all, I give and recommend my Soul into the hands of God that gave all, and for my Body I recommend it to the earth to be buryed in a Christian like and decent manner at the discretion of my Executrix nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God; And as touching such Worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give, devise, and dispose of the same in manner & form following, that is to say, In the first place I give and bequeath to my dearly beloved Wife Bridget MacNiel my whole Estate Real and Personal so long as she continues a Widow for the benefit of her and my Children Archibald and John who are to be properly Educated and put to trades when they arrive to the age of Sixteen years, And if my wife Marrys then to return to her Thirds, the other two parts to be equally divided betwixt my two Sons Archibald and John and case of the death of either the Survivor to have both shares, and in case both die then I give and bequeath the whole Estate to my Baidget MacNiel, I give and bequeath to Rebecca MacNiel five pounds to buy a Mourning Ring, if she comes in person herself to demand it, And I do hereby Constitute & appoint my dear Wife Bridget MacNiel to be my sole Executrix of this my last Will and testament revoking and Annulling all former Wills by me heretofore made ratifying and confirming this none other to be my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & fixed my seal

John MacNiel

Sealed

Signed Sealed published and declared by John MacNiel the within named Testator as and for his last Will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence have subscribed the same as Witnesses thereto

James Sweney, William McDowell, Mungo McKinlay,

July 21. 1783 The same William McDowell one of the subscribing to the within last Will and testament of John MacNiel late of Kent County deceased, and made oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that he did see the Testator therein named sign & seal this Will, and that he 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 his apprehensions of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, And that he the deponent together with James Sweney & Mungo McKinlay the other subscribing Witnesses subscribed their names as Witness to this Will in the presence and at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other.

Recorded J Nicholson Reg

J Nicholson Reg

In the name of God amen I John Yearly of Kent County in the State of Maryland being sick and weak of Body, but thanks be to God of sound disposing sense and memory do make & ordain this to be my Last Will and testament in manner & form following Viz

1st I give and bequeath unto my Son Will Yearly all that part of my of my Land lying on the East side of the main road leading down to Eastern Neck during my wives Widowhood

2nd I give and bequeath unto my son Henry Yearly all the Land & Improvem. to where my Son William now lives at the death of his Mother Elizabeth Yearly or day of Marriage to him and his Heirs forever, and my Will and desire is that the residue of my Land furnish my Son Henry with firewood and Rails during his natural Life

3rd I give and bequeath to my son Edward Yearly forty Acres of Land

Land adjoining James Rodges Land at the decease of his Mother Elizabeth Yearly or day of Marriage to him & his Heirs for ever.

4th. I give and bequeath to my son William Yearly all my undevised part of my Land during his Natural life at the decease of his Mother Elizabeth or day of Marriage and my Will and desire is that my son William Yearly make no Wast or Sale of any timber, and after his decease I give and bequeath the said Land to my son Benjamin Yearly to him & his Heirs for ever. and my Sheet Chest

5th. I give and bequeath unto my son John Yearly my Rum Case and Bottles.

6th I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Mary Butters my Looking Glass.

7th I give & bequeath unto my Wife Elizabeth Yearly all the residue of my Estate both Real and Personal during her Widowhood.

Signed Sealed and Acknowledged by the within named John Yearly this to be his Last Will and Testament this 7th day of May 1703.

In the presence of us.

Rober Sumner. Troget Villard. John his mark I Yearly (seal)

M Hurtt

August 11th 1703 then came Robert Sumner, Troget Villard, and Morgan Hurtt the three subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will & Testament of John Yearly late of Kent County deceased, and severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels 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 & 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.

Recorded J Nicholson Reg

J Nicholson Reg

In the name of God Amen I Andrew Myres of Kent County in the State of Maryland being now about to take a Voyage to Sea in the Service of my Country and being in perfect health of Body and of sound and disposing mind memory and Understanding, considering the dangers of the seas and the perils of the War, the Certainty of death, and the uncertainty of the time thereof, and being desirous of Setling my worldly affairs, and thereby be the better prepared to leave this World when it shall please Almighty Father of Mercies to call me hence, do therefore make this my last Will & Testament in manner and form following, that is to say. — first after my debts and funeral charges are paid, I give and bequeath to my Son James Tibbit Myres, all my Estate Real to him, and his Heirs for ever, but if my said Son should die under the age of twenty one without leaving Issue of his body lawfully begotten, then I give & bequeath the said Real Estate to my dear wife Elizabeth during her natural life remainder to my Brother George Myres and his Heirs for ever.

2 I give also to my said Son two third parts of my personal Estate, and the other third to my wife

3 I do order and direct that my wife have the Guardianship Education and care of my said child, and to enable her to support and conduct the same until his full age, it is my desire that she take the profits of my whole Estate real and personal and apply the same to those purposes.

Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my dear wife to be sole Executrix of this my last Will & Testament revoking & annulling all former Wills by me heretofore made Ratifying & Confirming this & none other to be my last Will & Testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this first day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and Eighty one.

Andrew Myers. (Seal)

Signed Sealed published & declared by Andrew Myres within named Testator as & for his last Will & Testament in the presence of us who at his request,

request and in his presence have Subscribed our names as Witnesses thereto
Thomas Smith Carpenter, Robert Reid Black Smith, James Dolvin,
August 11th 1783 Then came Robert Reid Black Smith one of the
Witness to the within last Will and Testament of Andrew Myers late of
Kent County deceased, and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God
that he did see the Testator therein named Sign and Seal this Will, and
that he 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 his apprehensions of Sound and disposing mind, Memory &
Understanding, and that he this deponent together with Thomas Smith
Carpenter and James Dolvin the other two Subscribing Witnesses was
present at the same time and signed their names as Witnesses to this
Will in the presence, and at the request of the Testator, and in the
presence of each other.

Recorded
per J Nicholson Reg

J Nicholson Reg

In the name of God Amen. I John Jobson of Kent
County in the State of Maryland being very sick and weak
of Body, but of perfect Sound mind and memory, and considering the
certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof, and
being desirous to settle my world affairs, and thereby be the
better prepaired to leave this world, when it shall please God
to call me hence, 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 that gave it, and my Body to the Earth to be
decently Buried at the discretion of my Exers hereafter named
and after my dearly beloved wife Sarah Jobsons thirds are deducted
and my just Debts and funeral charges are paid I devise and
bequeath as follows— Imprimis I give and Bequeath unto my

my Eldest and only Son William Scott Jobson all that plantation whereon I now live known by the name of Masseys Lott and Massy Lott resurveyed together with a part of another tract adjoining called Burks addition including in the whole about one Hundred and Twenty five Acres be the same more or less to him and his Heirs and Assigns forever.

I also give and devise unto my said Son all my personal and Moveable Estate consisting of Negroes, Cattle, Stock, Furniture, Implements of all Kinds, Farming Utensils, Book Debts Bonds ready money and all remainder and remainders I now have or ought to have hereafter to him and his Heirs forever.

Item my Will is that my dearly beloved wife shall enjoy Inherit and enjoy the whole of this my Estate during her Natural Life

Item my Will is also that after my said Wife's decease in case my said Son William Scott Jobson should die without Issue, then my Will is that all my said Sons Negroes have their freedom and also the whole of his Estate descend to their Heirs forever

also and Lastly I do hereby Constitute and appoint my dearly beloved wife Sarah Jobson to be Sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament revoking and disanulling all former Wills and Testaments by me heretofore made Ratifying & Confirming this & none other to be my last Will and testament In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my Hand & Seal this ninth day of September in the year of our Lord Christ Seventeen hundred and Eighty three 1783.

John Jobson

Signed Sealed published and declared by John Jobson the above named Testator as for his last Will & Testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence have Subscribed our names as Witnesses thereto

Zorobabel French
Bernard McDermot
James Speer.

October 15th 1783 Then came Jacobabel French and Barnard McDermott two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will & Testament of John Jobson late of Kent County deceased and severally made Oath on the Holy Evangils 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 & Testament that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their Apprehensions of sound disposing mind memory and Understanding; And that Jeremiah Speer the other Subscribing Witness was present at the same time and Signed his name as Witness to this Will together with those deponants, in the presence of the Testator, and at his request, and in the presence of each other.

J Nicholson Reg

Recorded J Nicholson Reg.

The last Will and testament of John Tair late of Kent County deceased declared by him by Word of Mouth on the thirtyeth day of November 1783 (being then sick of the Sickness whereof he died) in the presence of the Subscribers who Signed our names as Witness thereof, which words so Spoken were as follows. he desired that Henry Wallis might have the care of his money and Cloaths after he was dead, and that after his debts was paid the Remainder of his Estate should go to Elizabeth Wallis Daughter of Henry Wallis In Witness where of we have hereunto set our hands this Sixth day of December In the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & Eighty three

Jesse Birgin

Henry Wallis

December 6th 1783 Then came Henry Wallis and Jesse Birgin the two Subscribing Witnesses to the within Nuncupative Will the one being of the people called quakers on his Solemn Affirmation to him Administered Affirm and the other Subscribing Witness thereto on his Oath to him duly Administered and Jesse Birgin declared on the Holy Evangils of Almighty God, deposed

deposed and declared that the testator desired that Henry Wallis might have the care of his money and Clothes after he was dead and that after his Debts was paid, the remainder of his Estate should go to Elizabeth Wallis Daughter of Henry Wallis at the same time he the testator was of sound disposing mind memory & Understanding.

Recorded J. Nicholson Reg.

In the name of God amen I John Strahorn of Kent County and State of Maryland being sick and weak in Body but of sound mind memory & Understanding do make & publish this my last Will and Testament in manner & form following (Viz.) I first and principally recommend my Soul to God who gave it me, and my Body to be buryed at the discretion of my Executor hereafter named, And what worldly Goods God has been pleased to bless me with, I leave & bequeath in form & manner following to Wit Imprimis I give leave & bequeath unto my well beloved wife Elizabeth all the profits of my plantation Negroes & Stock that are longd to my Son Joseph, also all the Household furniture during her life, the rents of the Land to be paid Annually to her Item I give and bequeath to my Grand Son Charles Negro Boy Jerry Item I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth (after the death of her Mother) Negro Boy Jake during her life, and after her death my will is that her Son John Blackston shall have him. Item I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Avis (after the death of her Mother) Negro wench Mary and her child Jonas.

Item my Will is that my Son Daniel shall have one Shilling Sterling and no more of my Estate. Item my Will is that my Household furniture & Stock be equally divided (after the death of my wife) between my Son Joseph my Daughter Elizabeth and Avis & my Son Shadrachs Children Item I give & bequeath unto my Son Joseph Negro Wench Dark and all my Land after the decease of his Mother Lastly I nominate Constitute & Appoint my Son

Son Joseph whole and Sole Exector of this my last Will Testament disannulling and revoking all other Wills In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and affixed my Seal this first day of August One thousand Seven hundred Eighty three

John I Shahawn (Seal)

published pronounced and declared to be his Last Will in the presence of —

Wm Maxwell Junr
Joseph Staveley
Wm Stuart

October 15th 1793 Then Came William Maxwell Junr. Joseph Staveley and William Stuart the Subscribing Witnesses to the last Will and Testament of John Shehawn late of Kent County deceased and severally made Oath on the Holy Evangils of Almighty God that they did see the Testator therein named Sign & 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 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. —

J Nicholson Reg.

Recorded per J Nicholson Reg

In the Name of God Amen I Mary Atkinson of Kent County in the Province of Maryland being sick & weak of Body but of Sound disposing sence and memory thanks be to God for the same — I do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament. And — first I give and humbly resign my soul into the hands of God who gave it and my Body to the Earth to be buryed in a Christian like and decent manner, Item I give and devise nine pounds Specie to my Son Stephen Bordley Atkinson in the care of my friend — Hynson Smyth to be paid to him at the age of twenty one years Item I give and devise to my Daughter Temperance Atkinson Nine pounds Specie Item I likewise devise to my Daughter Temperance Atkinson my silk Bonet Cloth Cloak three Gowns one Apron — and one petticoat to be in possession of said Hynson Smyth until — she is of proper age to receive the same Item I give & devise all the Residue of my Estate to my friend Hynson Smyth — Lastly I do confirm this to be my last Will and Testament — Revoking and Disanulling all other Will or Wills heretofore made as Witness my Hand and Seal this Twenty fourth day of November Seventeen hundred and Eighty three —

Signed Sealed & Acknowledged — Mary Atkinson (Seal)
in presence of us —
Nathan Smyth, Hannah Lynch, Hynson Smyth —

December 22. 1783 Then came Nathan Smyth Hannah Lynch and Hynson Smyth the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of Mary Atkinson late of Kent County deed And Severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels that they did see the Testator herein named Sign & Seal this Will and that they heard her publish pronounce & declare the same to be her last Will & Testament, And that at the same time she was to the best of their apprehensions of sound disposing mind & memory ~~and understanding~~ And that they Subscribed their names as Witness thereto in the presence and at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other —

Recorded per J Nicholson Reg — J Nicholson Reg

In the name of God amen I Mary Garnett of Kent County in the State of Maryland Widow do make my last Will and Testament in manner following to Wit

First I order and direct that all my just Debts & funeral Expenses shall be paid by my Executor as soon as conveniently can be done after my Decease

Secondly I give and devise to my Dear Daughter Anna Garnett a gold mourning Urn and a gold Locket.

Thirdly I give and devise to my Neices Martha Sudler one Gold mourning Ring and to my four Neices Anna Sudler Sarah Smyth Margret Smyth and Julicina Smyth each a gold Locket

Fourthly I give and devise all my personal Estate to my dear Daughter Anna Garnett.

Fifthly I give and devise to my dear Daughter Anna Garnett all my Lands and tenements and to the Heirs of her Body lawfully begotten forever, but should it so happen that my said dear Daughter should die without such Heirs, then I devise my said Lands & Tenements to my Brother in Law and Sister Emory and Martha Sudler and the Survivor of them for Life they nor either of them doing or Permitting any Waste to be done therein and after the death of the Survivor of the said Emory and Martha then I devise the same to James Smyth son of my dear Brother Thomas Smyth of Chester Town & his heirs forever, And should it further happen that the said James Smyth should die before my Daughter or should any Contingency happen to prevent the said devise to him from taking Effect then I devise my said Lands and tenements to the next Youngest Brother of the said James who shall be living and capable of Inheriting and to his heirs forever, And should it so fall out that none of the Younger Brothers of the said James should Inherit by Virtue of this my Will then I give and devise my said Lands and tenements to my dear Brother Thomas Smyth

Smyth and his heirs forever
Lastly I do hereby appoint my dear Brother Thomas
Smyth Executor of this my Will thereby revoking all former
ones Witness my hand and Seal this first day of January
1784.

Mary Garnett (Seal)

Signed Sealed published pronounced and declared by Mary Garnett
as and for her last Will and Testament in the presence of the
Subscribers who Attested the same in her presence at at her request
and also in the presence of each other.
James Loyd, Tho. Vandyke, Samuel Chew.
January 6. 1784 Then came James Loyd Thomas Vandyke and
Samuel Chew the three Subscribing Witnesses to the within Last Will
and Testament of Mary Garnett late of Kent County dead and severally
made Oath on the Holy Evangels ~~of Almighty God~~ that they did see
the Testator therein named Sign and Seal this Will, and heard
her Publish pronounce and declare the same to be her last Will
and Testament, and that at the same time she was to the best
of their apprehensions of sound disposing mind memory & understanding
And that they respectively Subscribed their names as Witness thereto
in the presence and at the Request of the Testator, and in the
presence of each other.

J Nicholson Reg

Recorded J Nicholson Reg

In the name of God Amen I Thomas Weaver of Kent County in Maryland being weak in Body but of sound and disposing mind and memory, and being willing to settle my Worldly affairs do therefore make and publish this my last Will and Testament in form following

I Commit my Soul to Almighty God and my Body to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executrix herein after named, And after all my Just Debts and funeral Expences are paid & discharged I leave and bequeath unto my well beloved wife Celia Weaver all the residue of my Estate whether in Goods, Chattels, Book Debts, or any other way whatsoever, and the same residue of my Estate as aforesaid to have and to hold unto the said Celia Weaver and to her Heirs & Assigns forever. And Lastly I Constitute and appoint my said Wife Celia Weaver to be sole Executrix of this my last Will Testament revoking all Will or Wills by me heretofore made and pronouncing this to be my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereto set my hand and affixed my Seal this 22 day of December Seventeen hundred and Eighty three

Signed Sealed published & declared by the Testator as his last Will & Testament in presence of us. Donald McQueen. Nicholas Straney, Joseph Boulstred

Thomas Weaver (Seal)

January 10th 1784 Then came Donald McQueen & Joseph Boulstred two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and testament of Thomas Weaver late of Kent County deceased and severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they did see the Testator therein named Sign and Seal this Will, And that they heard him publish pronounce & declare the same to be his last Will & Testament, And that at the same time he was of sound disposing mind memory & understanding, And that they Signed their names as Witness to this Will in the presence of the Testator, and in the presence of each other and at the Testators request

Recorded per J Nicholson Reg

J Nicholson Reg

In the name of God amen I John Gilbert of Kent County & State of Maryland being in an indifferent state of health but of perfect mind and memory thanks be to God, therefore calling to mind the mortality of my Body and knowing that it is ordained for all men once to die, do therefore make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, first I recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it and my Body to be buryed in a decent Christian like manner at the discression of my Executrix, And as for such worldly Goods which it has pleased God to bless me with in this life I give and devise in way and manner following.

Imprimis I give and bequeath unto Mary my dearly beloved wife four certain Negro's that is to say Judge & Rachel his wife, Jone and Nero, also my riding chair and her choise of all my Horses

Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Phebe Gilbert a Negro fellow called Jim, also a Negro Woman called Hannah, also a Negro boy called Jerry, also a Negro Girl called Kate, and a Negro boy called Stephen, one third of all the Remainder and residue of my Estate I give and bequeath unto Mary my dearly beloved wife, and the remaining two thirds I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Phebe Gilbert to her her heirs and Assigns forever. My will further is that my Daughter Phebe Gilberts part of my stock and Household goods shall be sold at Vendue Immediatly after my decease, and the money they sell for to be put out on Interest which Interest I give and bequeath unto my Wife during her Widowhood, but if it should happen that my Daughter Phebe should die before she comes to Lawfull age, then my Will is that all her Estate shall descend to Capt. Josiah Johnson to him his heirs and Assigns forever, But if Capt. Josiah Johnson should be then also dead my Will is that in that case all my Daughter Phebe Gilberts Estate shall then be equally divided between all my Brother Thomas Gilberts children, And Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint Mary my dearly beloved wife to be Executrix of this my

my last Will and Testament. I do hereby revoke and disannull all and former Wills and Testaments ratifying and confirming this my Last Will and Testament. In testimony of which I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twentyeth day of December 1783.

Signed Sealed and pronounced to be my last Will and Testament in presence of.

Jonathan Worth
Wm Worth
William Ireland.

John his I mark Gilbert (Seal)

February 10th 1784 Then came Jonathan Worth, William Worth, and William Ireland the subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of John Gilbert late of Kent County dec'd and severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels 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, and in the presence of each other

J Nicholson Reg

Recorded J Nicholson Reg

In the name of God amen I John Wallis of Kent County and State of Maryland being weak of Body but of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and ordain this my last Will and and Testament Viz.t Imprimis I give and bequeathe to my Brother Samuel Wallis my dwelling plantation with all its Improvements thereon to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my Brother Hugh Wallis my Quarter plantation with all its Improvements thereon to him and his heirs forever, likewise all my wearing apparel. Item I give and bequeath to my Brother William Wallis and his heirs forever my Lot with its Improvements thereon in Chester Town formerly the property of James Doran. Item I give and bequeathe to my Brother William Wallis to him and his heirs forever my plantation called Howels Range with all its Improvements thereon Containing about one hundred and fifty acres now in the possession of Colo. Perkins. Item I give & bequeath to my Brother William Wallis Six Hundred pounds to be paid out of my personal Estate

Item I give and bequeath the remainder of my personal Estate to be equally divided amongst my three Brothers Viz, Samuel, William, and Hugh

And Lastly I appoint my whole and sole Executors of this my Last Will and Testament my Brothers Viz.t Samuel and William In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this Thirteenth day of December Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and Eighty three.

John Wallis (Seal)

Signed sealed & Delivered
in the presence of us.

Mary her mark X Riley, John Eccleston, Mary her mark + Morris,

February 19. 1784. Then came John Eccleston Mary Riley & Mary Morris the three Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of John Wallis late of Kent County dec.d and severally made oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty that they did See John Wallis the Testator herein named sign and seal this Will and heard him publish pronounce and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament, and that at the same time of his so doing he was

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.

Recorded per J Nicholson Regr J Nicholson Regr

In the name of God amen We James Strachan & Elizabeth Strachan both of Kent County in the province & State of Maryland by the blessing of God in reasonable good health and of perfect mind & memory yet calling to mind the mortality of the Body and also knowing that it is appointed by the Author of all Goodness for all men once to die, We do appoint constitute and ordain this to be our last Will & Testament in manner and form following to Wit. 1st We do Commit our Souls to Almighty God who gave them to us, and our Bodies to be buryed in a Christian like manner at the discretion of our Executor. which shall be hereafter mentioned. 2 and as to Our worldly Goods which it hath pleased Almighty God to bestow on us, that is to say, our whole Estates & properties both real & personal and all & every thing that we the said James Strachan & Elizabeth Strachan do or shall hereafter Claim we do leave Will & bequeath unto Isaac Cornelius (son of Elizabeth Strachan) to him and his heirs & Assigns forever Except the Sum of thirty pounds or a Horse worth thirty pounds which it is our Will & desire shall be paid unto our Grandson James Strachan Vansant when he arrives to the age of twenty one by the said Isaac Cornelius, And Lastly we do appoint the said Isaac Cornelius our whole and sole Executor In Witness where of we have Justere hunto ably hereunto set our hands and Seals this Twenty second day of December in the year of our Lord God one thousand seven hundred & seventy Seven 1777.

his mark
James ℒ Strachan (seal)
her mark
Elizabeth ✗ Strachan (seal)

Sealed Signed & Acknowledged in the presence of us.
Jacob. Riley, Benj. Palmer, Bartley Palmer.

March 1st 1784 Then came Benjamin Palmer & Bartley Palmer two

two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will & Testament of James Stanbin late of Kent County deceased and severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels 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, and that at the same time he was to the best of their apprehensions, of sound and disposing mind memory Understanding and that Jacob Riley the other Subscribing Witness was present at the same time and signed his name as Witness to this Will together with the deponents in the presence and at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other.

J. Nicholson Regr

Recorded per J. Nicholson Regr

In the name of God amen I John Bolton of Chester Town in the State of Maryland Merchant being of perfect and disposing mind Memory, for which I most humbly thank the Father of all, and recollecting the Certainty of Death, and the uncertainty of the time thereof, do make this my last Will and Testament, intending hereby to dispose of my whole Estate both Real and Personal,

First It is my Will, and I do hereby, for the payment of my Debts, and for the other purposes of this my Will order direct and Impower my Executor herein after named, to sell and dispose of by Public Sale, within Twelve months after my decease, all my Real Estate in Chester Town aforesaid, in such portions and parcels as my said Executor shall think most for the advantage of my Estate (except that part of my Lot Marked No. 28 on the plat of said Town which are Included in the following lines, to wit, by a line drawn at right Angles from Fish Street, so as to take in the two Wells, to the line of a lot lately belonging to certain Ralph Story, and from thence with the said line to Queens Street, thence with Queen Street to Fish Street aforesaid, and from thence to the Place of Beginning) And the same by one or more Deed or Deeds to Convey and make over to the purchaser or purchasers thereof in Fee Simple, I likewise

Order

order direct and Impower my said Executor, for the purpose aforesaid, to sell and dispose of my Lots lying near or adjoining to the said Town which I bought of John Williamson and Thomas Kinsey, or either of them, and the same in like manner as aforesaid to convey and make over to the purchaser or purchasers thereof, or any part thereof in fee simple. Secondly It is my Will and I hereby order that all my personal Estate in Chester Town except such part of my furniture as my Executor shall think it necessary to retain for the use of my Children during the Minority of the youngest of them, shall be sold by Publick Sale. Thirdly I order and direct that Jane Dougherty the sister of my deceased dear Wife, shall be decently cloathed and maintained out of my Estate for one Calender year after my decease, or in lieu thereof shall be paid the sum of twenty pounds by my Executor at her Election, I do further order and direct my said Executor provided the Fund herein allotted for the Education and maintenance of my dear Children will afford it, to Continue to Support and Maintain the said Jane, for the further term of three years, out of the Proceeding of the said Funds, in a moderate and frugal way at the discretion of my said Executor. Fourthly It is my Will and I do hereby order and direct that all the Real Estate I am possessed of, not herein before directed to be sold, together with the Negro's Stock and plantation Utensils thereon shall be kept and reserved by my Executor, in his own hands, as a Fund for the maintainance & education of my Children until the youngest of my said Children shall attain his or her age of twenty one years, and should any one or more of my said Children die, before the youngest child should have attained his or her age of twenty one years, leaving a Child or Children, then it is my Will that the said Child or Children if more than one, shall be entitled to the same share their Father or Mother, if living would have been entitled to. Fifthly But should it so happen, that my Real Estate herein before directed to be sold, together with my personal Estate not herein before directed to be reserved, should be insufficient to pay & discharge my Just

Just Debts, then it is my Will, and I hereby Impower my Executor instead of parting with any of the personal property so as aforesaid reserved, to sell and convey to the purchaser or purchasers in fee Simple, first the part of the Lot excepted in the first Clause of this my Will, and the lot near the Town or adjoining thereto which I bought of William Forester. And should it likewise further happen either from the difficulty of the collecting the Debts due to me, or from any other cause that the Sale of the said last mentioned lots should not raise money to pay my aforesaid Debts, then and in such case I impower and direct my said Executor in the next place instead of parting with the personal property reserved as aforesaid, to sell and convey to the purchaser or purchasers thereof in Fee Simple, the Tract of Land I purchased of Lovering Merrit called Backs Addition, and also ten acres of Land part of a tract called Savorys Farm, together with the Stock and plantation Utensils thereon, and to apply as much of the purchase money thereof to the payment of my Debts as may be necessary.

Sixthly I order and direct that all my Estate both Real and personal shall be sold as soon as conveniently can be done, after my Youngest Surviving child shall have attained his or her age of twenty one years, and I hereby Impower and direct my Executor to make over my said Real Estate to the purchaser or purchasers thereof in Fee Simple, And it is my Will that the money arising from the sale of my said Real and personal Estate together with any money which may remain, after payment of my Debts, from the Sale of any of my property herein before directed, either Absolutly or Conditionally to be sold, and also the Proceedings, if any, of the fund allotted for the Education and maintenance of my children shall be equally divided between my surviving children and the representatives of such of my Children as may happen to be dead, when my said youngest child shall attain his or her age of twenty one years, the said representatives

representatives to take no larger or greater share than their Father or Mother would have been entitled to, if he or she had been living.

Lastly I do hereby appoint Mr Thomas M:Clure sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament and do revoke and annul all other or former Wills by me heretofore made. Witness my Hand and Seal this Seventeenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and Eighty four.

John Bolton (Seal)

Signed Sealed and delivered published pronounced and declared as and for his last Will and Testament by John Bolton in our presence who at his Request and in his presence and in the presence of each other Attested the same.

John Lorain
J. Piper
John Sturgis

March 17th 1784 Came John Lorain James Piper and John Sturgis the three Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will & Testament of John Bolton late of Kent County deceased, and severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels 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, and in the presence of each other.

Before J Nicholson Reg

Recorded J Nicholson Reg

In the name of God amen I William Mason of Saint Pauls Parish in Kent County Maryland being very weak in Body but perfectly sound of mind and memory do make appoint and ordain this my last Will and Testament. — First of all I deliver up my Soul into the hands of God that gave it, and I allow that my Body shall be decently intered at the discretion of my wife Rebecca, whom I nominate and appoint to be the whole and Sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament, And now concerning what Worldly Goods it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life, I dispose of in the following manner First of all I give and bequeath to my son William Mason my Ox Cart, and the Yoak of young Oxen that he has of mine to break, And it is my Will that he shall have the Negro man until his servitude is Quite finished after the end of this present year, and also the Cow of mine that is left there to give the said Negro Milk after the end of this year, and also five sheep all this and whatever else he has had from me aforetime I freely give and bequeath to him (my son) and his heirs forever; But I lay him under an Obligation to find pasturd for twenty Sheep during the time he shall Continued on the place where he now dwells, ten for my wife Rebecca, and ten for my Daughter Susannah, and in the Winter I allow that they my wife and Daughter shall pay him for the Wintering of said sheep what two Judicious men of their Neighbours shall Judge it worth. . . And as to my Daughter Susannah Mason all Singular my Moveable Effects Excepting what I have already bequeathed to my son William Mason to be equally divided between them, share and share alike, and they between them at the same time to pay all my just Debts, And further it is my Will that my Wife Rebecca, shall have all my Real Effates, both the part of Ariadia that I purchased as well the place and land whereon I now dwell during her Natural life, but at her Death, the whole to Devolve on, and fall into the hands of my Daughter Susannah Mason (her Heirs forever;

but

but and if my Daughter Susannah should die before my Wife Rebecca and leave no Issue then that part of Arcadia that I purchased shall devolve on, and fall into the Hands of my son William Mason and to his Heirs forever; and the place that I now live on, which I got by my wife Rebecca to be wholly at her Disposal, It is also my Will & pleasure that my Daughters part of my Estate that I do now leave her, be and remain in the Hands of my wife Rebecca untill my Daughter Susanna arrives at the age of twenty ~~one~~ years (if not married before) And then the whole of her Estate to fall into her own Hands and be at her own Disposal either at the day of her Marriage, or at twenty ~~one~~ years of age, she may Lawfully call upon my wife Rebecca for her fortune, and she my wife Rebecca is to be Accountable to my Daughter for all that I have now left, Notwithstanding any thing in this present Writing Contained to the Contrary. This I declare and pronounce to be my last Will and Testament disallowing and Revoking all & every other Will or Testament or Wills or Testaments heretofore made by me, or for me, and do approve this and no other In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this seventh day of January Anno Dom. Seventeen hundred and Eighty four

his mark
William ✕ Mason (Seal)

Signed Sealed pronounced and declared in the presence of } John Lowman, Hynson Smyth, Wm. Hyneman

February 21. 1784 Then came John Lowman Hynson Smyth & William Hyneman the three Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will & Testament of William Mason late of Kent County dec'd and Severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels 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 and in the presence of each other.

Recorded per J Mich. Govt Regr

J Mich. Govt Regr

Kent County Maryland Richard Moffet and Margaret Madden came before me the Subscriber one of the Justices of said County and made Oath in due form of Law, That they were at Elizabeth Coles Widow of Peter Cole Senr. on the 20th. of February 1784. And the said Elizabeth being ill and finding death near at hand but of sound mind and memory to the best these deponants Judgem.ts Desired the said Richard and Margaret to take Notice that it was her Will and desired that her Daughter Francyna Cole should have what Estate she had, If she the said Francyna would bury her and pay her Debts, And at the same time ordered a Will she had by her to be brought and burnt In testimony of the above these deponants have set their hands and likewise made Oath that the above contents are true

Sworn to Before Robert Magwell this 21 February 1784.

Richard Moffett

for Margaret + Madden mark.

April 1st. 1784 Then came Richard Moffet and Margaret Madden the two Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will of Elizabeth Cole late of Kent County deceased and severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, That the several Clauses in the within Will is just and true.

Before Mich.l Gon Reg.r

Recorded per Mich.l Gon Reg.r

In the name of God amen I Mary Beswick of Kent County Maryland being sick and weak in Body but of sound mind memory & Understanding, do make and publish this my last Will & Testament as follows First I leave in the hands of Mr Stephen Kinnard my Negro Man called Bob. or Robert to be Accounted for at the rate of Sixteen pounds ten Shillings p year and to be Sufficiently Cloathed untill the hire of my Negro shall pay my Just Debts, as well as pay said Mr Stephen Kinnard for my board and any other Just charges that may hereafter Incrue, then after such debts and charges is paid by my Executor I give and bequeath the aforesd Negro Bob unto my beloved Brother Nathan Beswick. I also give and bequeath unto my beloved Sister Susanah Beswick one flowed Cotton Gound and one Striped Cotton Gound and one black Shirt, and one Gold ring, and one pair of silver shod Buckles. I also give and bequeath unto my beloved Sister Rebecca Beswick one Linsey Petticoat and Striped Cotton Gound. I also give unto Mary Kinnard Daughter of Stephen Kinnard one Striped Cotton Rabbit, my desire is that the residue of my Cloths may be divided between my two Sisters above mentioned, And Hereby Nominate & appoint Stephen Kennard above mentioned Executor of this my Last Will and Testament & In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this tenth day of February in the year of our Lord 1784

Signed Sealed published & declared in the presence of her mark
Mary ✕ Beswick (Seal)
Witness Hannah Timms. William Pearce

11th May 1784 Then came Hannah Timms & William Pearce the two Subscribing Witnesses to the within Last Will and Testament of Mary Beswick late of Kent County and Severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they did see the Testator therein named Sign & Seal this Will, And that they heard her publish pronounce and declare the same to be her Last Will & Testament, and that at the time of her so doing she was to the best of their apprehensions of sound & disposing mind memory and Understanding, and that they respectively Subscribed the names as Witnesses to this Will, in the presence and at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other. J Nicholson Regr

Recorded per J Nicholson Regr

In the name of God amen November 3th of 83 I Nathaniel Knock Senr of Kent County and State of Maryland being sick of Body but of sound mind & memory do make Constitute and ordain this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say

I give and bequeath to my Daughter Sarah Knock her heirs & Assigns forever one Negro Girl called Easter

I give and bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth Knock her heirs and Assigns forever one Negro Girl called Mint

I give and bequeath to my son John Knock his heirs & Assigns forever all that part of a tract of Land called Chesterfield lying and being in Kent County and State of Maryland beginning on the North side of the Road that leads from the head of Chester in the County and State aforesd to Duck Creek Cross roads in Kent County and Delaware State and within Twenty yards of the upper Corner of my Tenet, and running with the aforesd road Eighty yards front, then back from said road one hundred yards deep, and then to run such courses as will make the said Lot as nearly Square as possible, and to contain Eighty yards front by one hundred yards deep.

I give and bequeath to my son Daniel Knock his heirs and Assigns forever one Lot of Ground lying and being in the County and State aforesd part of the aforesd tract of Land called Chesterfield, beginning at the upper Corner of the first line of the Lot of Ground bequeathed to my son John and running Eighty yards front on the aforesd road that leads from the head of Chester to Duck Creek as aforesd, then back from said Road one hundred yards, then to run such other Courses as to make the Lott as nearly Square as possible, and to contain Eighty yards by one hundred yards aforesd.

I give and bequeath to my son Nathaniel Knock his Heirs & Assigns forever one Lott of Ground lying and being in the County and State aforesd, part of the aforesd tract of Land called Chesterfield, beginning at the upper Corner of the first lines of the Lott bequeathed to my Son Daniel, and running Eighty yards front on

on said road that leads from head of Chester to Duck Creek as aſd then back from said Road ~~Black boards from head of Chester~~ one hundred yards, and then to run such other Courses as will make the said Lott as nearly Square as possible, and to contain Eighty yards by one hundred yards of Land. — I give and bequeath to my son William Knock his heirs and Assigns forever, one Lott of Ground lying and being in ~~the~~ County and State aſd, part of the aſd tract of Land called Chesterfield, beginning at the upper Corner of the first lines of the Lott of Ground bequeathed to my son Nathaniel, and running Eighty yards front on the Road that leads from the Head of Chester to Duck Creek as aſd, then back from said Road one hundred yards, then to run such other Courses as will make the said Lott as nearly square as possible, and to contain eighty yards by one Hundred yards of Land. — My Will is also that if I die before the Crop of wheat now on the ground is reaped that it be sold and the money to be equally divided between my Wife Sarah Knock & my Children My Will is also that my son Henry Knock pay my sons William, Daniel John, and Mathiel and my Daughters Sarah & Elizabeth Thirty pounds each when they arrive at the age (the Boys of twenty one) and the Girls sixteen years. — I give and bequeath to my son Henry Knock his heirs and Assigns forever all that tract and parcel of Land called Chesterfield lying and being in Kent County and State aſd except the Lotts before bequeathed to my son John, Daniel, Nathaniel, and William — The Residue of my Estate after my Wifes thirds and the Legacys before bequeathed are taken out I desire may be equally divided between my Children Share and Share alike. — In Testimony of which I have hereunto ~~affixed~~ set my Hand and affixed my Seal the day & year first above Written —

Nath[l] his mark Knock (Seal)

Signed Seald and Del[d] in the presence of us —

Wm Knock, Mary M her mark Woodall, Geo Jackson.

April 6. 1784 Then came William Knock, Mary Woodall & George Jackson the three Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will & Testament of Nathaniel Knock late of Kent County dec[d], and severally

Severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels 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 of the Testator, and at his request and in the presence of each other.

Before J Nicholson Reg

Recorded
per J Nicholson Reg

In the name of God Amen I Jonathan Turner of Kent County in the State of Maryland being sick and weak in body but of sound & disposing mind and memory thanks be to the Almighty God, But calling to mind the Uncertainty of this life, And that it is appointed for all men to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner following hereby revoking all Wills by me heretofore made.

First I resign my soul into the hands of the Almighty God who gave it me and my Body to be decently interred at the direction of my Executors hereafter named, and as to what worldly goods it hath pleased God to bless me with I give and dispose of in manner & form following Just Debts being first paid & Satisfyed & funeral Viz: I give and bequeath unto my beloved Wife Martha Turner (during her Life) that part of my land together with the appurtenances thereto belonging that I purched of a certain Joseph Hill called & known by the name of Suffolk containing by patent one hundred & fifty Acres of Land, Also I devise unto my said Wife Martha Turner for during the term of nine years to commence from the day of my death, all the remainder of my Lands with the appurtenances thereto belonging called and known by the name of Suffolk in order to enable my said Wife the better to bring up educate and maintain my younger children. I give and bequeath to my son Daniel Turner after the decease of my Wife Martha, all that part of my Lands together with

with the appurtenances belonging thereto, that I purchased of Joseph Hull containing by patent one hundred and fifty acres, but if my said son Daniel should die without Heir, then I give and devise the afd Land and appurtenances unto my son William Turner and his Heirs, I give and bequeath to my son John Turner and his heirs at the expiration of nine years to commence from the day of my death that part of my lands and appurtenances thereto belonging called and known by the name of Suffolk containing by patent one hundred and forty acres more or less. — I give and bequeath unto my belovd wife Martha Turner in part of her thirds of my personal Estate the following Negroes to Wit one Negro man named Limus and one Negro Woman named Rachel. I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Martha Turner in part of her proportion of my personal Estate one Negro Girl named Hannah. — I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth Turner in part of her equal proportion of my personal Estate one Negro Girl named Rebecca. I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Sarah Turner in part of her equal proportion of my personal Estate one Negro Girl named Rachel. I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Araminta in part of her equal proportion of my personal Estate one Negro Girl named Ann. — I give and bequeath unto my Son John Turner in part of his equal proportion of my ~~xxxxxxx~~ Estate one Negro Fellow named Edward. I give & bequeath unto my Son Joseph in part of his equal proportion of my personal Estate one Negro Boy named Isaack. I give and bequeath unto my son Daniel Turner over and above his equal proportion of my personal Estate one Black Horse that he commonly rides. I give and bequeath unto my Son Danl Turner one Black Mare three years old this Spring in part of his equal proportion of my personal Estate I give and bequeath unto my Son William Turner in part of his equal proportion of my personal Estate one Grey Horse about five years old I give and bequeath unto my son Ebenezer Turner ~~in part of his equal xxxxxxxxx~~ one Black Horse Colt year old this Spring over & above his equal proportion of my personal Estate. I give and bequeath

bequeath unto my Son Ebenezer Turner in part of his equal proportion of my personal Estate one Boy named Minos, My Will and desire is that after my Estate is made up and finally compleated and my wife has drawn the thirds thereof the residue shall be equally divided amongst my Children (my Children John Turner, Susannah Miller and Mary Briscoe Excepted) who shall receive each of them Eighty pounds Current money to be valued at old rates less then the rest of my Children they having each of them received that much from me heretofore more then their proportion of my personal Estate Lastly I constitute and appoint my well beloved wife Martha Turner and my Son Daniel Turner whole and Sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereto set my hand and affixed my Seal this 29 day of March Anno Dom 1782.

his mark
Jonathan ✕ Turner Esqr (Seal)

Signed Sealed published and declared to be his last Will in the presence of Joshua Lamb, Joseph Greenwood, Robt Buchanan

July 24. 1784 Then came Joshua Lamb and Joseph Greenwood two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of Jonathan Turner late of Kent County deceased, and the said Joshua Lamb on his Solemn Affirmation affirmed and declared, and the said Joseph Greenwood made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty 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 & Testament, that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehensions of sound disposing mind memory and understanding, And that Robert Buchanan the other Subscribing Witness was present at the same time and Signed his name as Witness to this Will together with the deponants in the presence of the Testator and at his request

J Nicholson Regr

Recorded J Nicholson Regr

In the name of God Amen on the Sixteenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty three I John Dwire of Kent County in the state of Maryland planter being in health of Body and of sound mind and memory thanks be to God for the same therefore I do hereby constitute and ordain this my last Will and Testament wherein I do dispose of all my Lands, and also my personal Estate with which it hath pleased God to bless me in this world and that in the following manner & form Item first of all I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Susannah Dwire one third part of all my Lands known by the name of Reatts Chance and Middle Neck lying to the West of Lloyds Creek during her Natural life, also one third part of all my personal Estate that shall remain after my just debts are paid during her natural life aforesaid Secondly I give and bequeath to my son William Dwire all the remaining part of my aft Lands to him and his heirs for ever and also his Mothers third part of my Lands aft before bequeathed after her decease to him and his heirs for ever. On Condition that he the aforesaid William Dwire his heirs Executors Administrators or Assigns do and shall well & truly pay or cause to be paid the following Sums of money hereafter mentioned unto nine of my remaining Children Expressed by name as follows, unto my Daughter Elizabeth Howard, or her heirs the Sum of twenty five pounds in gold or Silver, unto my Daughter Mary Howard or her heirs the Sum of twenty five pounds in gold or Silver, unto my Son Joseph Dwire or his heirs the Sum of twenty five pounds in gold or Silver, unto my Daughter Susannah Dwire or her heirs the Sum of twenty five pounds in gold or Silver, unto my Son James Dwire or his heirs the Sum of twenty five pounds in gold or silver, unto my Daughter Ann Dwire or her heirs the Sum of twenty five pounds in gold or Silver, unto my Daughter Hannah Dwire or her heirs the Sum of twenty five pounds in gold or Silver, unto my Daughter Sary Dwire or her heirs the sum of twenty five pounds in gold or Silver, And unto my Son Mathew Dwire or his heirs the Sum of twenty five pounds in Gold

gold or Silver, Thirdly I give and bequeath unto my Son John Dwire or his heirs the sum of five pounds in gold or Silver to be paid out of my personal Estate, fourthly I give and bequeath unto my aforesaid nine remaining Children again Expressed by name Elizabeth Howard, Mary Howard, Joseph Dwire, Susanah Dwire, James Dwire, Ann Dwire, Hannah Dwire, Sary Dwire and Mathew Dwire, all the remaining part of my personal Estate, to be equally divided amongst them or their heirs, And lastly I do constitute make and ordain my aforesaid wife Susannah Dwire my true and Lawfull Executrix and my aforesaid Son John Dwire my true and Lawfull Executor of this my last Will and Testament, the day and year within written

John Dwyer Seal

Signed Sealed & Delivered in the
presence of us. Thō. Medford, James Corse, Thō. Howard.

August 9th 1784 Then came James Corse and Thomas Howard two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of John Dwyer late of Port Tobacco deceased and severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels 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 & Testament that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehensions of sound disposing mind memory and understanding, And that Thomas Medford the other Subscribing Witness was present at the same time and Signed his name as Witness to this Will together with these Deponants in the presence and at the Request of the Testator and in the presence of each other.

J Nicholson Reg

Recorded J Nicholson Reg

In the name of God Amen I Mary Jackson of Kent County and State of Maryland being sick of Body but of sound disposing mind and memory thanks be to Almighty God for the same) do make Constitute and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following Viz^t after all my Just debts are paid I desire that my Estate may be disposed of in the following manner Viz^t — Imprimis I desire that my plantation may be sold and that my son George Jackson have the selling it and the money it brings that he my son George may either keep it himself or put it out to use, and pay the Interest of the money arising from the sale thereof annually to my son ~~James~~ Thomas Murphy during his life, and if my said son Thomas Murphy should died without an heir or heirs lawfully begotten of his body, that then the principal Sum that the said plantation sells for may be equally divided between my said son George Jackson and my son William Jackson and my Daughter Elizabeth ~~Jackson~~ Taylor or their heirs Share & Share alike, but if my said son Thomas Murphy leaves any children lawfully begotten of his Body that then the whole amount of the Sale of the plantation be paid him, her or them upon their arriving at the age of twenty one years or day of Marriage, and the Interest that may be due or becomes due from the sale of the said plantation above mentioned to be paid towards the said Childrens maintainance during their minority Item I give and bequeath to my son Thomas Murphy a feather Bed with all its Accustomed furniture —

Item I give and bequeath to my son William Jackson a Dutch Stove to him and his Heirs —

Item I give and bequeath to my Sons Thomas Murphy & William Jackson my Negroes during the time hereafter mentioned that is to say my Negro Jack my Will and desire is that he shall be set free at the end of three years from the date of this ~~my~~ Will, likewise my Negro Will Sanders to be set free at the end of four years from the date of this ~~my~~ Will, And the remainder of my small Negroes all to be free as they arrive at the age of twenty five years — Item my Will is that

my personal Estate shall be sold at Vendue and the monies arising therefrom to be equally divided amongst my Children that is to say my Sons Thomas Murphy, George Jackson, William Jackson and my Daughters Elizabeth Taylor or their heirs —

And Lastly I Constitute and appoint my Son George Jackson whole and sole Executor of this my last Will and testament with the disposal of my whole Estate in the form before recited Given under my hand and Seal this twenty eighth day of February 1784 —

her
Mary X Jackson (Seal)
mark

Signed Sealed & Delivered in the —
presence of Jn°. Eccleston, Hugh Wallis, Ja°. Gibbin —

August 11th. 1784 then came John Eccleston Hugh Wallis & James Gibbin the two Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and testament of Mary Jackson late of Kent County deceased and severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they did see the testatator therein named Sign and Seal this Will and that they heard her publish pronounce and declare the same to be her last Will and Testament, and that at the same time she was to the best of their apprehensions of sound 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 —

J Nicholson Reg

Recorded J Nicholson Reg

In the name of God Amen I Mary Gittings of Kent County and State of Maryland being in perfect health and of sound disposing mind and memory, do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following — Imprimis I give and bequeath unto my two beloved Sons James and Thomas Gittings all my Real, & personal Estate to them, their heirs and Assigns for ever, but in case of the death of both my sons before they have lawfull Issue 'tis my Will and desire that both Real and personal Estate be equally divided between my four Relations Sarah Graves, Mary Graves, Sarah Vandyke, and Maria, Eliza Williamina Vandyke, to them their heirs and Assigns for ever the division to be made as soon as they shall each respectively arrive at the age of Sixteen years, and lastly I do Ratify & Confirm this my last Will and Testament and none other, In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this 20th. day of November 1793.

Mary Gettings (Seal)

Signed Sealed published and declared by the said Mary Gittings as for her last Will and Testam.t in presents of us, who at her request, and in her presents and in the presents of each other, have Subscribed our hands thereto. R. Graves, Mary VanDyke, Hugh Spencer.

August 16th. 1794 Then came Richard Graves and Hugh Spencer two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of Mary Gettings late of Kent County deceased, and Severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that they did see the Testator herein 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 she was to the best of their apprehensions of sound and disposing mind memory & Understanding and that Mary Vandyke the other Subscribing Witness was present at the same time and Signed her name as Witness to this Will together with those deponents in the presence and at the Request of the Testator and in the presence of each other. Michaelson Regr

Recorded per Michaelson Regr

In the name of God amen I Joseph Wicks son of Benj.a Wicks of Kent County in the State of Maryland being very sick and weak in body but blessed be God of sound & perfect memory, do by these presents make ordain and declare this my Will and testament as follows —

First I give and bequeath unto Simon Wicks Surveyer, my Negro man Stepney and within four Weeks after my death I desire my friend Simon Wicks to sell the said Negro Man Stepney free by executing such writings agreable to Law and have it Recorded as will prevent him or any other person from making a Slave of the said Negro Man Stepney — Secondly after my Just Debts and ~~paid~~ funeral charges are paid, I bequeath all the rest of my Estate to my Wife Margaret Wicks, and in Case it Necessary to Administer upon my Estate, my Will is that my wife shall be my whole and Sole Executor as Witness my hand and Seal this fifteenth day of April Anno Domini 1704 —

Jo: Wickes son of Benj.a (Seal)

Signed Sealed in
the presents of William Grainger, George Hanson

August 10.th 1704 Then came William Grainger & George Hanson the two subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of Joseph Wickes late of Kent County deceased and severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they did see the Testator herein named Sign and Seal this Will and that they heard him publish pronounce and declare the same to be his last Will & 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 —

Recorded per J Nicholson Regr

J Nicholson Regr

In the name of God Amen I Elizabeth Marley of Kent County in this State of Maryland being very sick and weak in Body but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be to Almighty God for the same, but calling to mind the certainty of death, and the uncertainty of this transitory life, do therefore commit my Body to the Earth to be buryed in a christian like and decent manner at the discretion of my Exr hereafter named, and my soul into the hands of God that gave it, and as touching such Worldly ~~Goods~~ Estate it has pleased the Almighty God to bless me with in this life I therefore dispose of the same in the following manner.

Imprimis first of all my Will is that all my just debts & funeral charges be paid out of my Estate by my Exrs.

Item I give and bequeath to my Grand Child Rebecca Marley the sum of twenty shillings common money

Item I give & bequeath unto my Grand Daughter Priscilla Marley Daughter of Abraham the sum of thirty shillings Specie

Item I give & bequeath unto my dearly beloved Daughter Martha Conner wife of James Conner the residue & remainder of my whole Worldly Estate real & personal to her & her heirs for ever. Lastly I constitute make & ordain James Conner my son in Law whole & sole Executor of this my last Will Testament disallowing & revoking all former Wills Testaments by me heretofore made, Ratifying & Confirming this and no other to be my last Will & Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this Twentyeth day of July in the year of our Lord Christ Seventeen hundred & Eighty four 1784.

Elizabeth + Marley her mark Seal

NB the above Errors was Scratch out before the Ensealing of this Will ... wherof the Testatrix published the same in the presence of the Subscribers.

Wm + Dodson his mark, John + Nickerson his mark, Thomas + Wells his mark.

August 28th 1784 Then came William Dodson & Thomas Wells two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of Elizabeth Marley late of Kent County dec'd, and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that they did see the Testator therein named Sign & Seal this Will and that they heard her publish pronounce & declare the same to

be her last Will and Testament ~~and Testament~~ that at the time of her so doing she was of sound and disposing mind memory and Understanding and that John Nicholson the other subscribing Witness was present at the same time and subscribed his name as Witness to this Will together with those deponents in the presence and at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other.

J Nicholson Regr.

Recorded per J Nicholson Regr

In the name of God Amen — I William Bordley of Kent County and State of Maryland being at this time sick and weak of body, but of sound memory and understanding do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following to Wit —

First I give and bequeath unto my Son Thomas Bordley my plantation formerly the property and residence of my father Thomas Bordley — to him and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, remainder, to my Daughter Sarah Bordley, and the heirs of her body lawfully begotten; remainder to my daughter Elizabeth Bordley & the heirs of her body lawfully begotten but if my wife should now be pregnant and should be delivered of a son it is my Will and desire that in case my son Thomas should die without Issue that my said posthumous ~~child without Issue~~ son should take my said plantation to him and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten and on the death of such posthumous child without Issue as aforesaid — to my daughter Sarah, in tail general remainder to my Daughter Elizabeth as afd. —

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah Bordley my House & Lot in Chester Town, in tail general, remainder to my daughter Elizabeth Bordley in tail general, remainder to my son Thomas, in tail general, remainder to my posthumous child in tail general. I give and bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth Bordley my lot which I purchased of ~~Elias~~ John Williamson to her and the heirs of her body, remainder, to my daughter Sarah in tail general, remainder to my son Thomas, in tail general, remainder to such child as my Wife may be pregnant with —

I give also to my Daughter Elizabeth the lot which I bought of the Governors
Visitors & of Washington College to her and her Executors Admrs & Assigns
I give and bequeath to my Daughter Sarah Bordley the
following Negroes for ever to wit, Chester, Beck, Little Joe, and
Peg, my Silver spoons marked S, B, and the residue of my
Estate it is my Will should be equally divided between my Wife
and my two Daughters Sarah and Elizabeth
I give, unto my Daughter Sarah the choice of a Horse (my wifes
carriage Horse which I bequeath to her Excepted)
I give unto my Daughter Elizabeth the second choice of a Horse
Except as before excepted.
I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth for ever the following
Negroes, to wit Dick, Rachel, Sal, and Abe,
I give and bequeath to my Negro Joe ten pounds to be paid him at
Christmas, and also a Horse which he rides,
I give and bequeath to my wife, my Negro Joe during her Widowhood
remainder to my son Thomas, and it is my earnest Will and desire
that my said Negro Joe should not be removed as to his residence from
my plantation, unless it should be his desire.
I give and bequeath, to my dear wife, the following Negroes, to wit
George, Nance, Dark, and Dinah, and all my Household furniture
in Chester Town for ever, the said Negroes so devised, to be in full
of her dower or third part of my Negroes; I also give my wife my
Carriage or chaise. I give and bequeath to my dear wife, one third
part of my Real Estate, during her Natural life, and also I give
unto her, forever one third part of my personal Estate not heretofore
devised, the residue to be equally divided among my Children
I give and bequeath to Peregrine Letherbury one hundred pounds for
the use of my Natural Child called Sarah Bordley if my said trusted
Peregrine Letherbury should upon Examination into her Moral life
and conduct think her deserving of the same, and it is my Will if
he should think otherwise, that my said bequest should sink into
my personal Estate.

I do Constitute Nominate and appoint my dear Wife Guardian to my Children, till they arrive respectively at the age of fourteen and also Executrix of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking every Will or Testament heretofore made by me.
In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this first day of August in the year Seventeen hundred and eighty four

W Bordley

Signed Sealed published and declared by the Testator William Bordley as and for his last Will and Testament in presence of us who at his request and in his presence have set our hands as Witnesses thereto

Jere Letherbury
Simon Wilmer
Edward Worrell Junr
Wm Bordley Junr

September 2d 1784 Then came Simon Wilmer Edward Worrell Junr and William Bordley Junr three of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within Will of William Bordley deceased, and severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels 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 And 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 Jeremiah Letherbury the other Subscribing Witness was present at the same time and Signed his name as Witness to this Will, together with these deponants, in the presence, and at the request of the Testator, and in the presence of each other

J Nicholson Reg

Recorded J Nicholson Reg

In the name of God amen I John Williamson of Kent County in the State of Maryland being very weak and low in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be to Almighty God for the same do make this my last Will and testament in manner and form following —

first I give and resign my precious and immortal Soul to Almighty God. — 2dly I give and bequeath unto my loving Wife Rebecca Williamson all my Land during her natural life she committing no waste nor making use of any timber more than for said Land always reserving a sufficient quantity of timber and Woods for the Land and for all my Land and real Estate to go and descend after my wifes death to my loving Brother Alexander Williamson and his heirs for ever. lawfully begotten. —

3dly I give and bequeath unto my loving Wife Rebecca Williamson one half of my personal or moveable estate —

4thly I give and bequeath unto my loving Brother Alexander Williamson one fourth part of my personal or movable estate & to his heirs. —

5thly I give and bequeath unto my loving Brother Joseph Lusby one fourth part of my personal or moveable estate and to his heirs. —

6thly I give and bequeath unto my loving Wife Rebeca Williamson six silver table spoons, one silver cream pot, twelve silver tea spoons, a pair of silver tea tongs, one silver tea strainer, and all that set of China of every kind called her set of China. —

7thly I give and bequeath unto Lambert Wilmer son of Simon Wilmer one lot of Land lying near Chester Town known and distinguished by the number 7 and leased unto Daniel Metzler for the term of ninety nine years renewable for ever and subject to a ground rent of thirty Shillings currency pr annum to him and his heirs for ever, — 8thly and lastly my Will and desire is that my wife Rebeca Williamson shall pay all my just debts, and also receive & leave all debts due me any manner of way. — In testimony whereof I have set my hand & fixed my Seal this 17 day of May one thousand Seven hundred & Eighty three. —

John Williamson (Seal)

Signed sealed published and declared by the Testator as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us the Subscribers who have hereunto Subscribed our names as Witnesses in the presence of each other and in the presence of the Testator and at his Request

Wm Bordley
Simon Wilmer
Sarah Ward.

October 25. 1784 Then came Simon Wildmer and Sarah Ward two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of John Williamson late of Kent County deceased, and severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels 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 disposing mind, memory and understanding; And that they these deponents together with William Bordley the other Subscribing Witness above named, 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.

J Nicholson Reg

Recorded per J Nicholson Reg

In the name of God Amen I John Dollass of Kent County in the State of Maryland being weak and low in Body, but of Sound disposing mind and memory, thanks be Almighty God therefore, and calling to mind the uncertainty of this transitory life, 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 Almighty God that gave it me, Secondly to be buryed decently at the discretion of my Exr hereafter named, thirdly I request that all my just debts be paid and satisfied out of my Estate.

Fourthly I give and bequeath unto my Brother William Dallas my half Share of Blacksmith partnership accounts to him his heirs and Assigns. fifthly I give and bequeath unto my Brother Thomas Dallas my lot of Ground Scituate lying and being in George Town known and distinguished in the plat ~~plat~~ of the said Town by Numbr 96 containing one half Acre, being the same which my father Willed to me, to him the said Thomas Dallas his heirs & Assigns for ever, And Sixthly and Lastly, I ~~accordingly~~ nominate Constitute ordain and appoint my beloved Brother Thomas Dallas my Executor of this my last Will and Testament, Revoking, making null and Void all former Will or Wills by me heretofore made; In Witness testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 3 day of August Seventeen hundred and Eighty four.

John Dallas (Seal)

Signed Sealed published pronounced and declared by the ~~Testator~~ within Testator as and for his last Will and Testament, in the presence of us who was requested to Subscribe our names as Witnesses thereto

Cornelius Comegys, Campbell St Clair, William Henry

November 4th 1784 Then came Cornelius Comegys and William Henry two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will & Testament of John Dallas late of Kent County deceased, and severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels 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 disposing mind, memory & Understanding And that Campbel St Clair the other Subscribing Witness was present at the same time and Signed his name as a Witness to this Will together with these deponents in the presence of the Testator, and at his Request, and in the presence of each other.

Recorded per Jnº Nicholson Regr

Jnº Nicholson Regr

In the name of God amen I William Pearce of Kent County in this State of Maryland being of sound and disposing mind and memory do make this my last Will and Testament in manner following Viz.t

I give to my Daughter Mary Pearce a Negro Girl named Mirtilla I do hereby ~~order~~ Authorise and empower my Executor hereafter named to sell convey and dispose of all my estate both real and personal and after all my Just Debts and funeral charges are paid I give two thirds of the Residue to my son James Pearce, and one other third to my Daughter Mary Pearce, and in case of the death of either of my said children, my son James before he arrives at the age of twenty one without Issue or my Daughter Mary before she arrives at the age of Sixteen without Issue then I give the whole to the Survivor, But in case both my children should die as aforesaid without Issue, then I give two thirds of my estate to my Sister Mary Capelle wife of Doctor Capelle, and one other third to my Sister Elizabeth Pearce. And I do hereby Constitute and appoint my good friend Robert Buchanan my Executor hereby revoking all other Wills heretofore made In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this twenty second day of November Anno Dom 1803

Wm Pearce (Seal)

Signed Sealed published and declared in the presence of the Witnesses to be his last Will & Testament and Witnessed at the request of the Testator by us

John Sheild, Martha Kemp, Martha her X Crouch.

November 24th 1804 Then came Martha Kemp, & December 16 Martha Crouch the two of the Witnesses to the within last Will & testament of William Pearce late of Kent County died and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that She did see the Testator herein named Sign & Seal this Will, and that She heard him publish pronounce & 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 Appre-sions of sound disposing mind memory and understanding, And that She the deponent together with John Sheild ~~and Martha Crouch~~ the other two Subscribing Witnesses ~~was~~ present at the same time and Signed ~~his~~ their names together with those of the deponents as Witnesses to this Will in the presence and at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other

Recorded per Michelson Reg.r

Michelson Reg.r

In the name of God Amen I Samuel Reed of Kent County in the province of Maryland being in perfect health sound mind and memory do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say. I give and bequeath to my Mother Hannah Reed all my land during her natural life, then I give to my Brother Philip Reed a tract of Land called Green Meadow in fee Simple, and part of a tract of Land called the Subberbs, and part of a tract of Land called Search Meadow in fee Simple, and Seventy Acres of land part of a tract of Land called Hopewell in fee Simple. then I give and bequeath to my Brother John Reed all the Residue of my land in fee Simple. I give to my Sisters Mileah Reed, Ruth Reed, and Sinah Reed all my Negroes equally to be divided I do hereby nominate Constitute and appoint my Mother Hannah Reed Executrix of this my last Will and Testament, In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 20th day of Septem.r 1777

Samuel Reed (Seal)

Signed Sealed published & declared by
Samuel Reed before us the Subscribers
to be his last Will and Testament
Robt. Roberts, Richard Willis, Bordley.

January 12th 1785 Then came Robert Roberts & Richard Willis two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of Samuel Reed late of Kent County deceased, and Severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that they did see the Testator therein named Sign & Seal this Will, and that they heard him publish pronounce and declare the same to be his last Will & Testament, and that at the same time he was to the best of their apprehensions of Sound disposing mind, Memory and Understanding, And that these Depon.ts together with Arthur Bordley the other Subscribing Witness written named, Subscribed their names as Witnesses to this Will in the Presence of the Testator and at his Request, and in the Presence of each other.

Sworn Before Jnicholson Reg.r

Recorded per Jnicholson Reg.r

In the name of God Amen I William Absoley of Kent County in the State of Maryland being weak in Body but of Sound & perfect disposing mind & memory thanks be to God for the same calling to mind the Uncertainty of this life, and that is appointed for all men once to die, do make ordain and constitute my Will in manner and form following Viz.t First I desire my body to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors, and as to what Worldly Goods it has pleased God to bless me with I dispose of as follows.

I give and bequeath to my Son William Absley all my land in fee Simple Except a peice of Land laying over Worton Road Adjoining land of William Fray all which said peice of Land I give & bequeath unto my Brother Anderson Absley in fee Simple. Should it please God that my Son William Absley should die before he arrives at the age of twenty one my Will and desire is that the land Willed to him should go to a child that my beloved Wife is pregnent with, be it Male or Female if alive at his death, and in case that both my children die before they arrive at age, my Will is that my land shall be divided in the manner following, First I give and bequeath unto my Brother John Absley one hundred Acres in fee Simple. Item I give unto my Brother Edward Absley one hundred & Seventy five Acres of Land in fee Simple, And I give and bequeath unto my Brother Anderson Absley the Remainder or Residue of my land in fee Simple. Now my Will is further that in case my Children die before they arrive at age and my Brothers possess my land as Willed to them, my desire is that they shall pay an equal part of fifty pounds Specie unto Sarah Willis and Ann Willis ~~if they~~ to be equally divided between them if they should be alive to them & no other person, And my Will is further that if my Brothers hereafore named should be possessed of my lands as before mentioned I desire that pay one other equal part of fifty pounds Specie unto my Sister Sarah Kinnard or her heirs in case she should not be alive, and I give as as Legacy one Negroe man called Charles unto Nathaniel Kennard Son

of

son of my Sister Sarah Kinnard to him and his heirs
Now my Will is further that my half Brother William Absley
shall be provided with Sufficient diet and Cloathing kept at School
till he arrives at the age of fifteen, and that the Expence of the same
come out of my Estate and at the discretion of my Brother Edward
My Will and full desire is further that my Brother Edward Absley
be appointed and I do hereby appoint him Guardian to my Son
William, and that he the said Edward shall be possessed of all the
property of my son William. And lastly I do hereby Nominate &
appoint my beloved Wife Martha and my Brother Edward Executors
of this my last Will and Testament. Revoking & disannulling all
former Wills by me made, In Witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and seal the ~~twenty~~ Thirty first day of December
Anno Domini 1784.

William Absley (Seal)

Signed Sealed published & declared by
William Absley the above named Testator as for his last Will and
Testament in the presence of us who at his Request & in his presence
have Subscribed our names as Witnesses thereto.

Martha her mark + Carty, William Jones, Josiah Johnson.

January 20th 1785 Then came Josiah Johnson, William Jones & Martha Carty
the three Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will & Testament of
William Absley late of Kent County deceased, and severally made Oath
on the holy Evangels of Almighty God, that they did see the Testator herein
named Sign & Seal this Will, and that they heard him publish
pronounce and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament
and that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their Apprehensions
of sound 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

Recorded per J Nicholson Regr

J Nicholson Regr

In the name of God amen I William Dawson of Kent County and State of Maryland calling to mind the uncertainty of this life, and being very weak and low of health, but of perfect mind and memory, do make and ordain my Will in manner and form following Viz.t first of all My Will and desire is that all my Estate both Real and personal of what kind soever (Except my four Negroes Jem. Hannah, Sam. and Beck,) be sold at publick Vendue with six months Credit by giving Interest thereon with Security if required, and the money arrising from the sale thereof, after my just debts and other necessary expences are paid, to be equally divided between my three Children William John and Samuel Dawson to them and their heirs for ever

Item My Will and desire is that my Cousins Jessee, Zebulon, and Henry Hollingsworth should take my said three Children and their Estate in their hands, and the Interest or proffits arrising from their Estates to be applyed towards Schooling & Supporting of them, If either of my said Cousins should refuse to take one of them then and in that case my desire is that my Cousin Levy should take them.

Item my Will and desire is that my said Cousins Jessee, Zebulon and Henry Hollingsworth should sell and dispose of my Estate in the manner mentioned above, and the money arrising from the Sale for them to receive, and the Interest arrising from the same with the proffits of my said Negroes to be for the Support of my said Children as mentioned above, if they refuse to Act, or undertake the same, then and in that case my desire is that my Cousin Levy Hollingsworth should undertake the same, whom I appoint Lastly I constitute and appoint my said Cousins Jessee, Zebulon, and Henry Hollingsworth or either of them my hole & Sole Executors of this my last Will & Testament, hereby Revoking & making Null and void all Wills by me heretofore made, declaring this alone to be my last Will. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this Eleventh day of January in the year of our Lord

Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty five

Wm. Dawson Seal

Signed Sealed published & declared by the Testator to be his last Will and Testament and in the presence of us

Charles Groome, I Kennard, S.t Ledger Everett,

11th January 26. 1785 Then came Charles Groome and S.t Ledger Everett two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will & Testament of of William Dawson late of Kent County deceased, and Severally made oath on the Holy Evangels 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 & Testament, that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their of their apprehensions of sound disposing mind memory & understanding and that John Kinnard the other Subscribing Witness was present at the same time and Subscribed his name as a Witness to this Will together with these deponants, in the presence, and at the Request of the Testator, and in the presence of each other.

J Nicholson Reg.

In the name of God amen I Peter Jones of Kent County in the State of Maryland being in perfect health of body, and of sound & disposing mind memory and understanding, considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof, and being desireous to settle my Worldly affairs, and thereby be the better prepared to leave this World when it shall please God to call me hence, do therefore make and publish this my last Will and testament in manner and form following that is to say. first & principally I commit my Soul into the hands of Almighty God, and my body to the Earth to be decently buryed at the discretion of my Executrix ~~Executor~~ herein after named, and after my debts & funeral charges are paid I devise and bequeath as follows, Item 1st I give & bequeath all my personal Estate to my beloved Mother Margaret Jones only My Negroe Bett to be set at liberty after my death. 2d Item and

and after my Mothers death if she leaves any thing Remaining
my Will and desire is that a child Down namely Francis Newnam
to have all she leaves of my Estate, 3d. Item my Will & desire is
that my beloved Mother Margaret Jones shall be my Whole & Sole
Executrix of this my last Will and Testament, Revoking & Annulling
all former Wills by me heretofore made, Ratifying this & no other
to be my last Will and Testament. In testimony whereof I have
hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this
Witness present Peter Jones Seal
Aquila Slage, Wm Merritt.

February 6th 1785 Then came Aquilla Slage and William Merritt
the two Subscribing Witnesses to the within Last Will & Testament
of Peter Jones late of Kent County deceased, and made oath on the
Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that they did See the Testator herein
named Sign and Seal this Will, and heard him Publish Pronounce &
declare the same to be his last Will and Testament, And that he was
to the best of their Understanding of Sound disposing mind Memory
and Understanding, And that they Severally 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

J Nicholson Reg

The last Will and Testament of James Laurance late of Kent County Yeo
declared by him by word of Mouth on the ninth day of January 1785
being then sick of the Sickness whereof he died, in the presence of us the
Subscribers
who Signed our names as Witnesses thereof, Which words so Spoken were
as follows, That his wife should have the whole of his Estate. In Witness
whereof we have hereunto set our hands this 10. day of January 1785
her mark
Sarah x Hiveson, William Briscoe, William Ford

Febry 6. 1785 Then came the within named Witness and proved the
within Will

Before me J Nicholson Reg

In the name of God amen I Lovering Merrit of Kent County and State of Maryland being weak in body but of Sound and disposing mind memory and understanding do hereby 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 hereafter named, and after my Debts and funeral charges are paid I devise & bequeath as follows Item I give and devise unto my Sister Mary Merrit my plantation whereon I now live and which I now posses and dwell on containing three hundred & fifty three acres or thereabouts more or less together with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging in fee simple to her and her heirs for ever.

I also give and bequeath to my Sister Mary Merrit aforesaid my Negroes Duke, Jane, Berk, Harry & Sarah together with all my Stock Household furniture farming Utensils and all & every other property which I am now, and or may be found, possessed of, and it is my Will and pleasure that my Sister Mary aforesaid shall to be Sole Heires to all and every part of my property both Real & Personal which I am now possessed of or may be found hereafter to have any right title Interest or claim to, to her and her heirs for ever.

And Lastly I do hereby constitute & appoint Malachi Ambrose of Kent County & State of Maryland to be my Sole Executor of this my last Will & Testament revoking & annulling all former Wills by me heretofore ~~by me~~ made ratifying & confirming this and none other to be my last Will & Testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my ~~hand~~ & fixed my Seal this ~~Twenty~~ Thirtieth day of of December one thousand seven hundred & Eighty four.

Signed Sealed published & declared by Lovering Merrit the above named Testator as & for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request & in his presence have Subscribed our names as Witness thereto

Lovering Merritt Seal

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Joseph. Sturgis, Joseph Wilkinson, George Little.

February 14th 1785. Then came George Little one of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will & Testament of Lowering Merrett late of Kent County deceased, and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that he did see the Testator herein named Sign Seal this Will, And that he heard him publish pronounce & declare the same to be his last Will & Testament, that he was at the same time of sound disposing Mind, memory and understanding, And that he this deponant together with Joseph Sturgis and Joseph Wilkinson the two other Subscribing Witnesses were present at the same time, and Signed their names as Witnesses to this Will with this deponent, in the presence of the Testator, and at his request, and in the presence of each other.

J Nicholson Reg

In the name of God Amen I Thomas Johnson of Kent County Chester Town in the State of Maryland being very weak of body but perfectly Sound in mind and memory, and calling to mind that all men must die, I make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament, First of all I deliver up my Soul into the hands of God who gave it, and I allow that my Body shall be decently Intered at the discreation of my well beloved friend Thomas Lawrance who was born in Berk Shire in old England and is now a resident and dweller in Chester Town in Kent County in the Maryland State I now Nominate and appoint the said Thomas Lawrance to be the whole and Sole Executor and Administrator of this my last Will and Testament, And Concerning what Worldly Goods it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I dispose of in the following manner, First of all I allow that all my Just debts shall be discharged and Justly paid, after the Costs of my Funeral is first discharged and paid. And next I Will leave and bequeath unto Thomas Lawrance my sd Executor and Administrator all the Remainder of my Estate wholly and Solely to him and his Heirs for ever. And as there are but few that knows that I am the rightful Heir to an

an Estate in old England left and bequeathed to me by a certain John Temple Parsons, who died here, I also leave & bequeath to Thomas Lawrance my sd Exeutor & Administrator all and Singular that Estate in Old England that by Virtue of the sd John Temple Parsons's Will is properly and rightfully mine. I say I desire to be understood, that I leave, give, and bequeath all & Singular my whole Estate to Thomas Lawrance sd my Exeutor and Administrator, and to his heirs for ever.
This I declare to be my last Will and Testament, disallowing and revoking all and every other Will or Wills heretofore made by, or for me, and do approve this and no other
In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my Hand & Seal this Thirtieth day of January Seventeen hundred and Eighty five 113 that before the Exeution of this Will the words (and Administrator) was interlined between the thirteenth and fourteenth lines from the beginning

Thomas his mark Johnston (Seal)

Signed Sealed pronounced and delivered
in the presence of
William Hyneman, John Haragan, William Thompson.

May 14th 1785 Then came William Hyneman, John Haragan and William Thompson the three Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of Thomas Johnston late of Kent County deced and severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that they did See the Testator herein named Sign and Seal this Will, and that they heard him publish pronounce and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament, and that at the same time he was to the best of their apprehension of sound disposing mind memory and Understanding; And that they respectively subscribed their names as Witnesses to this Will in his presence, and at the request of the Testator, and in the presence of each other.

Before J Nicholson Reg

In the name of God Amen I Hannah Reed of Kent County & State of Maryland living in alow and weak State of health, but of Sound mind and memory thanks be to Almighty God, and calling to mind the uncertainty of this life, do make and ordain this to be my last Will and testament in manner and form following — First and principally I recommend my Soul to God who gave it trusting through the merrits of my Blessed Redeamer to receive forgiveness for all my Sins, and as touching what Worldly Estate it hath pleased God to bless me with after my funeral Charges and Just debts are paid I give and dispose of it in manner and form following to Wit — First I give and bequeath to my Daughter Tuetha Reed a Negro Boy called Jacob, and a Negro Girl called Venus and one Horse called Tom. Ithem give and bequeath to my Daughter Milcah Reed one Gray Horse and one Walnut Table. — Ithem give & bequeath to my Daughter Sinah Reed one black Mare, one dressing Glass, and one set of China. — Ithem give and bequeath to my Son John Reed one Heifer, two year old and no other part Part Paul or Parells of my Estate whatsoever all the Remaining part of my Estate except the legacys above Written I give to my three Daughters Namely Tuetha Reed, Milcah Reed and Sinah Reed to be equally divided amongst them — Ithem I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my Son Philip Reed to be Sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament, and also to be Sole Executor of the last Will and Testament of my Son Samuel Reed (deceased) by whom I was appointed Executrix to his the said Reeds last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this tenth day of February 1785.

Signed Sealed published & deliverd by Hannah Reed before us the Subscribers to be her last Will & Testament

Hannah X her mark Reed (Seal)

John Brown, William Tray, Thomas + his mark Frazier

February 26. 1785 Then came John Brown, William Tray, and Thomas Frazier the three subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will & Testament ~~of Hannah~~ of Hannah Reed late of Kent County deceased, and Severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that they did see

see the testator herein named Sign and Seal this Will, and that heard him Publish, pronounce and declare the same to be her last Will and testament. that at the time of her so doing she was to the best of their apprehension of sound disposing mind memory & 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.

Before J Nicholson Reg

Be it Known to all people whom it may Concern that I Solomon Semans of Kent County and State of Maryland, being at present weak of Body But of sound disposing mind & Memory and considering the uncertainty of life & Sences well knowing I must Shortly quit off this mortal Body, do think proper to set My Worldly affairs in order and therefore do make & ordain this my last Will and testament hereby Revoking and disannulling all other Wills by me heretofore made either in word or Writing and accounting this and no other good and Lawfull

And first my Will is that my Just debts be punctually paid, and the residue of my Estate I give & dispose Therefore in manner following.

2dly I give and bequeath unto my loving Wife Rachel Semans my now dwelling plantation and Land called Bright Helmston, likewise my land called Pierces Meadows during her Widowhood, but at her Marriage or decease my Will is that my Grand Son Asher Semans shall have & enjoy all the aforesaid Lands Excepting to my said Wife her Lawfull Dowry in case of her Marriage, and when the said Asher Seman shall arrive to the age of twenty one years of age the above Lands to be then at his disposal him and his heirs or Assigns for ever.

3dly I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Rebecah Williams two pounds Current Paping money as her full Share of my personal Estate to be paid her by my Executors hereafter named.

4thly I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Sarah Wood two pounds

pounds common passing money as her full Share of my personal Estate to be paid her by my Executors hereafter named

5ly My Will and desire is that after my Just debts and funeral Expences and my Wifes Lawfull Dowary is paid, that all the Residue of my personal Estate be equally divided between my two Grand Children, namely Asher and Sarah Semans Children of my Son Solomon Semans late deceased

6ly My Will & desire is that all that tract of Land called Mill Tork that I purchased Alexander Mackey shall be sold to pay my Just debts to which I give all power to my Executors to sell for that use

7ly and Lastly I do Constitute & appoint my loving Wife Rachel Semans my Sole Executrix of this my last Will & Testament also I do intrust my said Executrix with the care of my Real & personal Estate until my Legatees above named shall arrive at lawfull age to receive their Several Legacies, In Witness whereof have hereunto set my hand & fixed my Seal this twenty fifth day of October Anno Domini 1784

Signed Sealed published & declared in the presents of us — Solomon Semans (Seal)

Gilbert Semans, Thomas Boyer. William Boyer.

March 4th 1785 Then came Gilbert Semans & Thomas Boyer two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will & Testament of Solomon Semans late of Kent County deceased, and Severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that they did See the Testator herein named Sign & Seal this Will, and that they heard him Publish pronounce & 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 disposing mind, memory and Understanding, And that they these deponents together with William Boyer the other Subscribing Witness within named 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 &c

Before Jno Nicholson Regr

In the name of God amen I Henry Bantham of Kent County and State of Maryland planter being sick & weak in Body but of sound mind memory and Understanding, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following to Wit —

I give and bequeath to my Son Richard one Horse known by the name of Mark, and one Cow & four Sheep, and one Sow, — I give and bequeath to my Son Benjamin one Mare known by the name of Milky, and one Cow and one Sow and four Sheep, — I give and bequeath to my Son William one Horse, and one Cow, four Sheep, and one Sow, when he arrives to the years of twenty one, — I give and bequeath to my beloved Wife Susanah Bantham all the Remainder of my Estate after my Just debts being paid, and at her decease it is my Will and pleasure that all remaining in her hands shall be equally divided to my five Sons to wit, my Son Lewis Bantham, Henry Bantham, Richard Bantham, Benjamin Bantham, William Bantham, I do Constitute & appoint my Son Henry Bantham & Richard Bantham to be my Executors to this my last Will & Testament. I do disanul all former Wills & Testaments made by me heretofore & do confirm this to be my last Will & Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this Second day of January one thousand Seven hundred & Eighty five. —

Witness John Williams
Robert Moody, Charles Watt.

Henry Bantham (Seal)

March 15th 1785 Then came John Williams & Robert Moody two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will & Testament of Henry Bantham late of Kent County deced, & Severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that they did see the Testator herein named Sign Seal this Will & that they heard him Publish pronounce & declare the same to be his last Will & Testament, & that at the time of his so doing, he was to the best of their apprehensions of Sound disposing mind memory & Understanding, and that they these deponents together with Charles Watt the other Subscribing Witness above named — 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. —

Before J Nicholson Reg.

In the name of God Amen I Samuel Smith of Kent Coty
in the State of Maryland being Sick and weak in Body but thanks
to God of sound disposing sense and Memory. do make & ordain
this to be my last Will and testament in manner & form following
first I give & bequeath unto my Son Samuel Smith all that Parcel
of Land called Holy Land that I purchased of John Smith to him
and his heirs for ever. and if in case my Son Samuel Smith
should die without lawfull Issue then I give and bequeath the aforesd Land
to my Son Darius Smith to him & his heirs for ever. And I give
and bequeath unto my said Son Samuel Smith my Negro Girl
called Sall and all my plank, and fifteen pounds Specie
Secondly I give and bequeath unto my son Darius Smith my Negroe
Girl called Bett & fifty pound Specie
3. I appoint Hynson Smith whole & Sole Executor of this my last
Will & testament Revoaking and disannulling all other Will or
Wills by me heretofore made. As Witness my hand & Seal this
0 day January 1785.

Samuel Smyth (Seal)

Signed Sealed and Acknowledged by the within named Samuel Smyth
this to be his last Will and Testament in the Presence of us.
William Glanvill, Benjamin Worrell, Morgan Hurtt.

March 17th 1785 Then came William Glanvill one of the Subscribing
Witnesses to the within last Will & testament of Samuel Smyth late
of Kent County deceased, and made Oath on the holy Evangels of
Almighty God, that he did see the testator herein named ~~reading~~
Sign and Seal this Will, and that he heard him Publish Pronounce
and declare the same to be his last Will & Testament, and that at
the time of his so doing, he was to the best of his Apprehension
of sound disposing mind, Memory, and Understanding, and that
he this deponent together with Benjamin Worrell & Morgan Hurtt
the other two Subscribing Witnesses within named, 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

Before J Nicholson Reg

In the name of God Amen I William Dillehunte of Kent County in the State of Maryland being sick and low in Body but of sound disposing mind and memory and Understanding — Considering the certainty of death, and the uncertainty of the time thereof, and being desirous to settle my Worldly affairs, and be thereby the better prepaired to leave this World when it shall — please God to call me, do therefore make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner & form following that is to say first is that my Lawfull debts be paid —
Secondly I leave and bequeath unto my Sister Elisabeth — Dillehunte all the Remainder of my Estate during her Natural life and her decease to go to her Heirs —
Lastly my Will is that my Sister Elisabeth Dillehunty shall be my Sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament making and disannulling all former Wills by me made Ratifying this and none other to be my last Will & Testament —
In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my Seal this 26 day of Novem, one thowsand seven h. & Eighty two

Wm. Dillehunte Seal

Signed Sealed and published in the
presents us. Jacob Comegys, Elijah Macay —

March 10. 1785 Then came Jacob Comegys one of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will & Testament of William — Dillehunty late of Kent County deceased, and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that, that he did see the Testator herein named Sign & Seal this Will & that he heard him publish pronounce & declare the same to be his last Will & Testament, & that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of his apprehensions of sound disposing mind memory and Understanding, And that Elijah Macay the other Subscribing Witness was present at the same time and signed his name as Witness to this Will together with this deponent in the presence and at the Request of the Testator, and in the presence of each other.

Before J. Nicholson Reg

In the name of God amen I William Henry of George Town Kent County in the State of Maryland being of perfect health of Body and 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, and be thereby the better prepared to leave this World when it shall please God to call me hence, do therefore make and publish this my last last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say, after I am decent buried at the discretion of my Executor herein after named and after my funeral Charges and Just debts are paid, First it is my Will and desire, that if my Wife should be with child at the time of my death that the said child should enjoy all my Estate both Real and personal, and if she should have twins, It is my Will and desire that my Estate should be equally divided between them, and that if either of them should die without lawfull Issue, that the Surviver injoy the whole, And farther, if both should die without Issue, or that my Wife should not be with child as aforesaid, It is then my Will and desire that my whole Estate should be divided in manner and form following, that is to say, in four equal parts, one fourth part to my Brother James Henry, one fourth part to my Sister Martha Fitzgerrald of Kent County in the Delaware State, and one fourth part to my Sister Sarah Seaney of the same place, and the other fourth part to be equally divided between the Heirs of my Brother Hugh Henry late of Queen Anns County and State of Maryland. And in order to inable my Executor to comply with this my last Will and Testament, I do hereby desire that all my personal property may be sold at publick Vendue, and that the Plantation upon which John Seaney now lives (in Kent County Delaware State) supposed to contain about one Hundred and fifty Acres shall also be sold Immediately after the death of my Mother giving such Credit as may best answer those concerned, or him in his Judgment think best. And with respect to my House and Lott in George Town and the Improvements thereon, It is my Will and desire that my Wife shall have Immediate

Immediat possession and injoy the same during her life or Widowhood, in Lieu of her thirds of my Estate, and at the end of either of her life or Widowhood, It is my Will and desire that said House and lott in George Town be sold ~~be sold~~ at Vendue and that the money arrising from the same be given or divided in the same manner as I have directed for the former part of my Estate in the upper part of this ~~my~~ Will

And Lastly I do hereby Constitute and appoint my Brother James Henry to be Sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament Revoking and Annulling all former Wills by me heretofore ~~making~~, Ratifying and Confirming this and none other to be my last Will Testament In Witness where of I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this 8th day of May 1783, Signed Sealed published declared by William Henry the above named Testator, as and for his last Will and Testament in presence of us, who at his Request and in his presence have Subscribed our names as Witnesses thereto

William Clark,
John Wright
Th.s Browning

William Henry (Seal)

March 4th 1785 Then came John Wright one of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will & testament of William Henry Late of Kent County deceased, and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that he did see the Testator therein named Sign & Seal this Will & And that he 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 his apprehensions of sound disposing mind memory and Understanding, and that he this deponent, together with Wm Henry Clark, and Thomas Browning the other two Subscribing Witnesses within named 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.

Before J Nicholson Reg

In the name of God Amen I David Speer of Kent County Maryland being very Sick and weak in Body, but of perfect sound mind and Judgment, and calling to mind the mortality of my Body knowing that it is appointed unto all men once to die. Do make ordain Constitute and appoint this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, and first of all I give my Soul unto Almighty God who gave it me beseeching him of his Infinite goodness to take to himself, and as for my Body I leave it to be buryed in some Christian Burial place at the discretion of my Executors, and Concerning what Worldly Estate it hath pleased God to bless me with after my Just debts and funeral charges are paid, I give and dispose of the same in the following manner. Item as my son James Speer and my Daughter Rebeca wife of William Garner has been already provided for I make I make no further provision for them in this my last Will Testament nor do I intend them any more of my Estate. Item I give leave & bequeath unto my Son John Speer fifteen pounds Specie to be paid unto him when he arrives at the age of twenty one years. Item I give leave and bequeath unto my Son Samuel Speer fifteen pounds Specie to be paid unto him when he arrives at the age of twenty one years. Item I give leave and bequeath unto my Son Andrew Speer fifteen pounds Specie to be paid unto him when he arrives at the age of twenty one years. the Remainder of my Estate I give leave and bequeath unto my dearly beloved Wife Elizabeth Speer during her life to live maintain and support my two young Sons namely George and Robert Speer and at her death the then Remaining part to be equally divided between the aforementioned George and Robert Speer or their Heirs. I do also make Constitute & appoint my dearly beloved Wife Elizabeth Speer and my beloved Son James Speer Executors of this my last Will Testament hereby revoking disannulling all other Wills and testaments made by me, and declare this to be my last Will Testament as Witness my hand and Seal this eleventh day of March 1785.

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David d Speer (Seal)
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Signed Sealed published and pronounced by the testator to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us.

Test William Little, Abraham Whittington.

April 4th 1785 Then came William Little and Abraham Whittington the two of the subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of David Speer late of Kent County deceased, and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they did see the testator herein named sign Seal this Will and that they heard him publish pronounce declare the same to be his last Will Testament, and that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehensions of sound 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.

Before JNicholson Reg

In the name of God Amen I Richard Grace of Kent County in the State of Maryland being weak of Body but of perfect Understanding memory calling to mind the Mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make ~~ordain~~ Constitute and ordain this my last Will and testament. First I do give and recommend my Soul to the living God who gave it, And as to my Body I commit it to the Earth to be buried in a good decent and christian like manner at the discretion of my Executors; as to such Worldly goods or Estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with in this World. I do Will and direct them to be devised disposed of in the following manner: first that my Will is that all my just debts due to me be collected, and all debts due by me to others be justly honestly paid. Item Secondly I do give and bequeath unto my well beloved Nephews Richard Lowman son to Richard and Mary Ann Lowman of the said County of Kent the whole of my Estate or property that I am already possessed off as well as all Lands, Wages, Rewards, or any other consideration that I am entitled to or may be considered to be entitled to as Rewards for my Services as an Officer in the Continental Army of the United States of America to the only and Sole use of him his heirs or Assigns forever

Item thirdly I do constitute and appoint Major John Eglestone, Capt. James Moore, Lev.ᵗ Thomas Rowel, Lev.ᵗ Jesse Cook, and William Thurston of Chester Town in the said County of Kent to be whole and Sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament, hereby disannulling and revoking all & every other former Wills Testaments, Gifts, Grants, Dowers, Rights and titles of Dower or Writings whatsoever Ratifying declaring and confirming this & no other to be my last Will and Testament, Whereunto I set my Hand & Seal this Twenty ninth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty. Richᵈ Grace (Seal)

Signed Sealed pronounced & declared to be the last Will & Testament of Richard Grace in presence of. —

N.B. the Word Jesse Cook between the first & second line was interlined before Signing

John Massey, Silas Snow, James Woolford Gray, Robert Hodgson, Robᵗ Chesley

N.B. John Massey the first Signer lives when at home near the head of Chester

Silas Snow in Duck Creek hundred Kent County Delaware State. —

James Woodford Gray in Cambridge town, Maryl.ᵈ State. —

Robert Hodgeson in Mulberry hund.ᵈ W.ᵗ County Delaware State. —

Rober Chesley in S.ᵗ Mary's County State of Maryland. —

Personally appeared before me Thomas Rodney Esq.ᵍ Register for the Probat (Seal) of Wills & granting Letters of Administration in & for the City & Kent in the Delaware State Col. Robert Hodgson and Major Silas Snow two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing Will of Richard Grace & being sworn on the Holy Evang.ˢ Say that they saw the Testator Richᵈ Grace Sign & Seal and heard him Publish and declare the foregoing Instrument of Writing as and for his last Will and Testament, that the time of his so doing & saying he was to the best of their Knowledge and belief of sound & disposing mind and memory, that they signed as Witnesses thereto at his Request, and in his presence, and at the same time saw John Massey, James Woodford Gray & Robert Chesley sign as Witnesses to the same In Testimony whereof I have caused the Seal of the said Registers office to be hereunto affixed at Dover the Thirteenth day of October Anno Domᵢ 1783. —

Thomas Rodney Regᵍ

In the name of God amen I Gustavus Hanson Senr. of Kent County in the State of Maryland being weak in body but of sound memory (thanks be unto God) do make ordain and declare this to be my last Will and Testament in the manner & form following

Imprimis my Will is that all my just debts be honestly paid —

2dly I give and bequeath unto my loving Wife Catharine three and twenty and a half Acres of Land called Orchards Neck more or less which I purchased from William Houston begining at the first bounds of Orchards Neck running up Orchards Creek to the first deep Valey, and from thence a Strait line to the second bounds now being laid out for me for three and twenty acres and a half with all houses and tenements belonging to the said three & twenty acres and a half besides her thirds of all the rest of my lands during her natural life —

3.dly I give and bequeath & devise unto my son George Adolphus Hanson my plantation lying on the mouth of Langfords Bay (which being part of a Trait of Land called Langfords Neck) with all apperten-anices thereunto belonging. if the said George Adolphus should die before he comes to the years of twenty one, My Will is that my son Edward Hanson shall enjoy the said Land called Langfords Neck to him and his Heirs forever. —

4thly I give and bequeath and devise unto my son George Adolphus the one half of my pew in St. Pauls Parish the said half pew to go with the Land above mentioned except it is sold —

5thly I give and bequeath unto my son Edward Hanson my plantation lying on the head of Sassafrass River the one part called Mill Fork & the other the Adventure being two hundred Acres more or less. If the said Edward should die before he comes to the years of twenty one My Will is that my son George Adolphus shall enherit the said Land called Mill Fork and the Adventure —

6ly I give & bequeath unto my son Gustavus Hanson all my Trait of Land lying on Harlow Creek & Orchards Creek except what I have above bequeathed unto my loving Wife Catharine — 7ly I give & bequeath unto my Son

Son Edward my part of a plew lying in Sassafrass Hundred at the upper Church it being in the upper Gallary in part with Thomas Perkins & John Crew to him and his heirs for ever.

8ly If my Son Gustavus should die without heir or Will, my Will is, that my son George Adolphus should enherit the Carlow plantation and give up the said land in Langfords Neck to my son Edward

9ly I give and bequeath unto my son George Adolphus my Rifle Gun and my Will is that my son Gustavus shall have his choice of the Remaining Guns and my Son Edward to have the residue

10ly I leave all my Children that are under age to the care of my loving Wife Catharine until the boys come to the years of twenty one and Girls at sixteen. In the Eleventh place my Will is that all the profits arising from the three plantations one the year of my death should be appraised and divided, (except the half of the place where my Son George lives) with the Remainder of my personal Estate, among my Six Children after my Wifes thirds are taken out Viz.t Gustavus Hanson, Sarah Hanson, George Adolphus Hanson, Edward Hanson, Elizabeth Hanson, Catharine Hanson, 12ly. my Will is that what I have given my Daughter Margaret heretofore shall not be appraised with my Estate which shall Suffice for her portion of my Estate, In the thirteenth place I give bequeath unto my Son Gustavus the five and thirty pounds which I let him have last Spring In the fourteenth place my Will is that my Son Gustavus Hanson shall pay yearly unto my three Daughters Viz Sarah, Betsy and Catharine two pounds until the day of Marriage or death, likewise that my Sons George Adolphus Hanson, Edward Hanson pay unto the above mentioned Girls yearly twenty shilling until death or the day of marriage. In the fifteenth place I give bequeath unto my Grand Daughters Viz.t Mary Granger Nancy Granger three pounds each to be paid unto them at the age of sixteen or day of Marriage by my Ecutor. If either of them die before sixteen or day of marriage the Survivor must have all, but should they both die before the age day

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my Will is that it be equally divided between my Daughters Viz.t Sarah, Betsy, and Catharine

In the Sixteenth place My Will is, that those looking Glasses which are made fast to the house shall not be removed, but my Son Gustavus shall pay according to the appraisement the Value of them, to be equally divided as any other part of the personal Estate. Lastly I do nominate ordain and appoint my Wife Catharine to be my whole & Sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament making void all other Wills heretofore by me made in any wise whatsoever. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and fixed my Seal this first day of May one thousand Seven hundred & eighty three.

Gustavus Hanson (Seal)

Signed Sealed published and acknowledged and declared by the said Gustavus Hanson the Testator to be his last Will & Testament in our presence.

Will.m Gleaves, Cha.s Tilden Junr. James Ansley.

April 18th 1783 Then came William Gleaves Charles Tilden Junr and James Ansley the three Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of Gustavus Hanson late of Kent County deceased, and severally made Oath on the holy Evangels of Almighty God, that they did see the Testator within 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 same time he was to the best of their apprehensions of sound disposing mind memory and Understanding; and that they severally subscribed their respective names as Witnesses to this Will, in the presence and at the Request of the Testator, and in the presence of each other.

Before J Nicholson Reg.r

Kent County in the State of Maryland

In the name of God Amen I Abraham Woodland of Kent County farmer being sick of Body but of sound disposing mind & memory do make this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following Viz.t

Imprimis I give & bequeath to my Son John & his heirs for ever part of several traits of lands begining at the original bounded tree of a tract of land called partnership point and runing from thence down Chester river by the meanders of the said river till it intersects the mouth of a creek called Back Creek and runing up the channel of the said creek to an old bridge that crosses the creek a little below my dwelling house thence east with the said bridge to the fast land, then runing on the fast land up the creek and branch the several crooks and turns of the said Creek & branch till it intersects a tract of land belonging to Lambert Keating, then running east with the said Land till it intersects Prickley Pair Creek then runing down the channel of the said creek to the river, thence down the river to the first line, then a strait line to the begining tree, containing two hundred and fifty acres more or less. Likewise I give & bequeath to my said Son John a feather bed & furniture with five Negroes Viz. Negro Peter, Negro Jacob, and Negro Silvey with her two youngest children named Poll & Silvey, a Mare and horse, the one called Chance the other Milly Jones, three Cows & Calves, eight Sheep, & eight hogs, likewise the wheat Fan I bought of William Kelley, a plow & tackling to him & his heirs for ever

Item I give & bequeath to my Daughter Mary Kelley a feather bed & furniture with four Negros Viz Negro Sall & her youngest child Isaac, a Negro boy called Sam, a Negro Girl ~~called~~ named Nance, three cows and Calves, eight sheep, & eight hogs, with a Mare called Kate, a horse called Liberty, a roaned Mare I bought of James Butcher, a plow & tackling, a corn harrow, & a horse Cart, to her and her heirs for ever.

Item I give & bequeath to my son James to him & his heirs for ever my dwelling plantation with all its Improvements thereon, likewise five Negros Viz.t a Negro boy named Sharp, a Negro boy called Daniel, a Negro Girl named Jude, a Negro man called Cotoe, a Negro Girl named Grace, two feather beds with their furniture, my Clock, a large corner Cupboard with all the Chinea Ware

an old desk, and a looking Glass, the two best Walnut tables, half a dozen leather chairs, half a dozen blue rush bottomed chairs, half a dozen white rush bottomed chairs, four horses to Wit, the large light bay Mare, a roaned Mare called Weeden, a horse called Tom, horse called Glass eyes, four Cows and Calves, ten sheep, ten hogs, the ox Cart with the two oxen, a Waggon with all its gears, two plows & tackling, two corn harrows, a fallow harrow, my wheat fan, likewise half my wearing apparel with a Silver broach set with stones, likewise my large hand Irons. Item I give & bequeath to my son Abraham to him & his heirs ever. my Silver Watch, half a dozen silver tea spoons marked AW a pair of gold sleeve buttons marked AW a new black Walnut desk, five Negro's Viz. a Negro boy called Joe the older, a Negro boy called Joe the Son of Sall. a Negro Girl named Hannah, a Negro Girl named Bett, a Negro boy called Will, two feather beds and furniture, four Horses Viz.t a Mare named Paoley, a Mare Colt called flying Kate, a horse named Dick, a black Mare with a blazed face, 4 cowes & calves, ten sheep. ten hogs, I likewise give and bequeath to my son Abraham the Sum of Six hundred pounds currency to be paid as hereafter mentioned that is to say my son John his heirs Executors or Administrators shall pay or cause to be paid to my said Son Abraham the sum of one hundred & fifty pounds when at age on Condition that my said Son John his heirs or Assigns holding or possessing the Lands bequeathed to him in this my Will, I likewise obligate & oblige my Son James his heirs Executors or Administrators to be paid or caused to be paid to my son Abraham when at age the sum of two hundred & fifty pounds of Currency, on Condition that my son James his heirs or Assigns holding or possessing the lands bequeathed to him in this my Will, and the other two hundred pounds to be paid to my son Abraham out of my personal Estate when at age, it is likewise my Will that my son James shall keep the Stock of household furniture of my son Abraham till he comes of age and after my just debts are paid I leave the remainder of my personal Estate to be equally divided amongst my four children that is to say my Son John my Daughter Mary Kelley my son James and my son Abraham And Lastly I constitute and appoint my two Sons John and James Executors

Executors of this my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 10 day of May 1784.

Abm. Woodland (Seal)

Signed Sealed & delivered in
the presence of us — John Eccleston.
Vincent Hutchison, Katharine her mark Lare, Ann her mark Broxon

May 3. 1785 Then came John Eccleston Vincent Hutchison Katharine Lare and Ann Broxon the four subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of Abraham Woodland late of Kent County deceased, And severally made Oath on the holy Evangils of Almighty God, that they did see the Testator therein named Sign & Seal this Will. And that they heard him publish, pronounce and declare the same to be his last Will & Testament that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehensions of sound 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

Before J Nicholson Reg

In the name of God amen I James Anderson of Kent County in Maryland being at this time of a sound & disposing mind and memory do make this my last Will and Testament as followeth Viz.

I give and bequeath to my Son John Anderson twenty eight Acres of Land in Queen Anns County called Timothys Lott which I bought of Mr John Brown of said County as by his deed dated February 19. 1760 and which said twenty eight Acres of Land joins another tract of Land called the Ramblis and to which my said Son John is Heir at Law in right of his Mother to him the same John Anderson his Heirs and Assigns for ever.

I give and bequeath unto my Son John Anderson my Negro Carpenter called Hagard to him & his Heirs and Assigns for ever.

I give and bequeath to my son James Mouat Anderson one Hundred and fifty Acres of Land named Harwood lying in Annarundal County formerly the dwelling place of my deceased Uncle James Mouat to him the said James Mouat Anderson his heirs & Assigns for ever

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I give and bequeath to my said son James Monat Anderson sixteen acres of Land called Linthecum Walks joining to the said Land named Hardwood to hold to him the said James Monat Anderson his heirs and assigns for ever.

I give and bequeath to my said son James Monat Anderson a tract of Land in Annarundal County formerly called Johns Cabin Ridge and Equality, but lately Surveyed & patented by the name of Andersons distant Walks, for two hundred & thirteen Acres of Land to hold to him the said James Monat Anderson his heirs & assigns for ever.

I give and bequeath to my said son James Monat Anderson Two hundred and sixty five Acres of Land named Beards North Addition joining to Andersons distant Walks in Annarundal County both tracts near South River, to hold to him the same James Monat Anderson his Heirs and Assigns for ever.

I give and bequeath unto my said son James Monat Anderson one Acre of Meadow Land which I bought of Joseph Hopkins as by his deed January the first Seventeen hundred and sixty one being part of a larger tract named Stepney joining to Chester Town to hold to him the said James Monat Anderson his heirs & assigns for ever.

I give and bequeath unto my son James Monat Anderson my Lott and Houses wherein I now dwell in Chester Town distinguished by Number Ninety Seven in Survey of said Town to hold to him the said James Monat Anderson his Heirs and Assigns for ever.

I give & bequeath to my said son James Monat Anderson one hundred & thirty Acres of Land in Kent County which I purchased from Thomas Thomas as by his Deed August the twenty first Seventeen hundred and sixty two being part of a larger tract named Annarundell Garden to him the same James Monat Anderson his Heirs and Assigns for ever.

I give and bequeath to my said Son James Monat Anderson all my Medicines Drugs & Chirurgical Instruments and also all the Debts due upon the Medical Books of James Anderson & Son to his Sole & Separate

Sepate and to his Heirs and Assigns for ever.

I give and bequeath to my said Son James Monat Anderson one half of a Lott of Land in Chester Town distinguished by Number Eighty five in the Survey of the said Town and fronting the House where I now live to be equally divided from Street to Street to hold the said half Lott to him the said James Monat Anderson his heirs & Assigns for ever.

I give and bequeath to my Son Alexander Anderson one half of a Lott of Land in Chester Town distinguished by Number Eighty five in the Survey of the said Town and fronting the House where I now live to be equally divided from Street to Street to hold the said half Lott to him the said Alexander Anderson his heirs and Assigns for ever.

I give and bequeath to my said Son Alexander Anderson all my Silver Plate to his Sole & Seperate use.

I give and bequeath to my said Son Alexander Anderson three Negro men named Jacob, Charles, and Prince, also my Negro Woman named Debora, and all her Children except Cate, also my Negro Woman named Sall and all her Children, also my Negro Woman called Sef and all her Children, also my Negro Woman named Bett and all her Children, also my Negro Woman named Moll and all her Children, and my Negro Woman Cate, to him the said Alexander Anderson and his heirs and Assigns for ever.

I give and bequeath to my Grand Daughter Sarah Anderson Daughter of my Son John Anderson by his wife Elizabeth the Sum of four Hundred pounds Specie in Dollars at Seven Shillings and Six pence, and half Johannes at three pounds each, to be paid by my Executors herein after named, to my said Grand Daughter when she arrives at the age of twenty one years, or on the day of her Marriage, or which shall first happen.

I give and bequeath to my Son James Monat Anderson all my Books of Medicine and Surgery to his Sole & Separate use.

I give and bequeath all the Rest & Residue of my personal Estate which I have not heretofore disposed off to be equally divided between my

my three Sons John Anderson, James Monat Anderson, and Alexander Anderson to them and their Heirs & Assigns for ever Lastly I Constitute ordain and appoint my said three Sons John Anderson, James Monat Anderson, and Alexander Anderson joint and sole Executors of this my last Will & Testament Revoking and making Null and Void all Wills & Testaments by me heretofore made, And I do hereby declare this to be my last Will and Testament and none other In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this Twenty second day of January Anno Domini Seventeen hundred and Eighty three

Ja^{s} Anderson (Seal)

Signed Sealed published and declared by the Testator as and as his last Will and Testament in presence of us who Subscribd our names as Witnesses hereto in presence of the said Testator and at his Request

Wm Ringgold, Thomas Anderson, Peregrine Ringgold

May 3. 1785. Then came William Ringgold and Thomas Anderson two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will & Testament of James Anderson late of Kent County deceased, and severally made oath on the Holy Evangels 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 & Testam^{t}; that at the time of his so doing, he was to the best of their Apprehensions of Sound disposing mind, Memory, and Understanding; And that they together with Peregrine Ringgold the other Subscribing Witness to this Will Subscribed their names in the presence, and at the Request of the Testator, and in the presence of each other.

J Nicholson Reg^{r}

Whereas I James Anderson Since the Signing & Sealing the aforegoing Will have bought of Simon Wilmer three quarters of an Acre of Land more or less as may appear by a Deed from him to me

me bearing date the eighth day of May Last and recorded amongst amongst the Records of Kent County as may thereon appear. and which said three quarters of an Acre of Land. I give and bequeath unto my Son James Mouat Anderson his Heirs and Assigns for ever. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Affixed my Seal this thirtieth day of November Seventeen hundred & Eighty four

Ja^s Anderson (Seal)

Signed Sealed published and declared by the above named James Anderson the Testator as a Codicil to the within Will and in his presence and at his Request have Subscribed our names as Witnesses hereunto

Rob^t Anderson Junr

Rob^t Ward

Donald^d McQueen

May 3. 1785 Then came Robert Anderson Junr Robert Ward and Donald McQueen the three Subscribing Witnesses to the within Codicil of the Last Will and Testament of James Anderson late of Kent County deceased, And Severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that they did See the Testator therein named Sign Seal this Codicil to his last Will and Testament, that at the time of his so doing And that they heard him publish pronounce & declare the same to be his Codicil to his Last Will and Testament; that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their Apprehensions of sound & disposing Mind memory and Understanding, and that they Subscribed their names to this Codicil in the presence, and at the request of the Testator, and in the presence of each other.

J Mitchell Jun Reg

In the name of God Amen March 17th 1795 I Ebenezar Blakiston of Kent County and State of Maryland being sick and weak in Body but of sound and perfect mind and Memory thanks be to Almighty God for the same, and calling to mind the Uncertainty of this Mortal life do make constitute and ordain this my last Will & Testament in manner and form following Viz. first I recommend my Soul to Almighty God who gave it hoping an eternal inheritance in the Resorrection of Jesus Christ and my Body I desire may be buried in a decent and christian like manner wherever my Executia hereafter to be mentioned may think proper, as to the goods and estate of which it has pleased God to possess me with I desire they may be disposed of in the following manner Viz. after my Just debts & burial Espences are paid and my Wifes thirds are taken out

I give and bequeath to my Eldest Son Richard Blackiston the Sum of three Pounds Gold and Silver Currency to be paid him when he shall arrive at the age of twenty one years old.

I give and bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth Blackiston the Sum of one Hundred pounds Gold and Silver Currency to be paid her when she shall arrive at the age of Sixteen years old

I also give and bequeath to my Son John Blackiston his Heirs & Assigns forever all that tract or parcel of Land lying and being in Kent County aforesaid containing one hundred Acres adjoining Lands of John Ward Pennington commonly called Jones's Meglet which I lately purchased of a certain James Lowman, also one other tract or parcel of Land lying and being in the County aft containing fifty Acres which was formerly the property of a certain John Tucker and sold by him to a certain Risdon Bishop of Kent County and State of Delaware who sold it to me. and also eight of Acres of Land adjoining the East end of the last mentioned tract of Land together with all & Singular the appurtenances & Improvements whatsoever to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining thereto to the only proper use and behoof of him my said Son John Blackiston his Heirs and Assigns forever.

I likewise give & bequeath to my beloved Wife Sarah Blackiston my Riding

Riding Chair Carriage —

I also give and bequeath to my Brother Benjamin Blackiston the following Negroes David, Phill, Isaac and Margaret after they shall serve my wife Sarah Blackiston untill they arrive at the following ages Viz. Negro David till he arrives at the age of thirty one years old Negro Phill until she shall arrive at the age of twenty one years old Isaac till he arrives at the age of twenty five years old, and Negro Margaret untill she arrives at the age of twenty ~~one~~ years old, and it is also my desire that my said Brother Benjamin Blackiston may Manumit each of the said Negroes according to Law, when they each arrive at the several ages set for them to serve my wife. —

after the Legacies and my wifes thirds is taken out & my debts & Burial Expenses paid I desire that the Residue of my Estate may be equally divided between my three Children Richard, John, & Elizabeth Blackiston —

I also appoint my beloved Wife Sarah Blackiston Executrix of this my last Will and Testament Revoking all other Will or Wills heretofore by me made In testimony of which I have hereunto set my hand and fixed my Seal the day & year first above Written —

Ebenezer Blackiston (Seal)

Signed Seald & Acknowled by the
testator in the presence of —
George Jackson —
Wm + Walls, his mark — John Blackiston —

May 20th 1785 then came John Blackiston & William Walls two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will & Testament of Ebenezer Blackiston late of Kent County dece'd & severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they did see the Testator herein named Sign & Seal this Will, and that they heard him — publish pronounce and declare the same to be his last Will & Testament and that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehensions of sound disposing mind memory & understanding & that they these deponants together with Geo Jackson the other Subscribing Witness within named Subscribed their names as Witnesses to this Will in the presence & at the request of the Testator & in the presence of each other — Before — Jno Nicholson Reg'r —

In the name of God Amen I Henry Trulock of Kent County in the province of Maryland being Sick and Weak of Body but of Sound and disposing mind and memory thanks be to Almighty God, and calling to mind the uncertainty of this life do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following Viz

First I resign my Soul into the hands of the Almighty God who gave it me and my Body to be decently interred at the discretion of my Executor hereafter named, and as to what Worldly Goods it hath pleased the Lord to bless me with, I dispose of in manner and form following Viz

Imprimis I give and bequeath unto my Son Henry Trulock all my Real Estate lying and being in Kent County aforesaid and known by the following names Viz. Trulocks Adventure and Wales together with all my right title or claim to any other Land or Lands whatever together with all the buildings & Improvements whatever to the said Lands belonging or appertaining, the said Lands &c to be the right and property of my said son Henry and his heirs and Assigns for ever upon the following Conditions & Limitations Viz that he the said Henry his heirs or Assigns shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid the following Sum or Sums of money Viz to my Second Son Phillip Trulock one hundred and fifty pounds common money, to my third Son Samuel Trulock the like Sum of one hundred and fifty pounds common money to be paid to the said Phillip & Samuel or their Representatives Respectively within Six months after they shall ~~arrive~~ arrive at the age of twenty one years, and if it should so happen that either or both of my said Sons Phillip & Samuel should die before they come of age as aforesaid or should leave no Issue, then and in such case the aforesaid Sum of money so as aforesaid to be paid, shall be paid to the Surviving children by the said Henry or his heirs, and if it should so happen that my said son Henry or his heirs shall neglect or Refuse to pay the several Sums aforesaid & at the times aforesaid then &

and in such case my desire is that my said Lands be sold to the best advantage and the money arrising from the sale thereof to be equally divided amongst all my children, And if my said Son Henry should die ~~without~~ without Heir Then my said Lands to be equally divided between my two Sons Phillip and Samuel and their heirs, And as to what personal Estate is not already disposed off by a deed of Gift bearing equal date herewith, I leave to be equally to be disposed off among all my aft Children. And I do hereby appoint my Son Henry whole and Sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills or Wills by me made. In Testimony whereof I have hereto ~~my Set my Hand~~ and affixed my Seal this 9th day of October Anno Domi 1775.

Signed Sealed & delivered to be his last Will & Testament in the presence of. Henry Trulock (Seal)

Rt. Buchanan. Griffith Jones, William Dugan.

May 31st 1785. Then came Robert Buchanan & William Dugan two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will & Testament of Henry Trulock late of Kent County deceased, and Severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that they did see the Testator herein 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 he was at the same time of sound disposing mind memory and Understandings, and that Griffith Jones the other Subscribing Witness was present at the same time and Signed his name as a Witness to this Will together with these deponents in the presence, and at the Request of the Testator, and in the presence of each other.

Before Mitchell Jon Reg

In the name of God Amen I William Forman of Kent County Cordwainer being of sound & perfect mind & memory do make & ordain this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following. that is to say I begreath my Soul into the hands of him that gave it and my Body to be decently buried as my Exrs hereafter mentioned shall think fit. Imprim.s I give & bequeath my whole Estate Real & personal to William Foreman son of John Foreman Wheel Wright after the payment of my Just debts, to him the said William & his heirs for ever, And Lastly I do hereby appoint & ordain Capt. Josias Johnston and Capt. Phillip Read my whole & Sole Executors of this my last Will & Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto put my Hand and affixed my Seal this 4th day of June in the year 1705

Signed Sealed & published by William Forman the Testator as his last Will & Testament in the presence of us

William Forman Seal

Anthony Banning, William Forman, John Foreman

doubt arising whether John foremans Evidence might be good in Law on account of his being the Father of the Legatee, the Testator William foreman again acknowledged the within to be Signed & Sealed by him & declared it to be his last Will & Testament in presence of

William Clark Harkness.

June 6th 1705 Then came Anthony Baning William foreman & John foreman the three Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will & Testament of Wm foreman late of Kent Coty dec.d & Severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they did see the Testator herein named Sign Seal this Will & heard him publish pronounce & declare the same to be his last Will & Testament, and that he was at the same time of sound disposing mind memory & Understanding, and that they respectively Subscribed their names as Witnesses to this Will in the presence & at the Request of the Testator and in the presence of each other

Before J Nicholson Reg.r

In the name of God Amen I Robert Taylor of Kent County in the State of Maryland do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following to Wit Intending to dispose of my Whole worldly Estate, I give bequeath and devise to Joseph Sill my wifes Son all my Joiners tools. Secondly I give bequeath & devise all my right title Interest and claim to all my Lands which I shall be entitled to at the end and expiration of my time of my Service in the Army of the United as well — Such as I am to have as part of my bounty from the State of Maryland, as such I may hereafter have from the United or other States to my wife during her life, as also all other Real Estate which I now have for the same term of time —

Thirdly after my Wifes death I give all my Estate to her devised, to her Daughter Hannah Sill and her heirs for ever. —

Fourthly I give all my personal not before devised to my wife during her life. and after her death it is my Will that Hannah Sill have the whole of my personal Estate. Lastly I do Constitute & appoint William Briscoe Executor of this my last Will and testament In Witness where of I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this 20th day of May 1770 —

Rob Taylor Seal

Signed Sealed published & declared by Robert Taylor the testator as & for his last Will & Testament in the presence of us who at his request & in his presence have Subscribed our names as Witnesses. Donaldson Yeates, Benjamin Terry, Benjamin Briscoe —

June 1st. 1785 Then came Benj. Terry & Benjamin Briscoe two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of Robert Taylor late of Kent County deced, and Severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they did see the Testator herein named Sign & Seal this Will, and that they heard him publish pronounce & 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 disposing mind Memory & Understanding. And that Donaldson Yeates the other Subscribing Witness was present at the same time & Signed his name as a Witness to this Will together with them depon. in the presence, and at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other. —

Before J Nicholson Regr

In the name of God Amen I John Ashley Junr of Kent County in the State of Maryland being sick and weak of Body but of Sound and disposing mind memory and Understanding considering the certainty of death, and the uncertainty of the time thereof, and being desireous to Settle my Worldly affairs and thereby be the better prepaired to leave this world when it shall please God to call me hence do therefore make & 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 buryed at the discretion of my Executors herein after named, And after my debts and funeral charges are paid, I devise & bequeath as follows . . . I give & bequeath to my Sister Mileah Ashley my plantation called & known by the name of Ashleys Green containing about Eighty Acres more or less to her the said Mileha Ashley and her heirs in fee Simple . . . . Item I devise and bequeath all my personal Estate of whatsoever kind or name it may be called held or known to my afd Sister Mileah Ashley and her heirs — And Lastly I do hereby constitute & appoint my afd Sister Mileah Ashley to be joint Executrix with James Neal Senr of this my last Will and Testament revoking and annulling all former Wills by me heretofore made, Ratifying & confirming this & none other to be my last Will and Testament In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this twelfth day of April Anno Domini one thousand Seven hundred & Eighty five —

John Ashley Jr (Seal)

Signed Sealed published and declared by John Ashley Junr the within named Testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request, and in his presence have Subscribed our names as Witnesses thereto. —

Phil. Reed, John Willis, Ebenezer Neal. —

June 21. 1785 Then came Phillip Reed John Willis ~~Eleazer~~ Ebenezer Neal the three Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of John Assley Junr late of Kent County deceased, and severally made Oath on the holy Evangels of Almighty God, that they did See the testator herein named Sign and Seal this Will, And that they heard him publish pronounce and declare the same to be his last Will and testament, and that he was at the same time of Sound disposing mind memory and Understanding According to the best of their Apprehensions, 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.

Before me Jnicholson Reg

In the name of God Amen I Isaac Spencer of Kent County and State of Maryland being weak of body but of good Sound mind and memory do this twentyeth day of May one thousand Seven hundred and Eighty three make ordain this my last Will and testament in the manner and form as follows to Wit principally and first of all I give and bequeath unto my loving Son William Spencer begotten of my wife before Marrage my plantation Mill on Prickel Pare branch in Kent County named Darby Smaley, Billips lot and Neglect, I also give my said Son William three hundred Acres of land in Queen Anns County named Sandy Hurst, and the Pearl to be laid out in the following manner, beginning at the mouth of the Pearl creek and running up the River till a South line from the River will make up three hundred Acres all the above lands I give to him his Heirs & Assigns for ever.

Secondly I give and bequeath unto my loving Son Isaac Spencer my dwelling plantation called Manow Bone, also part of a tract called Grantham, Smiths point, and Vienna, Mount Harmon, friendship, and Saint Patricks Garden, as also my houses & lotts at New Market as also a peace of land in Queen Anns County called Crumpton all to him his heirs & Assigns for ever.

Thirdly I give and bequeath unto my loving Son Jervis Spencer and to his heirs and Assigns for ever my lands & Mill in Queen Anns County on the Unicorn Branch called upper landing — Emorys Chance, Wolestons, discovery Johns forrest, and part of a tract called Connoway —

Fourthly I give & bequeath unto my loving Son James Spencer and to his heirs and Assigns for ever my Upper Mill in Queen Anns County and all the lands I have Adjoining the said Mill be them known by what names they be; as also a peace of Land called Pearce lands, and Pearce lands Additions as also the Ferry plantation. — Fifthly I give & bequeath unto my loving Daughter Charlote Spencer begot of my Wife before marrage and to her heirs and Assigns for ever ten Acres of land in Kent County called London Bridge Renewed. — Sixthly my Will and desire is that after my Just Debts are paid my Wifes thirds taken out that the Remainder of my personal Estate to be equally divided amongst my five Children William, Charlote, Isaac, Jervis, and James. — Seventhly I constitute and Appoint Christopher Williams and my Son William Spencer my Sole Executors of this my last Will & Testament, publishing & declaring this to be my last Will & Testament. In Testimony ~~whereof~~ of which I have set my hand and fixed my seal the day & year above written

Signed Sealed published and declared by the above named Isaac Spencer as & for his last Will & Testament in the presence of us how have Subscribed our names as Witnesses thereto in the presence of the Testator and in the presence of each other, and at the Request of the said Testator. —

Isaac Spencer (Seal)

Wm Woodall, Gy. V. Newcomb, Richd. Peacock.

July 21st 1795 then came Gey Vansant Newcomb and Richard Peacock two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will & Testament of Isaac Spencer late of Kent County dece'd, and Severally made oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that they did See the Testator herein named Sign & Seal this Will, and that they heard him

him publish pronounce and declare the same to be his last Will and testament and that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their Apprehensions of sound disposing mind memory & understanding, And that William Woodall the other Subscribing Witness was present at the same time and Signed his name as Witness to this Will, together with these deponants in the presence of the testator, and at his request, and in the presence of each other

Before J Nicholson Reg

In the name of God Amen I Martha Ann Whichcote of Kent County in Maryland being Sick and weak but blessed be God of sound and well disposing memory calling to mind the uncertain estate of this transitory life do make this my last Will & Testament as follows . . . . 1st I give & bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Whichcote Six Silver table Spoons, one table & desk & half a dozen of chairs, and a mare called Careless & a colt called Nettle & riding chair besides an equal part of the Remainder of my Estate.

2. I give to my daughter Sarah Whichcote one Negro Boy called Will with tea tongs Silver, five Silver tea Spoons Six chairs, two tables one Horse called Spark over & above an equal part of the Remainder of my Estate. . 3dly I give unto my Grand daughter Rebecca Whichcote one Negro boy called Wom, one bed & furniture, one horse called Crack, over & above & besides an equal part of the remainder of my Estate. . 4thly I give unto my aforesaid daughter Elizabeth Whichcote my riding carriage over & above & besides an equal part of the Remainder of my Estate. . 5thly I give the Remainder of my Estate after the Legacies paid to the Legatees to be equally divided between all my Children & Grand daughter Rebecca Whichcote, but not to enjoy any of my Slaves until my aforesaid daughter Sarah Whichcote & Grand daughter Rebecca Whichcote arrives to the age of Sixteen years, but remain in the hands of my Executrix hereafter named

I hereby constitute & appoint my daughter Elizabeth Whichcote

sole Executrix of this my last Will & Testament Revoking all other Wills heretofore by me made In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this 20. day of October 1702

Signed Sealed pronounced & declared by the Testatrix to be her last Will & Testament in the presence of us. A. Glenn, Martha Glenn — Martha Ann Whichcote (Seal) Cecil

August 20th 1705 Then came Alexand Glenn & Martha Glenn the two Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of Martha Ann Whichcote late of Kent County deceased, and Severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that they did see the Testator therein named Sign and Seal this Will, And that they heard her publish pronounce and declare the same to be her last Will and Testament, that at the time of her so doing she was to the best of their apprehensions of Sound 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.

Before J Nicholson Reg

In the name of God Amen I James Steel of Kent County Maryland being very weak and low in body but of Sound mind memory & Understanding, and considering that we must all die, do make publish & declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following to Wit first of all I order that all my Just debts & Contracts be discharged & paid also I give and bequeath unto my beloved Wife Martha Steel the third of my Real Estate, and one third of my personal Estate during her Natural life. 2. I give the remaining two thirds of my Estate Real & personal and the third of my Real Estate left to my Wife after her death to my two daughters Rebecca and Hannah to be held by them as tenants in Common their heirs & assigns for ever.

Lastly I ordain constitute and appoint my beloved Wife and my Kinsman James Steel of Cecil County Executors of this my last Will and Testament, and do appoint the said James Steel Guardian to my two daughters aforesaid In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this 26 day of July 1705. —

James Steel (Seal)

Signed Sealed published and declared by the said James Steel to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us —

Archd. Job. —
Edwd. Bigley —
James Frazier —

on the above Will are the following Endorsements to Wit —

Augt. 9. 1705 I James Steel the appointed Executor in the last Will & Testamt. of James Steel late of Kent County dead do hereby refuse to Act as Executor to said Will by Virtue of such appointment, and do hereby renounce all my right title and claim to said Executorship. James Steel —

Test David Smith Regr. Cecil Coty to Wit

Augt. 9. 1705 Then came Archibald Job & James Frazier two of the Subscribing Evidences to the within last Will & Testament of James Steel late dead, and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that they saw the said Testator Sign & Seal this Will. that they heard him publish pronounce and declare the same to be his last Will & Testament, that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehensions of a Sound & disposing mind memory & Understanding, And that they & Edw. Bigley Subscribed the same respectively as Witnesses in the presence and at Request of the Testator, & in the presence of each other. —

Sworn before — David Smith Regr.

Cecil County to Wit I David Smith Esqr. Register of Wills in the Coty aforesd. do hereby Certify that foregoing is a true Copy from the Original now remaining in the Registry of Wills in said County In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my Hand & Seal of Office this 12 day of August 1706 —

David Smith Regr. test Cecil (Seal)

In the name of God Amen I John March of Kent County in the State of Maryland being sick and weak of Body but of Sound mind & memory, knowing the certainty of death and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs, do therefore make and publish this my last Will and testament in manner & form following, that is to say first and principally I commit my Soul to God, and my body to the Earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors herein after named

Item I give & devise to my daughter Mary a Negro boy called Will

Item I give & bequeath to my daughter Araminta a Negro boy called Solomon, a feather Bed, and a Sow & Cow.

Item my Will & desire is, and I hereby authorise & empower William Merritt and John Lamb both of Kent County in the State of Maryland aforesaid or the Survivor of them to sell and dispose of all my Real Estate and personal Estate, not already devised, Immediatly after my death or as soon as it conveniently can be done.

Item I give & bequeath the money arisising from the Sale of said Real Estate and personal Estate after Payment of my Just Debts & funeral Charges, to my eight children to Wit my two Sons Peregrine and John and six daughters Hannah Wife of William Berry, Elizabeth the Wife of John January, Sarah, Mary, Araminta & Ann to be equally divided among them by my Executors hereafter named, Except that my said Son Peregrine is to have two Shares.

Item my Will & desire is that the fifty pounds Current money I have already given to my daughter Elizabeth be deducted from her Share and also thirty pounds for the Negro Boy Will given to my daughter Mary be deducted from her the said Marys Share.

Item my desire and Will is that my daughter Hannah Share be put to Interest on bond with Security by my Executors, and that the Interest arising therefrom be paid to the said Hannah during the lifetime of her Husband for the support of her Children, but if she shall happen to die before her Husband, then the principal and Interest to be equally divided among all her children, and also that my daughter Arminta's Share be put to Interest on bond with Security by my Executors for the use of her the said Araminta

Item my Will and desire is that it ~~ward~~ shall be ~~e~~ may lawfull for my Executors to take and deduct to themselves out of my Estate before any division all the Reasonable costs and charges which they or either of them shall sustain, suffer or expend about the Execution or performance of of any the trusts aforesaid, and that they nor either of them shall be chargeable with any money other then what ~~they~~ shall actually come to their hands nor for the loss thereof, unless it be by or through their wilfull neglect or default

And Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my good friends to the said William Merritt and John Lamb Joint Executors 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 whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and affixed my Seal this fifth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred Eighty and five

Jn°. March Seal

Signed Sealed published & declared by the above named John March as and for his Last Will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request & in his presence have Subscribed our names as Witnesses hereto. Wm. Maxwell. Junr, Joseph his I Shawn, John Dickson mark

Augt. 25. 1785 Then came William Maxwell Junr Joseph Shawn & John Dickson the three Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of John March late of Kent County deceased, and severally made Oath on the Evangels of Almighty God that they did see the Testator therein mentioned ~~named~~ Sign Seal this Will, that they heard him publish, pronounce & declare the same to be his last Will & Testament, and that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehensions, of sound 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

Before J Nicholson Reg

In the name of God Amen I Margaret Findley being weak in body but of perfect mind and Memory and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make constitute this my last Will & Testament in the maner & form following to Wit first I give and bequeath to my Son William Munk one Shilling Sterling to be paid him if demanded by my Executor hereafter named — Secondly I give and bequeath to my grand Son James McKeney one Shilling Sterling to be paid him if demanded by my Executor hereafter named . . And thirdly I give and bequeath unto my grand Son William McKinney all my goods and Chattels remaining after paying the above legacies and my just debts and burial. And I do constitute appoint my above named grand Son William McKinney my whole and Sole Executor of this my last Will and testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 20 day of January 1792. —

her
Margret M. Findley Seal
mark

Signed Sealed & Acknowledged in the
presents of us. Robert Reid, John Hartly. —

September 22. 1795 Then came Robert Reid and John Hartly the two Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will & Testament of Margaret Findley late of Kent County deceased & Severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that they did see the Testator herein named Sign and Seal this Will, and that they heard her publish pronounce and declare the same to be her last Will and testament, that at the time of her so doing she was to the best of their apprehensions of Sound disposing mind memory & Understanding And that they the said deponents 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 —

Before J Nicholson Reg

In the name of God amen I George William Denham Forester of the county of Kent in the State of Maryland being at present under a severe illness, but of perfect memory and understanding do make this my last Will and Testament in the following manner

Imprimis Whereas a part of the first part of the tract of Land called Freegift and known by the name of the Meadow start containing Sixty acres which was given me by the last Will and Testament of my deceased father William Forester, has been Mortgaged by me to Mr Blackiston Wilmer who became my Security for the Sum of two hundred pounds current money of Maryland with Interest which is to be paid on the first day of March 1786, it is my Will and desire that should I depart this life before the accomplishment of the said period, and before the paiment of the said Sum of Money that then the said land so as aft conveyed in Mortgage shall be immediatly sold by my Executors Jointly with the said Wilmer or the Survivor of them in order to the a final adjustment and discharge of the above recited debt & Interest which may have accrued thereon — Item I devise all the remainder part of my land to my Wife Temperance during the term of her Natural life, and at her decease, I desire the said Land may descend to my son George William, should he be then alive or have had Issue, and to his heirs for ever; but should my said Son be then dead without Issue as aforesaid, it is my Will & desire that my said land be equally divided between my two daughters Mary Wilmer Herrietta Elizabeth and to their heirs for ever — Item it is my desire that my personal Estate be equally divided between my Wife my Son & my two daughters — Lastly I nominate & appoint my Wife Temperance and my friend Mr James Pearce my Executrix and Executor of this my last Will & Testament In Witness whereof I have unto set my hand & seal my Seal this 12 day of february 1785 —

Signed Sealed published and declared in presence of — George W. D. Forester (Seal)

Margaret Fullwell, Victor A. Fullwell John Harmanson Griffith Stith —

at a Court held for Northampton County the 27 day of June 1705. — this Will was proved by the Oaths of Victor Atwell and Griffith Stith Witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded

Test William Stith Cl Cur

Seal

a Copy Test. William Stith Cl Cur

Maryland Cecil County ss:

On the 17th day of February 1704 Mr Evert Everson appeared before me and made Oath that on the twenty first day of January last he happened at James Towlands where William Towlands Brother of said James lay at the Verge of Death the deponant believing that said William Towland had but a few days to live asked him how he intended to dispose of his Worldly property or whether he did not intend his Brother James sho. have it, his answer was yes I do intend James and his Children shall have my property the deponant further declares that William Towland appeared to be in his Sound and perfect Senses, and that said Towland expired next day —

John L Knight Seal

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In the name of God Amen October the seventh one thousand seven hundred and Eighty and four I James Wroth Senr of the County of Kent in the State of Maryland being sick and Weak in Body but of sound disposing mind and memory praise be therefore given to Almighty God do make and ordain this my present last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say. —

First and principally I commend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God my maker hoping through the meritorious death and passion of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to have full and free pardon and forgiveness of all my Sins and to Inherit Everlasting Life and my Body I commit to the Earth to be decently buryed at the discretion

discretion of my Executor hereafter mentioned and named, and as
touching the disposion of all such Real and personal Estate as it hath
pleased Almighty God to bless me with I give bequeath & dispose in
manner and form following Viz
Item It is my Will and desire that my whole Debts & funeral
charges be duly paid and satisfied and discharged
Item I give and bequeath unto my son James Wroth all the Land
I now live upon one hundred Acres of the forest of Dean and one
hundred and twenty acres of Warners Levels containing in the
whole two hundred and twenty Acres to him & his heirs for ever
Item I give and bequeath unto my Son William Wroth fifty Acres
of Land called Towns Relief and to be in his Mothers possession
untill he arrives at age to him & his heirs for ever
Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth Wroth my
Negro Woman Dinah and to my Son William Wroth my Negro Lad
Joseph to remain in their Mothers care and for her use untill they
arive at age.
And further it is my Will and desire that my Son James Wroth
shall build a Brick House thirty feet by eighteen with two fire
places in the same and two Rooms on a floor and finish the same
at his own Expence and the above house to be placed on the
fifty Acres of Towns Relief Bequeathed to my Son William Wroth
and likewise that my Son James should pay unto my Wife Ann
Wroth the Sum of fifteen pounds yearly and every year during
the term of twelve years to be applyed in schooling my two Children
Elizabeth and William Wroth and for my Wife to have a Home
where she now lives untill such time as the aforementioned buildings
is finished and set in case when they are compleated she should
refuse to take the fifty Acres of Land for her full thirds of my
Real Estate then it is my Will that the aforementioned bequeathed
fifty acres of Land and the two Negroes should be Void. And set in case
my Son James Wroth should refuse to build the aforementioned house
at his own Expence then it is my Will and desire that my Son William
Wroth

Wroth should have the one hundred And twenty acres of land called Warners Levels in lieu of the fifty Acres of towns Viliz — Item I give and bequeath likewise to my Wife two head of Horses — and two head of Cows and Six head of hogs and shee to take her choise of the whole. one feather bed and furniture. one Table. and the Remainder and Residue of my personal Estate to be equally divided between all my children, and for my Wife to have my two — youngest childrens parts of my personal Estate paid to her on her giving security to Return the same to my Sd Children when they arrive at age I do hereby constitute and appoint my Son James Wroth whole and Sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament and I do hereby — declare that I do hereby Revoke disannull and make Void all former Wills and Testaments by me heretofore made. In Witness whereof I the said James Wroth Sen. to this my last Will and Testament have set my hand and fixed my Seal the day & year aforementioned —

James Wroth Sen. (Seal)

Signed Sealed and Acknowledged in the Presence
of us. Samuel Crouch, Kinwin Wroth Junr. Anderson his mark X Absley

December 26. 1705 Then came Samuel Crouch Kinwin Wroth Junr and Anderson Absley the three Subscribing Witnesses to the within last — Will and Testament of James Wroth Junr late of Kent County deceased and severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels 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 disposing mind memory and Understanding, and they 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 —

Before J Nicholson Regr

In the Name of God Amen I Joseph Wickes of Kent County in the State of Maryland being sick and weak of Body — but of sound and perfect mind and Memory (Thanks be to God) do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in Manner and form Following — — — I Give and Bequeath unto my Son Joseph all that Tract of land called Poplar Hill — resurveyed, with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging, to him and his heirs forever, but if my Son Joseph Should die without lawfull Issue, then the said land Call'd Poplar Hill resurveyed, I Give — unto my two daughters to them and their Heirs forever — — — — I Give and Bequeath unto my Son Simon all my other lands of what Name or denomination soever to him and his Heirs forever — I Give unto my Son Simon the Negroes hereafter Mentioned, Peter, Jem, Archer, Moll, Eve, Hannah, and John Molls Children — I Give unto my Daughter Ann Brown my whole right and Title to all the Negroes she has in Possession and a Boy Named York, — and a Girl named Jene the Children of Grace — — — — I Give unto my daughter Frances Wickes the Negroes hereafter Named Adam, little Tom, Will, Jonas, Clante, Dinah, Jean, and Blanch, Clants Child, and Daniel, dinahs Child, — — — — — I Give unto my Son Joseph the Negroes hereafter named, Great — Tom, Charles, Simon, Bess and her Child Nell, Grace and her Child Named Poll, and another Named Hett, — — — — — — — I Give unto my daughter Ann Brown two feather Beds with rea — — sonable furniture, — I Give unto my son Simon, one feather Bed — with reasonable furniture, and all the remainder of my Beds and — Furniture to be Equally divided between my daughter Frances — and my son Joseph — — — — I Give unto my son Simon all my Surveying Instruments, and my large Looking Glass which stands in the Hall, and my Silver watch, and one Sixth part of all my Stock of Horses, Cattle, sheep, and Hogs, and the remaining part of said Stock to be equally divided, Between my two — —

Daughters and my Son Joseph except the Young Colt with the white Mare, which said Colt I Give to my daughter Frances as a Legacy exclusive of equal part of the Stock as expressed above and my will and Desire is that all the remainder of my Estate of what kind soever be equally divided among my four Children above named — — — — I also discharge Alexander Calder and his heirs, and the heirs of John Clark of Quaker Neck from all or any Claims which I have against them by Account or otherwise And lastly I appoint my son Simon Wickes as Executor of this my last will and Testament, hereby revoking all other Wills heretofore by me made as witness my hand and Seal this Twenty first day of November Seventeen hundred and Eighty three

Jo: Wickes (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published and declared by Jo. Wickes the Testator to be his last will and Testament who have hereunto Signed our Names at his request and in presence of each other

Wm Gibbins, John Lynch, John Moore Junr

December the 24th 1705 I Joseph Wickes above Written being desirous to provide for my Daughter Frances more than above written do Give her untill She is Married free use of my part of my House that is over my Cellar to Occupy it as She pleases with her own Residence and give her wood off of my now Dwelling Plantation, to make her fires Sufficient for the said House or part of a house, and Desire my son Simon not to disturbe her my said Daughter during the said Time of her Single life, but Suffer her to Occupy the same with her own person and Such attendance as She may think fitt to employ As Witness my hand and Seal the day and year Above written

Jo: Wickes (Seal)

Signd Sealed and Declared to be my will or Codicil in presence of — John Moore Junr William Gibbins

January 9th 1706 Then came William Gibbins, John Lynch and John Moore Junr, the Three Subscribing Witnesses to the within last will and Testament of Joseph Wickes late of Kent County deceased, and Severally made oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that they did See the Testator herein named Sign and Seal this Will & 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 disposing mind Memory and understanding, and that they respectively Subscribed their Nanes as Witnesses to this Will in the presence and at the Request of the Testator, and in the presence of each other

Before I. Nicholson Regr

At the same time came John Moore Junr and Wm Gibbons the two Subscribing Witnesses to the above Codicil to the within last Will and Testament of Joseph Wicks late of Kent Coty deced, and Severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels, that they did see the Testator herein Named Sign and Seal the same as a Codicil to his last will & Testament that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehensions of Sound disposing mind Memory and understanding and that they respectively subscribed their names as Witnesses to this Codicil in the presence and at the request of the Testator & in the presence of each other

Before I. Nicholson Regr

In the Name of God Amen I Mary Kensey of Kent County State of Maryland being sick, but of Sound and disposing mind and Memory do make this my last will and Testament in manner and form Following that is to say

First I Give to my daughter Hannah Bordley my old Black Mare likewise one folding Black Walnut Table — Secondly I Give to my Daughter Araminty Wickes my Cow — Likewise two Walnut Tables to my daughter Araminty Wickes — 3dly To my Son Thomas Kensey one desk, two Beds, one folding Table, one Cupboard, also I Give to my daughter Hannah Bordley —

Two beds with their Cloaths, likewise the same to my Daughter Araminty Wickes. ——— The remaining part of my Estate after my Just debts are paid to be equally divided among my three Children Viz. ——— Hannah Bordley, Araminty Wickes, Thomas Kinsey, It is my request that Sarah Murray for her Good services done for me during my Illness, that she shall have Six pounds out of Estate paid to her, — I doe hereby Nominate Constitute and Appoint my Daughter Hannah Bordley my Executrix of this my last will and Testament, In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 24th day of Novem.r 1705 —

her
Mary ⊕ Kensey (Seal)
mark

Signed Sealed and published, and declared in the Presence of the Subscribing Witnesses — I. Watkins, David Hull — Daniel Hull ——— ——— ——— ——— ——— ———

Janu.ry 6th 1706, Then came John Watkins one of the within Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of Mary Kensey late of Kent County decd and made oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God. And Daniel Hull and David Hull, the other Two Witnesses, being two of the people called Quakers who on their Solemn Affirmation to them Administered Affirmed and declared that they Severally did see the Testator therein named sign and Seal this Will, and that they heard her Publish pronounce and declare the same to be her last Will and Testament, that at the same time she was to the best of their Apprehensions of Sound and disposing mind memory and understanding, and that they these deponants Severally 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 ——— ——— ———

Before I. Nicholson Reg.r ———

In the Name of God Amen I John Gooding of Kent County in the State of Maryland being Sick and Weak in Body but thanks be to God of Sound disposing sense and Memory, I do make and Ordain this to be my last Will and Testament in Manner and form Following Viz.t

First – I Give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Mary Brewer Wife of James Brewer one Shilling sterling & no more of my estate

Secondly – I Give and Bequeath unto my daughter Sarah Jones Wife of Jacob Jones one shilling and no more of my Estate

Thirdly – I Give and Bequeath unto my Son William Gooding One shilling Sterling and no more of my Estate

Fourthly – I Give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Ann Berry Wife of John Berry one shilling Sterling and no more of my Estate

Fifthly – I Give and Bequeath unto Rebekah Benton Wife of James Benton one Shilling and no More of my estate

Sixthly – I Give and Bequeath unto Rachel Bird Wife of Edward Bird one Shilling sterling and no more of my Estate

Seventhly I Give and Bequeath unto my wife Sarah Gooding all my estate, and do Revoak and Disannul all wills by me heretofore made as Witness whereof, I have this 22.nd day of April 1705 Set my hand and affixed my Seal

In the Presence of
John Jones.
Morg.n Hurtt

John his X Mark Gooding (Seal)

January 27.th 17[illegible] Then came John Jones one of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last will and Testament of John Gooding late of Kent County deced and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that he did see the Testator therein Named Sign and Seal this Will and that he heard him Publish pronounce and declare the same to be his last will and Test.t that at the Time of his so doing he was to the best of his Apprehension of Sound disposing mind and Memory and understanding and that Morgan Hurtt the other Subscribing witness was present at the same Time Signed his Name as a Witness to this will in the Presence at the Request of the Testator & in the Presence of each other

Before Joseph Nicholson Reg.r

In the Name of God 1752 Amen I Robert Cruickshank of Kent County and State of Maryland do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and Form following

1st I desire that all my Just Debts be paid and to Enable my Ex.rs and Hereafter mentioned, I will that my Negroe man Will and my Negroe Boy Simon be sold to Discharge part of my said debts

2nd I Give and Bequeath to my son James Cruickshank my Dwelling Plantation Called Mount Pleasent Containing three Hundred and Fifty Acres of Land agreeable to the said Deed and in Case my Son James should die before he arrives to Twenty one years age then my Will is that my Son Robert Cruickshank have and Enjoy my Dwelling plantation to him and his Heirs forever, I also Give to my said son James my Clock, Six large Silver Table spoons marked D.y as also One Negro Boy Called Jem, and one ditto Called Bill to him and his Heirs

3dly I Give to my Daughter Mary Cruickshank all that Tract of Land Called Jamaica Containing Two Hundred acres of Land to her and her Heirs, But in Case my daughter Mary should die without Heirs or Before she arrives to the age of Twenty one years of age then my Will is that my Son John Cruickshank have and enjoy the same, him and his Heirs forever, I also Give to my said Daughter Mary One Negro Boy called Anthony to her, the Heirs forever

4thly I Give and Bequeath to my Son Robert and my Son John Cruickshank all my Lot in Chester Town, To be equally Divided between them by a Strait Line drawn from the Main or high Street Back No. A. Lot belonging to Doctor Murray my Son Robert to have his first Choise the said Lott No. 11. I Give to my said sons to them and there Heirs forever I also Give to my Son Robert Cruickshank my Silver Tea pot and Stand, as also my Silver Watch, I also Give to my Son John Cruickshank Six silver Tea Spoons and a Silver

Cream pot as also my Silver Shoe Buckels ——— ——— ———

5.thly I Give to my Loving Wife Avarilla Cruikshank over and above her third part of my Estate one Negro woman called ——
Susanna as also her first Choice of one of my Horses or Mares ———
6.thly I Give to my Sister Mary Cruikshank one Mourning Ring ——
7.thly I Give to my Son James Cruikshank one Horse Colt, Call'd Figure to him and his Heirs ——— ——— ——— ———

Lastly all the Rest of my estate not before Mentioned be it of what nature soever, I Give and Bequeath to my Son Robert and my Son John Cruikshank to be Equally divided between them and there Heirs forever, —— I also appoint my said Loving Wife Avarilla Cruikshank my whole and Sole Executrix of this my last will and Testament dated this Seventh day of Feb.ry in the Year of our Lord 1705, Signd Seald and acknow=ledg'd to be his last Will in Presence of us the Subscribers ——

Witness
Jn.o Simmonds
Coly.th Simmonds
Jane her T Hicks
Mark

R Cruikshank (Seal)

Febry 3.rd 1786 Then came John Simmonds Coly.th Simmonds and Jane Hicks the Three Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of Robert Cruikshank late of Kent County deced & made Severally made oath on the Holy Evangls of Almighty God that they did see the Testator therein mentioned Sign Seal this will and that they heard him publish pronounce & declare the same to be his last Will and Testament that at the same Time he was to the best of their Apprehensions of sound disposing mind Mem=ory and Understanding that they Respectively Subscribed their Names as Witnesses to this will in the Presence, at the Request of the Testator and in the Presence of each other ——
Before Jo: Nicholson Regr ——

In the Name of God 1754 Amen I Michael Miller of Kent County in the State of Maryland being Sick and Weak of Body but thanks be to God of Sound disposing mind Sense & Memory do make and Ordain this to be my last will and Testament in Manner and form following Viz^t ——————

1st. First I Give and bequeath unto my Son Ralph Miller as Legacies one Negro man Called Tom, one Negro Boy Call'd Jack, one Negro Girl Called Rose, and one Negro Girl Called Jane, and there Increase, one young Horse Called America, One Mare ten years old Called Nancy, one Mare Called Jenny, one Mare Call'd Nancy, Six Cows, and Six Calves, Six Ewes, and Six Lambs Two Sows, and Ten Pigs, one Feather Bed and furniture, Six silver Table Spoons, one Silver Soop spoon, five Silver Tea spoons, one Spare of Silver Tea tongs, Ten Pewter Plates, Two Pewter dishes, Twelve Earthen plates, Two Walnut Tables, one looking Glass, one Silver Watch, one house Clock, one Gun, and my Will and desire is that my Son Ralph Miller be at full age to receive his estate both real and personal on the first day of January before he Arrives to Twenty years of Age ——————

2nd. Secondly I Give and Bequeath unto William Henry Grayham Son of Rebekah Grayham one Negro woman Called Teny, one Negro Girl Called Beck one young mare Called Jenney Shaw, three Two years old Ewes, and three Lambs, one Cow and Calf, one feather Bed with Country tick, with the Furniture thereunto belonging one Sow, and Six Pigs, Six Pewter plates, one Pewter Dish, Two Seting Chairs ——————

3d. and Lastly I Appoint John Berry hole and Sole Executor of this my last will and Testament and I hereby Revoake disannul all other will or Wills by me heretofore made

In Testimony where of I have hereunto Set my Hand ——

and Affixed my Seal this 15th fourteenth day of January—
in the Year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and
Eighty four——

Mich.l Miller (Seal)

Signed sealed acknowledged and Declared this to be
his last will and Testament In the Presence of Wm. his W.J. Ivery
mark
Elizabeth her X Devenish Nath.l Miller

Febry. 25st 1786 then came Wm. Ivery and Nath.l Miller two
of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last will and Testament
of Michael Miller late of Kent County deceased and Severally
made oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they
did see the Testator herein 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 Eliz.th Devonish
the other Subscribing Witness was present at the same time and
signed her name as a Witness to this Will together with these
deponants in the presence and at the request of the Testator
and in the presence of each other——

Before Jos.h Nicholson Reg.r——

In the Name of God Amen I John Cadwalader now residing in Kent County in the State of Maryland being in good health and of sound, perfect and disposing mind and memory, do make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament Viz.t — — — — — — — — —

Imprimis — I Give and devise to my dearly beloved Wife Williamina Cadwalader one third of the annual neat income produced from my farm called Bennetts Regulation and the lands adjoining, lying in Kent County on Sasafras River in Maryland, during her Natural life; — I also Give and devise to my said Wife during her natural life the use of my House in Second Street, and the Stables and Coach houses erected, on the Lot belonging to the same; and on the other back Lot, all of which I purchased of Samuel Roads, and all the appurtenances belonging thereto, together with all the household Furniture belonging thereto, that may be in said house at the time of my death, — I also Give and devise one third of all the Monies, that may be due to me on Bond or Mortgage, after paying all my lawful Debts. — I also Give and devise to my said Wife my Coach, harness for a pair of horses, and three coach horses such as She may chuse out of those that I may have at the time of my death. — I also Give and devise to my said Wife three male and three female Negro or Mulatto slaves such as she may chuse either belonging to my family or my Farm, I also Give and devise to my said Wife one third part of all the plate I may have at the time of my death — Together with a third part of all the Household linen, beds and bedding that I may have at the time of my death. and as I mean to make as simple provision for my said wife Williamina as my circumstances will permit, (doing justice to my Children by my former Wife) I mean all the above devises as a full compensation for all the claims she may

may Legally have against my estate, and not otherwise. —
I also Give and devise to my Son Thomas Cadwalader fifteen hun=
=dred pounds in Gold or Silver Coin to be put to Interest for his use. —
I also give and devise to my Son Thomas one fourth part of my House
and two Lots purchased of Samuel Roads in Second street and the
Stables and Coach houses erected thereon and all the other buildings
belonging to the same, after the death of his Mother Williamina
Cadwalader. — I also Give and devise to my said Son Thomas —
a Lot of Ground containing about four acres, more or less, lying
on South Street and purchased of William Hicks together with that
part of the said Lot claimed by the late Proprietors of Pennsylvania
and which I purchased of them. — But if my said Son Thomas
should die before he arrives at Age and without Issue, then —
I Give and devise the said four Acre Lot and the claimed —
part purchased of the late said Proprietors to my Son John —
Cadwalader; and in case my said Son John should die before
he arrives at age and without Issue, I Give and devise the said
four Acre Lot and said claimed part purchased of the s.d late
Proprietors to my daughters Anne Elizabeth and Maria Cad=
=walader, to be equally divided between them or the survivors or Survivors
of them, provided the person or persons who may happen to die, do
not leave Issue of their bodies. — And if my said Son Thomas should
die before he arrives at age and without Issue, I give and devise the
said one fourth part of said Lots Stables Coach houses in Second Street together with the s.d
buildings devised as above to him, the said Thomas to my said
daughters Anne, Elizabeth and Maria, to be equally divided
between them or the survivor or Survivors of them. — And if my
said Son Thomas should die before he arrives at age and without
Issue, I Give and devise the said sum of Fifteen hundred pounds,
as above divised to him, to be equally divided between my said
daughters Anne Eliz.th & Maria to the survivor or Survivors of them. —

Also I give and devise to my Son John Cadwalader one-
fourth part of my said House and Lotts on Second Street purcha-
=sed of Samuel Roads, and the stables, coach-houses and other
buildings erected thereon;— also I give and devise to my s.d Son John
my Lot in Second street, Twenty six feet front and about one-
hundred and thirty Feet deep, be the same more or less pur-
=chased of my father Thos. Cadwalader deceased and adjoining
my said house — except, that part occupied by the Kitchen and
Necessary-house belonging to said house purchased of Samuel
Roads.— I also give and devise to my said Son John one-
thousand pounds to be put to Interest for his use— But
if my said Son John Cadwalader should die before he arrives at age
and without issue, I then give and devise all the above mentioned
devises to him made, to my daughters Anne, Elizabeth and Maria
Cadwalader, and to the survivor or Survivors of them;— except the
person or persons so dying shall leave Issue of their or either of
their bodies.— Also I give and devise to my said Sons Thomas
and John Cadwalader all my wearing apparel my Gold watch,
Gold Shoe, knee and stock Buckles, Sword, and sleeve Buttons—
and every other thing belonging to my person, and all my Books,
to be equally divided, in Value, between them, as their Mother
William in shall direct.— Also I give and devise to my—
daughter, Fanny Cadwalader the sum of One thousand pounds,
to be put to Interest for her use;— Also I give and devise to my said
daughter Fanny one fourth part of my house and two Lots on Second
Street purchased of Samuel Roads, together with the Stables, coach-hous-
=es and other Buildings erected thereon.— But if my s.d daughter
Fanny should die before she arrives at age or Marries, I then give &
devise the devises made to her as above, to my daughters Anne—
Elizabeth and Maria, and to the survivor or Survivors of
them provided the person or persons dying shall leave no
Issue.— Also I give and devise to William—

William Gough two hundred pounds to be paid to him in Six months after the time of my death without Interest, exclu- = sive of the wages that may be due to him at the time of my death, which is fixed at Sixty pounds ℔ Annum ——— —

Also I give and devise to — Anne who formerly Nursed my daughter Maria but is since married, Fifty pounds to be paid in Six months after my death without Interest. —— Also — I Give and devise to the daughter of the said Anne — who was born before the said Anne — marriage and who is now — about seven years old, the Sum of Two hundred pounds to be — placed at Interest by my Brother Lambert Cadwalader and the Interest to be appropriated by him for her Maintainance tile she arrives at the age of eighteen years or Marries, whichever may first happen and then the said sum of two hundred pounds to be paid to her and the interest to cease —— —— ——

I also give and devise to my dear Nephew and Niece Sam.l & and Mary Dickinson, children of Philemon Dickinson, each a Gold Watch which my executors are requested to purchase for them in twelve months after my death; which I request they wile accept as a token of my affection for them. And my will further is that if my dear wife Williamina Cadwalader does not chuse to live in and occupy my said House and two lots purchased of Sam.l Roads, on Second Street and the Coach-houses, stables & other Buildings thereon, and it is more in her opinion for her Interest, and the Interest of my dear Children to sele than — occupy the same or rent them, in that case my will is, and I hereby request and authorize my Executors to sele the same — to the best advantage, and to put the money arising from the sale thereof to Interest on Good security; — and to pay the Interest thereof to my said Wife during her natural life annually — and my will further is, that after the death of my said —

Wife. I Give and devise one Fourth part of the principal Sum for which the said House, Lotts, Stables, Coach-houses and other Buildings may sell for, to my said son Thomas Cadwalader; one other fourth part to my son John Cadwalader, and one other fourth part to my daughter Fanny Cadwalader;— each one fourth part, given to each of my abovenamed Children,— Subject however to the like exceptions and to decend in each particular case, in Case of the death of any or all of my said Children Thomas, John and Fanny, as directed in the former part of this my will where they are devised each one fourth part of said House, Lotts, Stables, Coach-houses, and other Buildings, and my will is that no alterations shall take place, whether each of my said Children hold the said fourths as personal or real estate,— but shall descend as directed where the said Property is disposed of, as real estate.— And whereas there is a certain Tract of Land in Sussex County in the State of New Jersey purchased many years since of John Jenkins of New Jersey, laid down for about Seventeen hundred and Fifty acres — which Tract of Land was given and conveyed to me by my Father Thomas Cadwalader,— one half of which Tract of Land I did for divers good reasons convey to my Brother Lambert Cadwalader I therefore will and I hereby direct and empower my executors to sell the part belonging to me, or rent the same, as they in their Judgements may think most for the Interest of my mother and my Family and if sold to put the money at interest on good security and pay the Interest arising therefrom annually to my dear Mother for her better support during her Natural life,— or if rented, to pay the rent annually or half yearly to my said mother Hannah Cadwalader for the purposes aforesaid for and during her natural life.— And my will is and I hereby Give and devise my part of the said Tract of Land in New Jersey purchased by my Father of John Jenkins, if not sold by my executors, to my daughters Anne, Elizabeth and Maria Cadwalader, to be equally divided—

Divided between them and the Survivor or survivors of them, provided the person or persons dying should have no Issue — and in case the same Tract of land is Sold by my executors, my will is, and I Give and devise the Money arising from the Sale — thereof to be equally divided between my said Daughters Anne, Elizabeth and Maria, as above directed — but in either Case — this not to take place till the death of my said mother Hannah Cadwalader — Also, I Give and devise to my dear Sister Mary Dickinson, wife of Philemon Dickinson, two handsome suits of Silk Cloaths with trimmings compleat — which my exe- = cutors are requested to purchase for her — — — — — Also I Give and devise to my Brother Lambert Cadwalader my Solo phaeton and a pair of horses, the riding horse which I may have at the time of my death and Saddle Bridle and a pair of — harness — Also, I Give and devise to my dear Children Anne, Elizabeth and Maria Cadwalader, all that Tract of land lying on Sasafras river called Bennetts regulation, in Kent County in the State of Maryland containing about Seventeen hundred and Fifty acres, be the same more or less, likewise a piece of land containing about Thirty three acres, be the same more or less purchased by Col.d Edward Lloyd dec.d of one Denning — adjoining Bennetts regulation; likewise another Tract of land about one hundred and Twenty six acres formerly belonging to one Denning and conveyd to me by Edward Lloyd my brother in law, and adjoining the said tract called Bennetts regulation all which said Tracts I Give to the said Anne, Elizabeth & Maria Cadwalader to be equally divided between them, or the survivor or Survivors of them provided Nevertheless that the person or persons dying shall leave no Issue and not otherwise together with all the buildings and improvements on the said several Tracts, and all the furniture that may belong to my said house on said Farm at the time of my death; — together

with all the Negroes young and old Male and female which may belong or be on said Farm at the time of my death; and all the stock of Horses, Cattle, Sheep, hogs, and Stock of every kind, and farming utencils, and Carts Waggons, and every other thing belonging to said farm, except such Negroes as my dear Wife may chuse according to the devise before to her made — All which I give and devise to my said dear Daughters Anne, Elizabeth & Maria to be equally divided between them and the survivor or Survivors of them, except one or any should die and leave issue — Also I give and devise to my said daughters Anne, Elizabeth and Maria a piece of Marsh on Pensaukin Creek in New Jersey conveyed to me by Hannah Adams, in consideration of the annual Sum of Twenty pounds, to be paid to s.d Hannah Adams during her Natural life — which sum of Twenty pounds I hereby direct shall be annually paid out of the income of my estate and not to be — Charged to the particular Account of my said children — I also — Give and devise to my said daughters Anne Elizabeth & Maria Cadwalader all the residue of my estate real and personal of what ever kind not before devised in whatever state or Country it may lie to be equally divided between them, and the survivor or Survivors of them, if either should die without issue of their bodies — But if my Children Anne, Elizabeth and Maria should all die before they arrive at age and without Issue of their or either of their Bodies, then and not otherwise, I give and devise all the estate real and personal devised as before to my said Children Anne, Elizabeth and Maria, to my Sons Thomas and John Cadwalader to be equally divided between them or the survivor of them, — except the one who dies should leave issue — But in case Thomas and John Cadwalader or the survivor should become, by the death of their said Sisters Anne Elizabeth & Maria possessed of all the estate real and personal heretofore devised to their said Sisters, then, and in that case I hereby Give and devise and my will is that Thomas and John

John or the Survivor of them so holding said estate shall pay to their sister Fanny the Sum of three thousand pounds out of the said estate so obtained by the death of their said Sisters Anne, Elizabeth and Maria ——————. And my will is and my Executors are hereby directed and authorized to keep a sufficient Number of Negroes and stock and farming utensils on my said farm in Kent County on Eastern shore river aforesaid in Maryland as will be necessary and sufficient to work and stock the farm so as to produce the best income from said farm ——— ——— ———

And whereas I have lately purchased a piece of land with the Improvements on the same, containing about Twelve acres be the same more or less of Joseph Wood now residing at — Reading in the State of Pennsylvania; — which piece of land and improvements are situated in the Northern Liberties a little distance North of Turners Lane, the deed for which from Joseph Wood and wife to me is now in the hands of Wm. John Nixon to get the acknowledgement made on said Deed as soon as Joseph Wood and his Wife comes to Town. Now my will is and I hereby give & devise the said piece of land with all the improvements thereon, conveyed to me by said Joseph Wood, to my daughters Anne, Elizabeth and Maria Cadwalader and to the survivor or Survivors of them Provided the person or persons so dying shall not leave issue — and the said devise is to descend, in case all of my sd. daughters shall die before they arrive at age and without issue of either, in the same manner as is directed with respect to all the other devises heretofore made; or such property as they may possess, either real or personal, as residuary Legatees. Also I give and devise to my wife Williamina Cadwalader, my double Phaeton with the — harness belonging to the same — And I do hereby Constitute and appoint my Brother Lambert Cadwalader and my Brother in Law Philemon Dickinson to be my whole and sole — Executors to this my last will and Testament. And as I — have considerable demands against the estate of —

Col. Edward Lloyd dec.d I refer my Executors to my memorandums contained in my Books and Papers now in my possesion which will furnish them with the Necessary Information — and my desire is that they claim immediately a Settlement of my s.d Brother in law Col. Edward Lloyd and recover all that may be due upon such Settlement as soon as possible after my death — And whereas my brother in law Col. Edward Lloyd purchased a Tract of Land of me lying on wye River and made several payments in depreciated money, as will appear from the dates of said payments — and having confidence in the Honor and Justice of the s.d Col. Edward Lloyd I am well assured he will do justice to my Children daughters of his sisters, my late dear wife, by paying the depreciation on said payments, upon application for the same and a proper representation of the case ——— In confirmation of the foregoing and the appointment of my Executors I have to this writing, done in my own hand writing, and contained in this & the eleven preceding pages, and my hand and Seal to this twelfth page this 29th day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty Five ———

John Cadwalader (Seal)

The foregoing contained in Twelve pages of paper, each of which is Subscribed by the s.d Jn.o Cadwalader the Testator, is signed sealed published & declared by the s.d Jn.o Cadwalader as his last will and Testament in presence, of us the Subscribers, who in his presence and at his request and in presence of each other do sign the same; as Witnesses thereto — the said John Cadwalader being — at the time of his signing Sealing Publishing and declareing in Good health and of Sound disposing mind & Memory ——— the words possessed in 11th line 10th page, and me in 11th line 11th page first interlined ———

Isaac Freeman
Donaldson Yeates
James Lorie —

March 11th 1786 Then came — Isaac Freeman and James Lorie two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last will and Testament of John — Cadwalader late of Kent County deceased and Severally made oath on the Holy

Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they did see the Testator therein named Sign and Seal this Will, and that 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 disposing mind Memory and understanding, and that they these Deponants Together with Donaldson Yeates the other Subscribing Witness within named, 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 —— Before J. Nicholson Regr ——

In the Name of God Amen I Michael Miller of Kent County in the State of Maryland being sick and Weak of Body but thanks be to God of Sound disposing Mind Sense and Memory do make and Ordain this to be my last will and Testament in Manner and form following Viz —— ——

1st First I Give and Bequeath unto my Son Ralph Miller as Legacies one Negro man called Tom, one Negro Boy called Jack, one Negro Girl called Rose, and one Negro Girl called Jane, and there Increase, one young young Horse called America, one Mare Ten years old called Nancy, one Mare called Jenny, one Mare called Nancy, Six Ews and Six Lalves, Six Ewes and Six Lambs, Two Sows and Ten Pigs, one Feather Bed and furniture, Six Silver Table Spoons, one Silver Soop Spoon, Five Silver Tea Spoons, one pair of Silver Tea tongs Ten pewter plates, Two pewter dishes, Twelve earthen plates, Two Walnut Tables, one looking Glass, one Silver Watch one House Clock, one Gun, and my Will and my desire is that my Son Ralph Miller be at full

In the Name God Amen I Jacob Falconer of Kent County and State of Maryland being Sick in Body but of Perfect mind and Memory, thanks be to God, therefore Calling to mind the Mortality of my Body and knowing that it is Appointed for all men once to Die doe make, and Ordain this my last Will and Testament, — First I give and Recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it, and my body to be Buryed in a Decent Christian like manner at the Descrepsion of my Executors, and as Touching such Worldly Goods as it has pleased God to Bless me with in this life — I Give and dispose of in way and Manner following — first that all my Just debts to be paid — I Give to my Son Jacob all my Lands I now hold and possess where I now live to him and his Heirs Lawfully Begotten for ever, but if my Son Jacob should die without Lawfull Issue; or Should live to have Lawfull Issue, and they should all die that then my Will is that all my Lands, shall Desend to my Grandson William Clines, and to his Heirs Lawfully begotten begotten forever, but for want of such heirs and Issues, as before — mentioned and they should all be dead then my Will is that all my Lands, Shall desend to my two Grand Daughters Rebecca Clines, and Anna Greenwood; and to there heirs — Lawfully Begotten forever — A Lott of Ground I now hold — lying Joineing to Chester Town I leave to be sold by my — Executrix or Executors and the money to be Applied — towards paying off a Ballance due on the Land I now live on, I doe hereby Constitute and Appoint my Loving Wife — Rebecca Falconer Executrix and Phillip Clines my Son in Law Executor of this my last will and Testament — — do hereby rec. me Confirm Disannull all former wills Test. Ratify & Confirm this my last

Testament, In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this Twenty Sixth day of January 1706— Signed Sealed and pronounced by the Testator as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us ———

Ebenr Reyner
John Hudson
Andrew Mayer

Jacob Falconer (Seal)

March 11th 1706 Then came Ebenezer Reyner, John Hudson and Andrew Mayer the Three subscribing Witness to the within last Will and Testament of Jacob Falconer late of Kent County deced and severally made oath on the Holy Evangels 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, and that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehensions of Sound and disposing mind Memory (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 ——

Before J Nicholson Regr—

In the Name of God 1768 Amen I Phillip Davis of Kent County in the State of Maryland Mariner. and at present being in Perfect Health, and being of Sound disposing mind and Memory and being bound on a Voyage to Sea. do make ordain and declare this to be my last will and Testament revoaking all other will or Wills heretofore Made by me, (what worldly Goods it hath been pleased God to bless me with I give and dispose off in Manner following to Wit ———

First I Give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Ann Elizabeth Davis One Negroe Gile Slave Named Beck as a Legacy

Secondly I Give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Mary Davis One Negroe Girl Slabe Named Fills as a Legacy——

Thirdly I Give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Ann Davis one Negro Girl Slave Called Ann as a Legacy—— ——

Fourthly I Give and Beaqueath unto my Daughter Sarah Davis one Negro Girl Slave Named Mint as a Legacy, and my Will is that Twenty pounds Current Money shall be raised out of my Estate, and Applied to the Benefit of my said Daughter Sarahs Education over and above her part of the residue of my Estate ———

And further my will and desire is that my Brother David Davis is and hereby Excluded from any benefit Trust use Interest or Profit that the Law Might intitle him to in my Estate, Both real and Personal, or any other Matter or thing that he in any wise Might Concern with it ———

Item I Give and Bequeath unto my Loving Wife Mary Ann Davis one Negro Man Slave called Tom as a Legacy, and

and my will and desire is that my said Wife have use Occupy and injoy the residue of my said Estate during her Natural Life both Real and Personal, and after her decease to be equally divided amongst all my Children ——

And if in Case my said Children Should die without Lawful Issue, that in Such case my will and desire is that my estate then in Such case be Equally divided between Benjamin Wills & Elizabeth Wills Son and Daughter of my Sister Elz. Wills Morgan and John Hurtt Junr. present Children to Shear and Shear alike. and I do by this my last will and Testament Nominate and appoint Morgan and John Hurtt Jr. to be the Sole Managers of my Estate for my said Children, and as my Plantation is destitute of Timber and my Son Phillip is young whom it falls too, and these my Trustees should think it most beneficial to his Interest to Sell and dispose of my said Land and purchase else where for him, my will and desire is that they Shall have full power and Lawfull Authority by this my last will and Testament to give a lawful and Just right to any person or persons who may Choose to purchase the Same ——

And Lastly I nominate and appoint my loving Wife Mary Ann Davis my whole and Sole Executrix of this my last will & Testament Revoaking and disanulling all other will or wills by me heretofore made and confirming this and no other to be my last will & Testament in Witness whereof I have hereunto affixed my Seal and and Set my hand this 23rd. day of June 1705 ——

Phillips Davis {Seal}

Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the Testator to be his last will and Testament (at whose request we Subscribed our Names the twenty words interlined before signing) Tho. Smyth, Sam. Beck, Levinus Clarkson ——

June 7th 1706 Then came Samuel Beck and Levinus Clarkson two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of Phillip Davis late of Kent County deceased, and Severally made oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that they heard the Testator by the name of Phillip Davis Publish Pronounce and declare the same to be his last will and Testament that at the same time of his so doing he was to the best of their Apprehensions of Sound and disposing mind Memory and understanding, and that Thomas Smyth the other Subscribing Witness was present at the same time and Signed his Name as a Witness to this will together with those deponants in the Presence of the Testator and in the presence of each other — Before I. Nicholson Regr —

In the Name of God Amen I Thomas Hepborn of Kent County and State of Maryland being Sick and weak of Body but of perfect and Sound disposing mind and Memory do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form following — Imprimis I Give and Bequeath unto my Son John Hepborn and his Heirs forever Thirty Acres of Land called Luck agreeable to deed be the same more or less, and after all the wood Timber is Gone and used of said land my will is that my Son John Shall be Supplyed with Wood and Timber from the Land that I hereafter leave to my Son Thomas Hepborn — Item I Give and Bequeath to my Son — Joseph Hepborn and his his Heirs for ever two acres of Land on some Convenient corner of the Land that I hereafter Will to my Eldest Son Thomas Hepborn my will is that my Son Joseph shall be Supplied with Wood and Timber for the use of said two acres of Land from the Land which

which I leave to my Son Thomas, my Will further is that my Son Thomas Hepborn shall pay his Brother Joseph Hepborn Fifty pounds Current money when, he the said Joseph arwes at the age of Twenty one years in Gold & Silver

Item I give and bequeath to my Eldest Son Thomas Hepborn all the the residue of my Lands, and all my personal Estate, my will is that my Son Thomas shall in in a decent way Support and maintain his Mother dureing her Natural life and if my Son Thomas should dy before his Mother, my will is that my Wife Ann shall shall have a Sufficient Support & Maintainance from the profits of the Lands that I have left my Son Thomas

Item my Will is that my two daughters Sarah Woodall and Ann Briscoe shall not have any of my Estate after my decease having given them Sufficient part of my Estate allready

Item my will is that there Shall be no administiation on my estate after my decease dated 29th day of March 1705

Signed Sealed published and declared to be my last will and Testament in the presence of — John Lamb —

his
Thomas + Hepborn (Seal)
Mark

Joshua Lamb, Jos. Greenwood p[r]

April 8th 1706 Then came Joshua Lamb & John Lamb (two of the Subscribing witnesses to the within last will and Testament of Thomas Hepborn late of Kent County deced being two of the people call'd Quakers on their Solemn Affirmation to them Administered Affirm and declare, and Joseph Greenwood the other Subscribing witness thereto, on his Oath to him duly administered on the Holy Evangels, deposed & declared that they did see the Testator therein named sign & Seal this will, & that they heard him publish pronounce & declare the same to be his last will & Test[t] & that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their Apprehensions of sound disposing mind memory & understanding and that they respectively Subscribed their names as Witnesses to this will, in the presence, & at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other —

Before I. Nicholson Reg[r]

In the Name of God Amen the Twenty Second day of February 1706. I James Hynson of Kent County and State of Maryland farmer being Sick and weak in body But of perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God for the same— therefore calling to mind the Mortality of my Body and Knowing that it is once appointed for all men to die do make and ordain this my last my last will and Testament, that is to say first and principally. I Give and recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it, and my Body I recommend to the earth to be decently Buried at the Discression of my Executors Nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God, and as touching such worldly estate as it hath been pleased God to bless me with in this Life I Give devise and dispose of the same in manner and form Following to Wit ——— ———

Imprimis I Give and Bequeath unto my Beloved wife Sarah Hynson a third part of all my Lands dewing her Natural Life and no Longer and also a third part of my personal estate— after my funeral Charges and Just debts are taken and deducted out— Item I Give and Bequeath unto my Beloved Son James my plantation and the thirds of there of after my Beloved wifes decease to him and his heirs forever, But if my Son James should die without Lawfull Issue of his Body Begotten then and in Such Case I Give and Bequeath the said plantation to my Beloved Son William to him and his heirs forever, also I Give devise unto my Beloved son James a Negro man Named Nat a Negro— woman Named Amy, one Mare called Light foot a Black horse called Tom and a Black horse called Why not ——

Item I Give and Bequeath unto my Beloved Son William— a Negro man Named Harry a Negro Girl named Rachel a Bay horse Colt, a mear called Duel and a Grey horse Caled Joppin to him and his Heirs forever ——

Item I give and Bequeath to my Beloved Daughter Sarah my Black mear called Pleasure Saddle and Bridle —

Lastly I do hereby Constitute and ordain my Beloved wife Sarah Thynson and James ~~Thynson~~ Wilson Junr as my Sole Executrix and Executor to execute this my last will and Testament, and I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke and Disannul all and every other former wills and Testaments by me in any ways before named willed and Bequeathed ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and Testament in Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal the day and year above written ———

James his Mark Thynson (Seal)

Signed sealed published, pronounced and declared By the sd James Thynson as his last will and Testament in the presence of Test Campbell St Clair, Elisha Massy — Ephm Cooper —

May 4th 1786. Then came Campbell St Clair and Elisha Massy two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last will & Testament of James Thynson late of Ken County deced and severally made oath on the Holy Evangels 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 disposing mind Memory and understanding, and that Ephm Cooper the other Subscribing witness within named was present at the same time and Signed his name as a Witness to this will together with these deponants in the presence at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other

Before I. Nicholson Regr —

In the Name of God Amen, I. James Chappel
of Kent County and State of Maryland being weak of Body but
of Sound mind and Memory do make this my last will and
Testament in Manner and form as Followeth ——

I Give into my Sisters Eldest doughter Mary Snell my Trunk
I Give unto my Sisters daughter Sary Snell my Silver Buckels
Item I Give into my Sister daughter Elizabeth Snell as much
Money as will make her equal with the other that has the Trunk
Item I Give into John Snell my Brother in law my Saddle &
Bridle, new Great Coat, Broad cloth Coat, Corderoy Vest and
Breeches likewise my Dame Vest and Breeches, a pair of Boots
and two pair of Shues. Item I Give into my father John Chapple
my every day Coat vest and Breeches also a par of Ticking Breeches
a pair of Jane and a par of Coatton Breches, and one Shilling Sterling
and no more —— Item I Give unto Benjamin Kelly my Sage Grey coat
Lastly I give all my Estate after my Just debts are paid that is not
abroad willd to be equally divided between John Sewels three
daughters Mary, Sary, and Elizabeth Swell. I nominate & appoint
John Sewell my Executer of this my last will and Testament Cancelling
ing all others in witness where of I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this
Eighteenth day of March one thousand seven hundred & eighty six

James Chapple (Seal)

Signed Sealed published and delivered by James Chapple the Testator
before us — Thos. Medford, Phillip Drugan, ——

June 21st 1786 Then came Phillip Drugan one of the Subscribing Witnesses to the
within last will and Testament of James Chapple late of Kent County deced & made
oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that he did See the Testator therein
Named Sign and Seal this will, that he heard him publish pronounce & declare the
same to be his last will & Testament, that at the time of his so doing he was to the best
of his Knowledge of Sound & disposing mind memory & understanding that
Thomas Medford the other Subscribing Witness was present at the same time & Signed
his Name as a Witness to this will together with this deponant in the Presence
& at the request of the Testator & in the Presence of each other

Before I. Nicholson Regr

In the Name of God Amen I Sarah Craig of Kent County in the State of Maryland being in perfect health of Body and of sound disposing mind and memory considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs and thereby be the better prepared to leave this world when it shall please God to call me hence 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 devise all that Piece of Ground which I bought of Cooter Griffith and known or distinguised by the Name of Lot Number 62 and whereon my dwelling House now stands unto my Son Robert Reid for and untill my Grandson James Reid Son of my deceased Son John Reid shall come and arrive to his age of Twenty one years, then I Give and devise the same unto my said Grandson James Reid for and during his Natural Life; and after his death I Give and devise the same to the first second third and every other Son and Sons of the Body of my said Grandson successively and in remainder the one after the other as they shall be in Priority of Birth and Seneority of age and the several and respective Heirs of the Bodies of such first second third and other Son and Sons as aforesaid the eldest of such Sons and the Heirs of his Body being always ——— preferred and to take before any of the younger Sons and the Heirs of his Body and in default of such Heirs ———

of his Body and in default of such Heirs to all and every the daughters and daughters of the Body of my said Grandson James Reid equally and severally as Tenants in Common and not as Joint tenants and the several and respective Heirs of the Bodies of such Daughter and Daughters as aft.d and in default of such Heirs as aft.d I Give and devise the aft.d Lot or piece of Ground unto my Son Robert Reid and his Heirs forever ———

Item. I Give and Bequeath unto my two Sons Robert Reid & Dean Reid all my personal Estate whatsoever that belongs to me to be equally divided between them ——

Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my aforesaid Son Robert Reid to be Sole Executor of this my last will and Testament revoking and annulling all former wills by me heretofore made and ratifying and confirming this and None other to be my last will and Testament —— In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and affixed my Seal this twenty first day of May 1783 in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty three ———

Sara Craig (Seal)

Signed Sealed published and declared by S. Craig the above named Testatrix as for her last will & Test.t in the presence of us who at her request and in her presence have subscribed our Names as Witnesses thereto ——

Robt. Constabel, John Palmer, Alex.r Maxwell ——

January 6. 1786 Then came Robert Constabel and Alex.r Maxwell two of the Subscribing witnesses to the within last will & Testament of Sarah Craig late of Kent Cty. dec.d severally made oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they did see the Test.rx herein named sign & seal this will that they heard her publish pronounce & declare the same to be her last will & Test.t that at the time of her so doing she was to the best of their apprehensions of sound disposing mind Memory & understanding, that they these deponants together with Jno. Palmer the other Subscribing witness was present at the same time & signed his Name as a Witness to this Will together with these deponants in the presence & at the request of the Test.rx & in the presence of each other. Before I Nicholson Reg.r

In the Name of God Amen I Matthew Smith being Sick & weak in Body but of sound mind and memory and Knowing that all Men once must die, as to my worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleas'd God to bless me, I will and desire as followeth, first my will is that my Just debts and Buriel Expences, be paid——

Secondly, I give and Bequeath to my loving wife Hannah Smith all the residue and remainder of my estate Real and personal during her Natural life and at her Decease my will is that my Sisters Hannah Smith have what I above have will'd my Wife; witness my hand and Seal this Fifteenth day of July seventeen hundred and Eighty five——

Matthew Smyth (Seal)

Sign'd and Seal'd in presents of us, and at the request of the Testator N.B. the words, at and my was interlin'd before Sign'd and Seal —— Gilt. Falconar, Walter Meeds, John Rolinson ——————————

June 23rd, 1786 Then came Walter Meeds one of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last will and Testament of Mathew Smith late of Kent County deed and made oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that he did see the Testator therein named sign and Seal this will and that he heard him publish pronounce and declare the same to be his last will and Testament that at the time of his so doing he apprehended the Testator was in Liquor that some time after he had sign'd s.d will, to wit three or four days, he the s.d Testator then being sober in his proper Senses Informed him this deponant that he had made this will and approved thereof, and that Gilbert Falconar & Jn.o Rolinson the other Subscribing witness was present at the same time Signed their names as witnesses to this will together with this deponant in the presence at the request of the Testator & in the presence of each other Before I Nicholson Reg.r ——

In the Name of God Amen I James Vansant
of Kent County State of Maryland being Sick and weak of Body
but of perfect Sound mind and Judgement and calling to mind the
Mortality of my Body, and knowing that it is appointed unto all
men once to die — do make Ordain and Constitute this my last
will and Testament in manner and form following — — —
First of all I Give and Bequeath my Soul to Almighty God
who gave it me Beseeching him of his Infinite Mercy to Accept
of it and my Body I leave to be Buried in some Christian Burial
place at the discretion of my Executors, and Concerning what —
worldly Goods it hath pleased God to Bless me with in this World
after my Just debts and funeral expences are paid I Bequeath
in the following manner — — — — — —
Imprimis, I Give leave and Bequeath unto my Brother, Benjamin
Vansant all and Singular my lands and Tenements to him and
his Heirs forever, and in Case he should die without Heirs then my
will is that my Brother Stephen Vansant and his heirs shall —
enjoy the same forever — Item the Remaining part of
my personal estate after Complying with this my last will — I —
Give and leave to be Equally divided Between my Two afore
mentioned Brothers Namely Benjamin and Stephen Vansant to
them and their heirs, and in case either of them dies without, I give then my
will is that the Surviving one and his heirs shall enjoy the whole —
forever — Lastly I do Constitute and Appoint my Father
Cornelius Vansant Sole executor of this my last will and Testament
hereby Revoking and disanulling all other will or wills heretofore
made by me and declare this to be my last will and Testament
In witness where of I have hereunto set my hand and Seal —
this fourteenth day of April 1786 — — —

James Vansant (Seal)

Signed Sealed published and pronounced by the Testator to be his last will and Testament in presence of. James Speer Garrett Vansant, Saml. M.c Dowell ——

July 26th 1706, Then came James Speer, Garrett Vansant and Samuel M.c Dowell the Three Subscribing Witnesses to the within last will and Testament of James Vansant late of Kent County deced and Severally made oath on the Holy Evangels 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 and that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehen= =sions of Sound and disposing mind memory and understanding and that they Respectively subscribed their Names as Witness to this will in the presence and at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other

Before Jn.o Nicholson Regr ——

In the Name of God Amen I David Jones of Queen Anns County and the State of Maryland, now at the House of M.r William Ilsley of Chester Town in Kent County and state afd being sick and indisposed in Body but of Sound mind Memory and understanding, do make this my last will and Testament in manner and form following to wit, designing by this to dispose of my whole Worldly estate ——

First I do will order and desire that all my Just and legal debts be paid by my executors herein after Mentioned and appointed —— Secondly I do hereby devise and Give full Power and authority to my executors to sell and dispose of all my estate both real and personal, upon such terms, and conditions as to them shall seem meet and proper, and after the payment of my debts as aforesaid

it is my Wish and desire that the Whole of my said estate, arising from the sales aforesaid should be equally divided Share and Share alike between my most beloved Wife and Children as Tennants in Common and not as Joint tenants And if either of my executors herein named named should die or Refuse to Act, it is my wish, and I do hereby will that the Survivor, shall have the same power and Authority as if the whole had acted and taken upon themselves the burthen of my last will — I do further order and appoint, that if my executors should die, and the Survivor of them, should make a last will and Testament, and Constitute and appoint executors thereby, that, in such Case the said executors, or those of them that shall act, and take upon themselves the Charge of the said will shall have as full and ample powers as if they had been my executors herein Mentioned. ——— ——

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this 21st. day of May in the year 1706 Ordaining and hereby Constituting my beloved wife and my friend William Slubey executors and Trustees of this my last will ~~Will~~ and Testament, hereby revoking all wills by me made excepting this ——— ——— ———

David Jones (Seal)

Signed sealed published and declared by the Testator as and for his last will and Testament in the presence of the Testator, and in the presence of each of the witnesses, who at his request do hereunto subscribe and set our hands as Witnesses thereto —— Pere Tethbury, William M.Kenney, Alex.r Maxwell ———

August 14th 1706 Then Came pers: Lethbury Wm McKenney two of the Subscribing Witneses to the within Last will and Testament of David Jones Late of Kent County deceased and Severally made oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they did see the Testator herein Named Sign and Seal this Will 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 disposing mind Memory and understanding, and that they these deponants together with Alex: Maxwell the other Subscribing Witness was present at the same time and Signed his name as a witness to this will together with these deponants in the presence (at the request of the Testator (in the presence of each other

Before Jno Nicholson Regr

I Elizabeth Williamson of Chester Town in Kent County Widow being of sound and disposing mind and Memory, thanks be to Almighty God for the same do make this my Last Will and Testament this 25th day of January in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and Eighty six for the disposition of my whole personal Estate in manner form following that is to say First Whereas by the Will of my late Uncle Doct. John Nicols of London deceased I shall be intitled to the Sum of Six hundred pounds sterling money after the death of my Aunt Nicols his Widow, in case I shall happen to survive her, it is therefore my Will that if that Event should take place that the said Sum of Six hundred pounds Sterling when the same shall be received by my Executors herein after named shall be equally divided between my three daughters Ann Deane, Sarah Wilmer

and Mary Hands and I do bequeath the same to them equally to be divided and in case of the death of either of my said Children — such part to go to such her Child or Children as she shall appoint or in such manner as she shall direct —

Item — I Give and devise to my said 3 daughters to them and their Heirs forever as Tenants in Common my Pew in the Church in Chester Town aforesaid —

Item — I Give and devise all the Interest money that may be due at my death on my Bonds and also one third part of the Principal of such Bonds to the use of my said daughter Sarah Wilmer for and during her Life and after her decease I devise the same to go and be equally divided between her four Daughters Elizabeth, Maria, Sarah, Rebecca, and Harriot —

Item, I Give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Hands one other third of the principal of such Bonds as I may be possessed of at the Time of my Decease as aforesaid —

Item I Give and Bequeath unto my Grand-daughter — Maria Gresham one other third part of such Bonds as aforesaid Also one Bed bedstead and Bed Cloaths for the said Bed

Item I Give and Bequeath to my Grand-daughter Elizabeth Wilmer my two young Negroes Peter and Ann but it is my Will that my daughter Sarah Wilmer shall have the use of them during her Life —

Item I Give Bequeath and Confirm to each and every of my Children and Grandchildren every thing which I have heretofore given to them the possession of and concerning which any dispute might arise by reason of my not having made legal Deeds of Gift of the same —

It is my desire and I hereby direct that in consideration of the long and and faithfull Services of my Negroman Chester he shall be at Liberty to support himself in such manner as he may like best provided he be not burdensome to my Executors or any other Person ——— Item I give and Bequeath to my Daughter Sarah Wilmer all the rest and residue of my Personal Estate whatsoever my Debts being first paid out of the same except any Legacy or Legacies I am or may be Intitled to and which in such Case I devise to my said three daughters to be equally divided between them —— Item —— I will and desire that all or any Sum or Sums of money that may be due or owing to me by my Son in Law Mr. Hands at the time of my decease shall not be considered as any part of my Personal Estate, and I do therefore give and devise to him all and every such Sum or Sums of money to be due or owing by him to me at the time of my decease —— Lastly I appoint my two Sons in Law Blackiston Wilmer and Thomas Bedingfield Hands Executors of this my last Will and Testament revoking all other Wills by me heretofore made; and I do hereby direct and order that they prove the same and adjust settle and pay out of my Estate what shall be just right and that they Give their Bonds before the Orphans Court of this County or the Register thereof with Condition for the payment of all Just debts and demands against me or my Estate and the due Execution of this my last will & Testament but that they do not make or cause to be made any appraisment of my Effects nor return any Inventory thereof to or before any Court or Officer whatsoever —— In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the day and year before written ——

Elizabeth Williamson (Seal)

Signed Sealed Published and declared by the sd. Elizabeth Williamson as and for her last will and Testament in the Presence of us who at her request have subscribed our Names as Witnesses thereto —— Edwd. Worrell, William Barroll, Samuel M. Thomson ——

August 14th 1786 Then came Wm Bandl one of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last will and Testament of Elizabeth Williamson late of Kent County deced and made oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that he did the see the Testator therein named Sign and Seal this Will, and that he heard her publish Pronounce and declare the same to be her last will and Testament, that at the time of her so doing she was to the best of his apprehension of sound disposing mind memory and understanding and that Edward Worrel and Samuel M Thompson was present at the same Time and Signed their Names as Witnesses to this Will together with this Deponant in the Presence and at the request of the Testator and in the Presence of each other

Before Jno Nicholson Regr

Kent County Maryland ss. Know all Men by these Presents that we Blackiston Wilmer and Thomas Bedingfield Hands of Kent County in the State of Maryland Gentlemen are held and firmly bound unto the State of Maryland in the full and Just Sum of One thousand Pounds Current Money to be paid unto the said State of Maryland to the which payment well and truly to be made and done we bind our selves and each of us our and each of our Heirs Executors and Administrators in and for the whole firmly by these Presents Sealed with our Seales and dated this 14th day of August in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred eighty six

The Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bound Blackiston Wilmer and Thomas Bedingfield Hands or the Survivor of them do and shall well and truly pay all Just Debts and demands against Elizabeth Williamson late of Kent County deceased or her Estate and do duely Execute the last will and Testament of the sd Eliz.th Williamson bearing date the Twenty fifth day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and eighty six and recorded in the Records for Wills &c. for Kent County according to the form Force and effect of the sd Will then the above Obligation to be void else to remain and be in full Force and Virtue in Law

B. Wilmer Seal

Th B. Hands Seal

Sealed delivered in Presence of Jno Nicholson

In the Name of God Amen the 16th day of August one Thousand Seven hundred and Eighty Six I Thomas Dee of Chester Town in the State of Maryland being Sick in Body but of good and perfect Memory thanks be to Almighty God and Calling to Remembrance the uncertain Estate of this Transitory Life and that all Flesh Must yield unto Death when it Shall please God to Call. do Make and Constitute ordain and Declare this to be my last Will and Testament in the Manor and form Following and first being Penitent and Sorry from the Bottom of my hart for my Sins most Humbly desiering forgiveness for the same I Give and Commit my Soul unto Almighty God my Saviour and Redeemer who Gave it and my Body to be decently Buried at the Discretion of my well Beloved Wife Elizabeth Dee whom I wholey and Solely make My Executrix and Administratix of this my last will and Testament and as for what worldly Estate it has pleased God to Bless me with more then I deserve First after my funeral Expences are Settled and paid I desire that all my Just debts shall be Settled and paid out of my worldly estate and Next I leave and Bequeath unto my Son John Dee my two Mares Next after my Wife hath taken her Thirds out of the Remainder I leave Bequeath unto my Two Daughters Martha Dee & Elizabeth Dee the rest of my estate wholy and Solely to them and their Heirs for ever I leave my well Beloved wife the Sole Administratix for the use and Behoofe of this my last will and Testament Revoking and annuling all and Every will or Wills Testament heretofore made by or for me where unto I have set my hand and Seal

In the Presents. Test. John Hanagan
Thomas Lawrence James Grade his Mark

Thomas Dee his Mark (Seal)

October 9th 1786 Then came John Hanagan and Thomas Lawrence two of the Subscribing witnesses to the within Last Will and Testament of Thos Dee late of Kent County deced and Severally made oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they did See the Testator herein Named Sign and Seal this Will that they heard him Publish Pronounce and declare the same to be his last Will Testament that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehensions of Sound disposing mind Memory and understanding that they these deponants together with James Grace the other Subscribing witness was present at the same time Signed his Name as a Witness to this will Together with these deponants in the Presence at the request of the Testator & in the presence of each other Before Jno Nicholson Regr

In the Name of God Amen I Robert Peacock of Kent County in the State of Maryland, being Sick and weak in Body but of Sound and disposing Mind and memory and calling to mind the uncertainty of this Life, and that it is appointed for all Men to die, do make this my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following Viz.t —

Imprimis. I resign my Soul into the hands of the Almighty God who gave it me, and my Body to the Earth, to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executor hereafter mentioned. And as for what wordly goods it hath pleased the Lord to bless me with, after my just Debts and funeral Charges are paid, I Give and dispose of in manner and form following Viz.t ——

I Give and Bequeath unto my two Brothers John and Richard and to their Heirs, all my Real Estate lying in Kent County aforesd — to be divided in manner and form following. The Main Road — leading from Moses Spores Gate to Chester Town, to be a Division as far on the said Road, as the Gate that stands between the aforesd Richard Peacocks House, and the Division fence between my Land and the Land of Jonathan Comegys, and thence from the said Gate, with a Streight line, untill it shall intersect the said Division fence. —— It is my Will and desire that my Brother Richard Peacock, after such Division made, shall have his first choise, but if it should so happen that he should make choise of the Land lying on the South side of the Road, then and in that case, he shall Give up to his Brother John Peacock all the Land that he the said Richard holes on the Easton Side of the said Road, and he is to have his choise of my said Land on no other terms. I Give and Bequeathe unto my Nephew John Sohberry One Hundred pounds Current Money, also unto my three Neices, Daughters of my brother Richard Peacock Viz.t Katharine Rachel and Margarett, Fifty pounds Current Money each, Also unto my Nephews and Neice Children of my Sister Rachel Viz.t William, Elejah, and Rebecca Fifty pounds Current Money each, the said Mentioned Legacies to be paid out of the Moneys I have due

due on Judgements and Bonds, provided they are sufficient for the purpose, if not, a deduction to be made from each in proportion I Give and Bequeath unto my Brother Richard all the remainder of my Estate, also two Negro Boys called Phil and Tom for and during the term following Viz.t Phil for the term of Nine Years and Tom for Eleven Years from the date hereof, after the Expiration of which time they shall be Hired out for the term of Five years each, and the Moneys to be received Annually for Hire of them, and kept by my Executor for the use and benefit of the said Negroes Phil & Tom, to be paid to each of them at the Expiration of the aforesd. Five years and not before, It is my Will and desire that the aforesd. Negroes Tom, and Phil, shall at the Expiration of the aforesd. Five Years become to all intents and purposes free Men, and clear from any person whatsoever, I Give and Devise unto my two Neices daughters of my Brother John Peacock named Mary and Cassandra Fifty pounds Current Money each, on the same terms that I have heretofore Given my other Nephews and Neices — And lastly I Constitute and appoint Richard Peacock Senr. my whole and Sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament — In Witness whereof I have hereto set my Hand and Affixed my Seal this 28th day of October Anno Domini 1786 ——

Rob.t Peacock (Seal)

Signed Sealed Published and declared to be my last Will & Testament — Before Joshua Lamb, Edw.d Beck, John Randal

Novem.r 15th 1786, Then came Edward Beck and John Randal & made oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God and Joshua Lamb at the same time on his Solemn Affirmation to him Administred Affirmed & Declared that they did see the Testator therein Named Sign 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 disposing mind Memory & understanding that they Respectively Subscribed their Names as Witnesses to this Will in the Presence at the Request of the Testator and in the Presence of each other ——

Before Dn.l Nicholson Regr ——

I Richard Lloyd of Kent County in the Province of Maryland being in perfect Health and of Sound Mind and memory do make ordain Constitute and appoint, this to be my last Will and Testament in manner following — First. Whereas I have given to my Daughter Ann Nicols by a Deed regularly enrolled in the Records of Kent County all my two Tracts of Land lying on Chester River as also such a proportion of my Negroes and Stock as I intended for Her; it is therefore my Will, that she shall have no part of my remaining Personal Estate at the time of my Decease. ——— Secondly — I Give and Bequeath unto my Son James Lloyd all my remaining Lands lying in of Kent County in the Province aforesaid to him, and his Heirs forever ——— Lastly, My Will is that my Loving wife Elizabeth Lloyd shall have the use of my House and plantation on the Bay side, as also my plantation on the Church Road near Mr. Wm. Moores during her Natural Life as a full Satisfaction for the Thirds of my Lands, and a full Third part of all my Personal Estate at the time of my Decease, and I do by these presents appoint my said Loving wife Elizabeth Lloyd my whole & Sole Executrix to Execute this my last Will and Testament in Testimony whereof I have hereunto sett my Hand and Seal this day of July 1775 — Richd. Lloyd —

Kent County Ss. The Deposition of James Tilghman Esqr. of Chester Town in Kent County aged Sixty nine years and upwards who being sworn on the holy Evangels deposeth and saith that he was for a great many years intimately acquainted with Colonel Richard Lloyd late of Kent County aforesaid deceased, that he very well knows the hand writing of the said Richard Lloyd, having received many letters from him and having often seen him write that he hath carefully examined the annexed Paper persepating to be the testament and last will of the said Richard Lloyd and exhibited in the Registers Office of Kent County aforesaid in order to be proved as such, and that he verily believes, and is certain

Certain as the Nature of such things will admit, that the whole of the writing on the said paper, both that part purporting to the will and the name of Richard Lloyd signed at the Bottom is the hand Writing of the said Richard Lloyd — And further this Deponent saith not. ——

James Pilghman —

Taken and sworn this 14th day of November in the year 1706 — before me the Subscriber Register of Wills for Kent County aforesaid —

Jno. Nicholson Regr ——

In the Name of God Amen. I Kinsin Wroth of Kent County State of maryland being Sick and Weak in body but of sound Mind and Memory thanks be to God for the same do — make and Ordain this to be my last Will and Testament in — Manner and form following — First and principally I recommend my Soul to God who gave it me trusting through the Merits of my Blessed redeemer to Receive forgiveness of all my sins, & Touching what Worldly Estate it hath Pleased God to bless me with After my Just Debts and burial Charges are paid I Will and Dispose of the same in Manner and form following Viz ——

Item — I Give and Bequeath to my Beloved Wife Frances Wroth — One young Brown Mare five years old, and the Money she sold her riding Chair for in part of her Thirds — Item I Give and Bequeath to my Beloved Daughter Mary Willis all the — money I have paid and am bound to pay for her Husband Joell — Willis her said Husband and herself Making over the Land — purchased by him of the States for the payment of which I am — Security to the States, If her said Husband should Out live her in full of her part of my Estate, But in Case my said Daughter — should Out live her present Husband and they shall have — Conveyed said Land by a Good and Lawfull Deed to my Son — Kinsin Wroth or his Heirs, then I Give my said Daughter two — Acers of Land of part of A Tract of Land Called Savereys ——

In the Name of God [illegible]

Savorys Farm Adjoyning the Main road, and the lines of
Wm Becks Land and do Order my Son Kinsin [illegible] a House
built on s[d] Land, If my Daughter needs the[m] a Brick Chimney therein
and fence the said Land in Under A good fence, and she to
have Liberty of Fire Wood of my Land during her Widowhood
If that is During her life but no longer then s[d] Land to return
to my Son, and his Heirs for Ever, — Item I Give and Bequeath
to my beloved Daughter Ann Wroth all the things I Deliv[d] to her
After Marage, with one Negro Wench called Binah in full of her
part of my Estate — Item I Give and Bequeath to my Beloved
Daughter Martha Apsley all the things that is in her posesion
that is my property with a Negro lad named George and a Negro
Girl in my posesion which my said Daughter Purchased of me
as p[r] my Receipt may Appear called Beck, in full of her part of my
Estate — Item I Give and Bequeath to my Daughter Charlotte
Wroth One Negro Boy called Abey which boy I Gave my said daugh
ter when born, I likewise give my said Daughter One Negro Girl called
Tamer which s[d] Negro my daughter purchased of me as p[r] Rec[t] may
Appear, I likewise give my said daughter One Young bay Mare that
I purchased of John Willis, I likewise give my said daughter One
Feather Bed and furniture with bedstead and Cord, One Cow and Calf
Six sheats, Six puter plates, two pewter Dishes, two small pewter Basons,
one Iron Pot, six Cups and Sausers Chaney, Six stone plates, one
Stone Dish, One Tea Pot, Six knives and forks, four Siting Chairs
One small Table, and one seal skin trunk, now in Posesion of
John Blackiston lent him by me, Likewise I Give my said daughter
One p[r] of silver Shugar tongs, In posesion of d[o] lent by his Mother
Francis Wroth to be return'd When called for, I likewise give my said
daughter Six silver tea Spoons, and one Iron Pot now in posesion
of Ebenezer Turner lent Ebenezer Blackiston by me to be returned
when called for, I likewise give my said daughter one Glass Dec[t]
Decanter in full of her part of my Estate, Except four Hogs due me from
the Estate of George Blackiston of the Dillaware State, Deceased

Deceased Valued by s^d Blackiston to me at Fifteen shillings each which Hogs or Value I Give my said daughter ——

Item— I Give and Bequeath unto my beloved Daughter Hannah Delany One Negro Girl called Gin which s^d Negro Girl I gave my s^d daughter when born, and one Negro girl called Siney which she Purchased of me as p^r Rect may Appear, I Likewise give my said daughter all the things I Deliv^d her after Marage, Onely One— Black horse called Hector, in Exchange for which horse, I Give my s^d daughter a horse called Bakus Colt, now in possesion of John Willis. and a looking Glass of Three Dollars price, to be Deliv^d her by my Son, in full of her part of my Estate, — Item— I Give and Bequeath to my Beloved son Kinwin Wroth One Negro Man called Sam— which s^d Negro Man I Deliv^d my said son when bought, I likewise— give my said son One Negro Boy called Jingo which he purchased of me as p^r Rect may Appear, Item— I Give and Bequeath to— Item— I Give and Bequeath to my Grandaughter Meley Willis one Negro Child named Millay when she arives at the Age— of Sixteen years old— Item I Give my Grandsons Isell Willis and Right Wroth Willis five pounds each to be Layed Out by their Mother or Uncle Kinwin Wroth towards Educating them— Item I Give Bequeath to my Grandson Dan^l Lloyd Delany One Small bay Colt— A mare which I gave him Immediately After it was foal and One Small saddle and Bridle to be Given him by his Uncle Kinwin Wroth If not given by me; as Soon as he is Able to Ride; and Twenty pounds Cash, I Desire my Son Kinwin may lay Out towards my s^d Sons Education and keep him and his Mother untill she Chooses to leave him herself— I Likewise Give my s^d Son a Negro named Adam, — Item— I Give and Bequeath to my Grand son Da^l Kinwin Wroth my Silver— Watch when he Arives at the Age of Eighteen years old to be kept for him by my son Kinwin untill he arives at the age aforesaid and it is further my Will and desire that none of the foregoing Articles devised either by gift or sale should be Appraised at all, After my Decease— as any part of my Estate, the Remainder part being the whole of my property of Personal Estate ——

Item it is Likewise my desire that as my Wife will be Intitled after my Decease to One third part of my Estate not disposed of by me, that If my s.d Wife gives up her Claim and Relinquishes her Dower of in and to all my Lands then, and in that Case, I do give my said Wife my Negro woman called Kate as payment in full for such Relin= =quish when made According to Law, and I do Likewise give my said Wife One third part of all the remainder part of Estate after my Debts are p.d But If my Wife should not Abide by and stand to this my last Will and Testament in all and Every Respect then I give the s.d Negro Kate to my son Kinwin, And Lastly I do Constitute and Appoint my Son Kinwin Wroth sole Executr of this my last will & Testament revoking all former Will or Wills by me made declaring this to be the Last, in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Affixed my Seal, — And do Give all the remainder part of my Estate not Devized both real and personal to to my son Kinwin Wroth and his Heirs lawfully begotten of his Body in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this Sixtheenth day of Octob.r in the year of Our Lord One Thousand seven hundred Eighty Six, Signed Sealed Published declared to be the last will Testament of the Testator in Presence of —

Test.r John Willis
Thomas Wroth
John his Mark Apsley

Kinwin Wroth (Seal)

P.S. the the words Education I keep him his Mother untill she chooses to leave him herself, Likewise give my s.d Son one Negro the word my Namad Adam — Intrlined before sealing the above the word my

Kinwin Wroth —

Nov.r 15.th 1796 Then came John Willis Thomas Wroth and John Apsley the Three Subscribing Witnesses to the within last will and Testament of Kinwin Wroth late of Kent County deced and Severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they did see the Testator therein Named Sign & Seal this Will, and that they heard him Publish Pronounce & 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 & disposing mind Memory understanding that they respectively Subscribed their Names as Witnesses to this Will in the Presence at the Request of the Testator, & in the Presence of each other — Before Jn.o Nicholson Reg.r —

In the Name of God Amen I John Timms of Kent County In the State of Maryland being Sick and weak of Bod— But of Sound Desceaming Sence and Memory do make and ordain my Last will and Testament in Manner and form following Viz't ——— 1st my Will is that All my Lawfull Debts to be paid By my — Executrix hereafter mentioned — 2d I Give and Bequeath to my Daughter Hannah Timms all my whole Estate — — 3dly I do Constitute my Daughter Hannah Timms Executrix of this my last will and Testament, Lastly I do make and — ordain this to be my last will and Testament Revoking and — Disannuling all other will or Wills whatever as Witness my Hand and Seal this 15th day of November 1786 — — —

John Tims (Seal)

Signed Sealed Acknowledged in Presence of us to be his last Will and Testament Chas Groome, John Ricketts, William Kennard ———

Decemr 23rd 1786 Then Came John Ricketts and Wm Kennard two of the Subscribing witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of John Tims late of Kent County deced and Severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels 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 Chas Groome the other Subscribing witness was Present at the same time and signed his Name as a Witness to this Will together with these deponants in the Presence and at the Request of the Testator and in the Presence of each other — —

Before Jno Nicholson Regr

In the Name of God Amen I Charles Tilden of Kent County in the State of Maryland being sick and weak of Body but of Sound and disposing mind memory and understanding and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs and be thereby the better prepared to leave this World when it shall please God to call me hence 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 be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors herein after named and after my Debts and funeral Charges are paid I devise and bequeath as follows

I give and devise to my dear Wife Jane the Quarter of a Lot which I bought of Mr. William Shubey and which he had purchased of Mrs. Martha Ward for and during the natural Life of my said Wife and after her decease to my Son Edward and his Heirs forever

Item And Whereas I have already got a Frame for a House which I intend as soon as I can to fix and build into and for a Dwelling House upon the above quarter of a Lot and to go with the same as above but as it may so happen that the same may not be done during my Life I do therefore if that should be the case will and devise that my Executors herein after named or either of them shall as soon after my death as may be cause the same to be raised erected and put up on the said Lot or Quarter of a Lot of Ground and do and shall procure all and every other material whatsoever for the building making and finishing the same into a dwelling House for the use and benefit of my said Wife during her Life as aforesaid and that the said House be and shall remain as belonging to the said Quarter of a Lot and as Appurtenance there of and go with the same in manner as the said Lot is aforesaid devised and I do devise and will so much of my Personal Estate as may be requisite and Needfull to carry the same into full Execution to be applied by my Executors or either of them to that Purpose

Item I give and bequeath also to my dear Wife my Negro Girl called Suckey also my Chaise Horse and Chaise and its furniture also my two Beds and Bedsteads which are in my now lodging Room and their furniture also my half dozen rush bottom Chairs used in the said Room, also my double Chest of drawers without Legs my Candle Stand Pine Chest and walnut side Board Table standing in said Room also all the Earthen and stone Ware which is usually kept in the Cupp Board in the said Room also all the Pots of Preserves also a small House Cart with its tackling also all my Knives and Forks also ten Bushels of Wheat ten Barrels of Indian Corn and all my Provision of Meat whatever laid up for my Family also my breeding Sow and her Pigs and also my two Milch Cows which I desire and retain for the use of my Family.

Item I will and direct that my Mulatto Man called Jonas who has several Years yet to serve before he becomes free be sold and that the money arising from such Sale be applied in part to the carrying on and Building the House aforesaid on the Quarter of a Lot aforesaid.

Item I give and bequeath to my Son Marmaduke my following Negroes to wit a Negro Fellow called Jacob and a Negro Woman called Kate over and above his Share of the Residue of my Personal Estate

Item I give and bequeath also to my said Son Marmaduke my Desk and Book Case also the eight Leather Chairs which formerly belonged to my Father and the Rush bottom Arm Chair I now use also my two square dining Tables standing in the Hall also all my Silver Table Spoons and the silver Soup Spoon all the said Articles to be taken by my said Son Marmaduke at and according to the value thereof in the Appraisement of my Estate and to be deducted out of his Share and considered as so much of his part of the residue of my Personal Estate hereafter devised.

Item I give and bequeath to my Son Charles the following Negroes to wit a Negro Fellow called Paul and a Negro Girl called Sal over and above his Share of the residue of my

Personal Estate and as I have heretofore given and Delivered to my Son Marmaduke a Bed and it's furniture I therefore give and bequeath to my Son Charles a Bed and furniture of equal quality and value as near as may be to that given as aforesaid to my Son Marmaduke over and above his the said Charles's Share also of the residue of my Personal Estate.

Item I give and bequeath also to my Son Charles my Eight Case of Drawers on Legs standing in the Hall also a round Table standing in said Room also my six leather Chairs and leather Arm Chair at and according to the value thereof in the Appraisment of my Estate and to be deducted out of his Share and considered as so much of his part of the residue of my Personal Estate hereafter devised.

Item I give and bequeath to my Son John the following Negroes to wit a Negro Boy called Sam Wolly and a Negro Girl called Pole being Nan's Child and also a Bed and furniture of equal quality and value as near as may be to that I have heretofore given as aforesaid to my Son Marmaduke over and above his the said John's Share of the residue of my Personal Estate.

Item I give and bequeath also to my Son John my Desk standing in the Hall under the Glass at and according to the value thereof in the Appraisement of my Estate and to be deducted out of his Share and considered as so much of his Part of the residue of my Personal Estate hereafter devised.

Item I give and bequeath to my Son Edward the following Negroes to wit a Negro Boy called Sambo Cuffey and a Negro Boy called Jonny being Kates Son and a Negro Girl called Patt being Kates daughter and also a Bed and furniture of equal quality and value as near as may be to that I have heretofore given as aforesaid to my Son Marmaduke over and above his the said Edwards Share of the Residue of my Personal Estate.

Item I give and bequeath to my said Son Edward a small desk Standing up Stairs and also the Desk which I have let the said Edward have at Mr. Hylands for his use there at and according to the value thereof in the Appraisement of my Estate and to be

deducted out of his Share and considered as so much of his part of the residue of my Personal Estate hereafter devised

Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Rebecca a Negro Boy called Jacob being Kates Son and a Negro Girl called Harriott being Sals Child over and above her Share of the residue of my Personal Estate

Item I give and bequeath to my Grand-daughter Ann Garnett her a Negro Wench called Rose and the Child also two Cows also a Bed and furniture also a Case of Drawers the same which was designed by me for her Mother, also a square tea Table lent by me to my Son Marmaduke and now in his Possession also two new three foot square dining Tables to be Procured or made for her also a Desk which formerly belonged to her Father Thomas Garnett and which I have detained or keep in my Possession in Part of Satisfaction for a debt due from him to me but if he should recover or attempt to recover the same from her I devise that debt to her

Item Whereas I have already given and conveyed by Deeds all my Real Estate except the Quarter of a Lot aforesaid to my Sons Marmaduke Charles John and Edward respectively I do hereby further recognize and confirm all and every the said Gifts and conveyances by me as aforesaid made according to the true intent and meaning in the said deeds expressed or Intended so to be

Item And Whereas I formerly have given severally to my deceased daughters Rebecca Hyland, Mary Brown and Martha Hyland in their Life Time certain Negroes and which were severally Put and delivered by me into the Hands and Possession of their respective Husbands I do hereby declare in order and to the intent to Prevent all or any dispute that might arise concerning the same that I gave all and every of them respectively as aforesaid as and for absolute and Perfect Gifts and hereby divested my self of all right to the same and they nor any of them can be considered as belonging to me or as any Part of my Personal Estate

Item – I do hereby direct and appoint that my Son Charles shall be Guardian to and have the tuition of my Son John and the Care of his Estate during the minority of my said Son John –

Item I do hereby direct and appoint that my Son Marmaduke shall be Guardian to and have the tuition of my Son Edward and the Care of his Estate during the minority of my said Son Edward –

Item I will and devise that my following Negroes to wit Anthony, Bet, Nan, and the Boy called Able, shall be sold by my Executors hereinafter named for or towards the Payment of my Debts –

Item I give and bequeath all the rest and residue of my Personal Estate to be equally divided between my Sons Marmaduke Charles ~~and~~ & John and Edward and my Daughter Rebecca –

Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my Sons Marmaduke and Charles to be my Executors of this my last Will and Testament revoaking and annuling hereby all former Wills by me heretofore made and ratifying and confirming this and none other to be my last Will and Testament In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and affixed my Seal this twenty eth day of December in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and Eighty five –

Charles Tilden (Seal)

Signed Sealed Published and declared by Charles Tilden the above mentioned Testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the Presence of us who at his request and in his Presence have subscribed our Names as Witnesses thereto, William Thew, Mary Merritt, Bartus Wilkins Junr,

January 15th 1787 Then came Mary Merritt, and Bartus Wilkins Junr, and made oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God; and William Thew at the same Time on his Solemn Affirmation to him Administred and declared 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 and 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. –

Before Jno. Nicholson Regr –

In the Name of God Amen. I Robert Maxwell of Kent County in the State of Maryland being in a very weak and low Estate but of sound and disposing Mind and Memory, Thanks be to God therefore, do make and Constitute this my last Will and Testament in Manner and form Following that is to say. — — —

I give and bequeath unto my Son Robert Maxwell and to his Heirs and Assigns forever all that Tract of Land which I heretofore Purchased of Michael Earle lying formerly in Cecil County and State aforesaid but now in New Castle County in the State of Delaware — Containing by Patent five Hundred Acres be the same more or less —

I give and bequeath unto my Son John Maxwell and to his Heirs and Assigns forever that part of a Tract or Parcel of Land which I heretofore Purchased of my Brother John Maxwell lying and being in Kent County and State of Maryland aforesaid and called Partners Addition being the Plantation whereon I now dwell, together with all my Right Title and Interest whatsoever either in Law or Equity of in and to a small Parcel of Land part of the same Tract called Partners Addition — which I have lately purchased of my Son in Law John Watson Browning whom I hereby request and desire may by good and sufficient Deed — convey to my said Son John Maxwell and his Heirs and Assigns — forever as soon as conveniently may be done after my decease, he my said Son John Paying to the said John Watson Browning whatsoever Ballance may appear to be yet due to him if any for the said — Purchase at the Rate of seven Pounds current Money Per Acre —

I give and bequeath unto my Son William Maxwell and to his Heirs and Assigns forever all that Part of a Tract of Land called — McRay's Purchase lying and being in the County and State last — aforesaid which I heretofore Purchased of Henry Holeman except so — much and such part thereof as I have since the said Purchase sold out in Lotts —

If my Son Robert should die without Heirs or Assigns then my Will is that my Son William and his Heirs and Assigns shall have and enjoy the Lands herein before devised to my said Son Robert in as full and ample Manner to all Intents and Purposes as my said — Robert or his Heirs or Assigns may might or could have done —

under this my Will, and then and in that Case my Will is that my Son John and his Heirs and Assigns forever shall have hold occupy and enjoy the Lands just devised to my said Son William as fully and ample Manner to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever as my said Son William may might or could have done under this my Will, and in Case either of my Sons John or William should die without Heirs or Assigns then my Will is that the Lands herein devised to him shall go to the Survivor of the two and to his Heirs and Assigns forever, And if both my said two Sons John and William should die without Heirs or Assigns then my Will is that the Lands herein first devised to my Son William shall go to my Daughter Isabel Browning Wife of John Watson Browning and to her Heirs and Assigns forever. — —

I give and devise to my loving Wife Ann Provided she stands to this my Will my riding Chais and Chaise Horse; her Choise of the Three following Negroes to wit Demima, Jacob, and Ben, and her Choise of my Beds and Furniture — — I further give and bequeath to my loving Wife upon the like Conditions for and during her natural Life the annual Sum of one Hundred Pounds Current Money to be paid or secured to be paid in the Month of December in every Year after my decease by my three Sons aforesaid and by John Watson Browning Husband of my said Daughter Isabel in Proportion to what they may respectively draw from my Estate, hereby rating my Lands devised to my Son Robert at two thousand five Hundred Pounds current Money and the Lands devised to my Sons John and William at one thousand Pounds like Money each, but in Case my Wife should not stand to this my Will, that then she shall have only one third part of my Estate real and personal as the Laws in such Case have provided — But it is my most earnest Wish and Desire if my Wife should not chuse to stand to this my Will, that she would be so obliging as to direct at her decease that my Children aforesaid shall have such Negroes as may fall within her Thirds at the Prices which such Negroes may be worth by Appraisement at the Time they my said Children paying to such Person or Persons as she may appoint to receive the same such Sum of Money as such Negroes may be appraised at after my Wifes decease. — — — — — — —

I give and bequeath to my Grandson Robert Browning Son of John Watson Browning and my Daughter Isabel the Sum of One hundred Pounds current Money to be paid into the Hands of his Father or Guardian when he shall arrive at the Age of fourteen Years if he should so long live but if my said Grandson should die before he attains that Age that then this Legacy or any part thereof be not paid The said Legacy to be paid by my said three Sons Robert John and William in the following Proportions to wit fifty Pounds part thereof to be paid by Son Robert, and twenty five Pounds to be paid by each of my said Sons John and William

Whereas some of my Lands are now rented out and others may be rentey out before my decease I do therefore order and direct that two third parts of the Rents arising thereon annually shall be accounted as part of my personal Estate during the Continuance of the Lease, or Leases thereon and shall go in a Course of Distribution, and the remaining one third of the said Rents to be the exclusive Property of the Person to whom such Lands are respectively devised by this my Will

I do hereby ~~constitute and appoint~~ my loving Wife Ann Maxwell and my Son Robert Maxwell whole and Sole Executrix and Executor of this

I do also direct that my Personal Estate both in Delaware and Maryland be divided and destributed according to the Laws of Maryland except such part thereof as is hereby given in Legacies

I do hereby constitute and appoint my loving Wife Ann Maxwell and my Son Robert Maxwell whole and Sole Executrix and Executor of this my last Will and Testament and hereby ratifying and confirming this and none other as and for my last will and Testament and hereby revoaking and making null and void all other Will and wills by me heretofore made, In Testimony whereof I have hereto set my Hand and affixed my Seal the 12th. day of January 1705

Robt. Maxwell (Seal)

Signed Sealed Published Pronounced and declared by the Testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the Presence of us who have hereto Subscribed our Names as Witnesses in the Presence of the Testator and at his Request, — Jurbut Wright, — Jacob Richardson, Sam. M. Dowell, —

January 18th 1787 Then came Jurbut Wright, Jacob Richardson and Sam. M. Dowell the Three Subscribing witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of Robert Maxwell late of Kent County deceased and Severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels 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, and 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, —

Before Jno. Nicholson Regr —

Whereas I Robert Maxwell of Kent County have made and duly executed my last Will and Testament in Writing bearing date the twelfth day of January seventeen Hundred and Eighty five which said Testament and last Will except such Part or Parts as may be hereby altered and changed, I do hereby ratify and confirm and being desirous to alter some Parts thereof and make Additions thereto do therefore hereby make this my Codicil which I will and direct shall be taken and held as Part of my said last Will and Testament in Manner and form following to wit — Whereas since the making and executing my said Will I have purchased from a certain Charles Downs a Lott or Parcel of Ground with the Appurtenances lying and being in Kent County and at a Place heretofore called Downes, but now Henrys Cross Roads for the Conveyance of which said Lott or Parcel of Ground with the Appurtenances I have obtain'd the Bond of him the said Charles, and therefore at this Time have only an —

an Equitable Estate in the said Lott: I do therefore direct that the said Lott or Parcel of Ground be made over and Conveyed by the said Charles Irons to my Son William Maxwell in Fee, And I do direct my said Son William and my Will is that as soon after my Decease as can Conveniently be done, he lay off into two equal Parts all that Part of the said Lott or Parcel of Ground which lies on the South of a Line drawn from the End of twelve Perches (which is the End of the first Line of what was formerly Downes's but now Henrys Lott) and running from thence West three Degrees South twenty four Perches, thence South by East to the main Road leading to Chester Town, thence up and with the said Road to Henrys Lott aforesd and thence with that Lott no thereby until it intersects the twenty four Perch Line aforesaid, And I do direct my said Son William to sell and dispose of by Public Vendue one of the said Lotts, to wit, The Lott next to and adjoining Henrys Lott aforesd and the Monies arising from such Sale to be accounted as Part of my personal Estate, and to go in a Course of Destribution amongst all my Children and their Representatives. And I do order and direct my said Son William to make over and Convey by Deed of Gift the other of the said two Lotts to my Daughter Isabel Browning and her Heirs and Assigns forever ——— In Case my loving Wife shall stand to and abide by the Provisions made for her in and by my said Will and relinquish all Claim or Title whatsoever to all and every other Part of my Estate, then I do hereby direct my said Son William to Lease and demise to my said Wife and her Assigns during her natural Life all the Rest and Residue of the aforesd Lott or Parcel of Ground so as aforesd Purchased by me from the aforesd Charles Irons, together with all Houses and Improvements thereon and the Benefits and Advantages thereunto belonging reserving the yearly Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn and no more, she Paying all Taxes and Assessments annually arising thereon during the Continuance of her Estate therein. And in that Case my Will is that my said Wife receive only eighty five Pounds current Money annually instead of the Hundred Pounds mentioned in my Will ——— ———

After the Death of my said Wife; if she stands to my said Will and this Codicil thereto or if not then as soon after my Decease as may be convenient I do order and direct that the Houses and Lott directed as aforesd to be demised to her, shall be valued by two Persons well acquainted with the worth and Value thereof, and that my Son William pay or secured to be paid one fourth part of such Valuation to each of my three Children Robert, John, and Isabel, or their Representatives; or, at his Election, to sell the said Houses and Lott by Public Sale and the Money arising therefrom to be equally divided amongst my four Children, Robert, John, William and Isabel, or their Representatives ——

In Case my said Wife should not Stand to and abide by my said Will and this Codicil thereto, but elect to take her Dower in my Lands and the third Part of my Personal Estate that then she shall have only the Sum of Ten pounds current Money in Lieu of and in full for all such Personal Estate as I may have in the Delaware State at the Time of my Death —— I do hereby empower and direct my said Son William by good and sufficient Deed of Bargain and Sale to convey to John Rayner in Fee all that Lott or Piece of Ground being part of a Tract of Land called Mr Kays Purchase, which is included within the Ground which was heretofore within the following Lines and Courses to wit, Beginning at the North and by West Corner of a Lott of Ground which was heretofore sold by Charles Irons to Christopher and Ephraim Vansant and Running from the said Corner North and by West twenty eight Feet, to the first Line of the original Tract, thence with that Line twenty four Perches, thence South by East to Vansants Lott, thence with the Line of Vansants Lott to the Beginning containing one Quarter of an Acre of Land more or less. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and affixed my Seal this Twenty Eighth day of August seventeen Hundred and eighty Six ——

Robt. Maxwell (Seal)

State of Maryland } Nov.r 30.th 1789. Then came John Turner and
Kent County to Wit. } Joseph Comegys the two Subscribing Witnesses
being the People called Quakers to the last Will and Testament of Gersham
Mott late of Kent County deced and on their Solemn Affirmation to them
Administred Affirmed and Declared, that they did see the Testator herein
Named sign and Seal this Will and that they heard him Publish Pronounce
and Declare the same to be his last Will and Testament, and that at the time of
his so doing he was to the best 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

Before Mr.o Nicholson Reg.r Wills for K.t County

In the Name of God Amen I Joseph Middleton of Kent County
farmer being sick and weak of Body but of sound and disposing mind Memory and
understanding do make and Publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and
form following to Wit. first of all I give and Bequeath unto my beloved Daughter
Mary Middleton one Negro Woman called Cate to be paid to her by my Executor
when she shall Arrive to the age of Sixteen also I give and Bequeath unto my Daughter
Sarah Middleton one Negro Girl named Nan to be paid to her when she shall
Arrive to the Age of Sixteen Years by my Executor but if either of the said Girls Mary or
Sarah should Die before they Arrive to the age of Sixteen Years then the Negro that is
left to the one so Dying shall descend to the surviving one Also I give and Bequeath
unto my Son Henry Middleton one Bay Mare Colt to be paid to him when he shall
Arrive to the age of Twenty one years by my Executor and no more of my Estate
my Will and desire is that my Executor pay unto my Son Bethelius Middleton
one Dollar as his full Part and no more of my Estate and when my Just debts
is paid my Will and

Signed Sealed Published and declared by Robert Maxwell the above Named Testator as and for a Codicil to his last Will and Testament in the Presence of us who at his Request and in his Presence have Subscribed our Names as Witnesses thereto — James Woodland, Garrett Vansant, George Mossett, — — — — — —

January 10th, 1707. Then Came James Woodland, Garrett Vansant, and George Mossett, the three Subscribing witnesses to the within Codicil of the last Will and Testament of Robert Maxwell late of Kent County deced and Severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they did see the Testator therein Named Sign and Seal this Codicil to his last Will and Testament, and that they heard him Publish Pronounce and Declare the same to be his last Codicil to his last Will and Testament that at the Time of his so doing he was to the best of their Apprehen = = sions of Sound and disposing Mind memory and understanding and that they Subscribed their Names to this Codicil in the Presence and at the Request of the Testator and in the Presence of each other —

Before Jn.o Nicholson Regr —

Whereas since the making of the foregoing Codicil to my last Will and Testament, I have obtained from Charles Ihons a Conveyance of the Land and Premises mentioned in the said Codicil and have also conveyed to John Lynch the Lands which in and by the said Codicil I had directed my Son William to convey to him the said Lynch, And whereas I am willing and desirous that the Spirit and Intention of the said Codicil should be carried into full Effect, therefore I — Robert Maxwell of Kent County in the State of Maryland aforesd do by this my Codicil additional to the foregoing give and devise to my Daughter Isabel Browning and her Heirs and Assigns forever the Lot or Piece of Ground aforesd mentioned in the foregoing Codicil and which I had therein directed my Son William to Convey to her as is therein mentioned. — — — —

I give to my loving Wife upon the Terms and Conditions mentioned in the foregoing Codicil, during her Natural Life the House and Lott with the Appurtenances, which in and by the foregoing Codicil

I had directed my Son William to Lease to her, And I do direct my Executors mentioned in my Will to lay out the Sum of twenty pounds Current money in repairing the said House and making it a Comfortable Reception for my said Wife and that they charge my Personal Estate therewith I do hereby continue to my Son William all the Estate other Powers and Authorities with which he was invested in and by the foregoing Codicil, and desire they may be used and exercised agreably to the plain and manifest Intention of the said Codicil, and except only as to the Conveyance to John Lynch which is now unnecessary. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto Set my Hand and affixed my Seal this twenty sixth day of December 1706 ——— Robt. Maxwell (Seal)

Signed sealed published and declared by Robert Maxwell the Testator as and for an additional Codicil to his last will and Testament in the Presence of us who at his Request and in his Presence have Subscribed our Names as Witnesses thereto ——— ———

Jurbutt Wright, Christopher Vansant, Ephraim Vansant Junr. ——— ——— ———

January 18th 1707 Then came Jurbutt Wright Christopher Vansant and Ephraim Vansant Junr. the three Subscribing Witnesses to the within Second Codicil of the last Will and Testament of Robert Maxwell late of Kent County deced and Severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that they did see the Testator therein Named sign and Seal this Second Codicil to his last Will and Testament, and that they heard him Publish Pronounce and Declare the same to be a Second Codicil to his last will & 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 Subscribed their Names to this Second Codicil in the Presence and at the Request of the Testator and in the presence of each other

Vide page 214 Before Jno. Nicholson Regr

In the Name of God Amen I Joseph Nicholson of Kent County in the Province of Maryland being of Perfect and disposing mind and memory, do Ordain Constitute direct and appoint this to be my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me made — In Primis I give and bequeath to my Wife Mary Nicholson in Lieu and as Effectual bar of her Dower or thirds of my Estate (for and during her Widowhood only) all the Negroes and their Increase (all the Stock in kind and Quality) as by me received from her Fathers Estate, And likewise the Sum of Four Hundred and seventy pounds Common money, and also Two Negro Woman named Bett and Dark and their Increase, and the House and Lott wherein I now live; and upon her Death or Intermarriage, I give and bequeath the Negroes, Stock, and Money aforesd unto my two Children, Joseph Nicholson and Henrietta Nicholson (Children by my Wife Mary) and the Issue of their Bodies lawfully to be begotten, and in case they Dye before they arrive (my Son Joseph) to the age of Twenty one years, and my Daughter Henrietta to the age of Sixteen or day of Marriage, then over to the Issue of my son Joseph Nicholson (by my first wife Hannah) and his wife Elizabeth by them to be Begotten Equally to be divided Per Capita or by the Head —

2dly My Will and desire is, that in case my wife does not stand to this my Will and accept the Devise aforesd as an Effectual Bar of her Dower of my Estate, then and in Such Case, all my Estate shall be divided between my Children by my first Wife Hannah Nicholson —

3dly I devise to my son Joseph Nicholson and his Heirs (upon the death or Coverture of my wife) the House and Lott wherein I now live he paying unto my other Children the Sum of Six Hundred pounds in Spanish Milled Dollars at seven Shillings and Six pence each or half Joes, at three pounds, each, or any Passing Current money equal to Gold and Silver at the Denominations aforesd within twelve

twelve months after such Limitation shall take Effect, equally to be divided between them, and in Case he should not think Proper to Accept of the House and Lott, aforesd on the terms aforesd My Will is that my said Son or his Executors shall Expose the same to Publick Sale, and the money therefrom arising to be equally divided between my Children by my first Wife; 4.ly I give and bequeath to my said son Joseph Nicholson, and his Heirs, forever Part of a Tract of Land Called Stepney Heath, and also one other Tract of Land called Berwick Lott joining and lying in Lacawaxy in Kent County, he paying unto my other Children by my first Wife the Sum of Two thousand five Hundred Pound, in Spanish Milled Dollars at Seven Shillings and Six Pence each, or half Joes at three Pounds each, or any passing Current money equal to Gold and Silver at the Denominations aforesd equally to be divided between them, within two Years after my Death; and in Case he does not Chuse to Accept of the Lands aforesd on the Terms aforesd then and in such Case my Will desire and Intention is that my next Eldest son then living shall have them on the Terms aforesd as devised to my Son Joseph aforesd And in Case of his Refusal my my Will is that each of my sons According to Seniority shall have the Refusal of them in manner and form as aforesd And in Case all of them refuse them, that then I devise them to my Executor, to be set up at Publick sale she giving a reasonable Notice, And that the money therefrom arising shall be Equally divided between my Children by my first Wife 5.ly My Will and desire is that all my Personal Estate undisposed of, be equally divided between my Children by my first Wife, And my intention in this and all the devises aforesd is, that in Case any of my Children should Dye before me, that their Representatives shall have the Portion so left to them Respectively 6.ly I give unto my Son James Nicholson and his Heirs forever my Water Lott Lying in Chester Town. 7.ly Whereas by the Fifth Article in this my Will I have devised away all the Residue of my Personal Estate, But my Intention is that my Wife shall have my Carriage and Horses

Pronounce and Declare the same to be his last Will and Testament and 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 John Sheild the other Subscribing Witness was Present at the same time and Signed his Name as a Witness to this Will in the Presence and at the Request of the Testator and in the Presence of each other

Before Jno Nicholson Regr Wills for this County

In the Name of God Amen I Arthur Miller of Kent County in the Province of Maryland being somewhat Indisposed in Body but in sound and Perfect health of mind and Memory thanks to Almighty God and calling to mind the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time when it may happen doe make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following Item I give and bequeath to my Loveing Wife Mary Miller one third Part of my personal Estate I likewise give to my said wife the use of one third part of my Real Estate forever as also one Negroe fellow named Leo and one Negroe wench named Venn and my Will is that my Wife shall keep in her hands my Grandsons Samuell Merritts Estate until he shall arrive to the age of twenty one years as a Recompence for his Maintenance Item I give and bequeath to my Grand Daughter Mary Ann Merritt one third part of my Personall Estate forever Item I give and bequeath to my Grand Son Samuell Merritt the remaining part of my Estate both Real and Personall to him and his Issue lawfully begotten forever I doe hereby authorise and appoint my Loveing Wife my whole and sole Executrix to see this my Will performed and I doe hereby revoak Annull and make Void all or any Will or Wills heretofore by me made and this only to be taken for my last Will and Testament and my Will is Incase Mary Ann Merritt nor Sammuell Merritt should leave no Children that my real Estate shall Return to my Heyrs in Testimony whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and Seal this 24th day of September 1709

Arthur Miller (Seal)

Pronounced Published and declared to be my last Will and Testament in the Presents of Edw Bak Z. N. Ann Kennedy

Benjamin Nickers

to Charge the said Mary and Perpetua Jackson or either of them, Interest on any Money they, or either of them should owe me, and I do hereby release the same — In case there should not be Money enough due to me on Bond, to discharge — what will be coming to my Wife under the Marriage Articles aforesd and this Will I charge the same on the Rest residue and Remainder of my Estate herein after devised to my Son James. — As a further testimony of my Love and Affection for my Dear Wife, I give her as a Legacy, my Chaise and Chaise Mare, my Negro Girl named Nan, who now lives in Chester Town aforesd and all such Issue as she shall have at the time of my Death, and Six new silver Spoons marked with the Letters M. A. R. I also give and Devise to my Dear Son James Ringgold his Heirs and Assigns — forever all the Rest Residue and Remainder of my Estate both Real and Personal, — subject however to the Payments herein before directed to be made to my Wife and my Son William, and to the Payment of what will be due to my Wife under our Marriage Contract if she should refuse to take what is herein before given her in lieu thereof — Altho I have not the least Reason to apprehend any Differences or Disputes will arise between my Children after my Death, respecting the Estates they will then be intitled to, yet to Guard to the utmost of my Power, against such disgraceful Circumstances and to prevent scandalous and vexatious Lawsuits between Persons so nearly connected, I do hereby appoint my friends Samuel Chew, Thomas B. Hands William Leighman, and Robert Buchanan and the Survivors of them trustees of this my Will; and I do give to them and the Majority of them full Power and Authority as far as the Laws will allow to Adjust and finally determine, all such Disputes should any unhappily occur, and I do in the most solemn and affectionate manner charge and enjoin my said Sons to submit to, and abide by the Determination of my said trustees. ——— Having thus disposed of my whole Estate, and my Sons who are to Inherit the same being able

8.ly My Will and desire is that my Stock of Negroes Cattle Horses Hoggs and Sheep shall be put into Lotts, and equally divided amongst my Children by my first Wife, by my Executors the Negroes before Specifically devised Excepted. ——— 9.ly Whereas by the General Expressions of my Children by my First wife in the Several devises afd my Daughter Elizabeth Gordon is Included, Now my Will Intention and meaning is in Case her Husband Charles Gordon Should Survive me, that then the Sum or Sums of money that would be her Proportion of my Estate so devised, shall be by my Executor Put out to Interest for her use during her Coverture, with her said Husband, And upon his death in Case she Survive him, that then it be hers at her free and full disposal; But in Case he should Survive her I devise the Pon portion afd unto her Children that shall be living at the time of her death, equally to be divided between them. ———

Lastly I nominate Constitute and appoint my loving Wife Mary Nicholson my whole and Sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this 15th day of July 1700 ——

Signed sealed and Declared to be his Last Will and Testament in the Presence of us. Edwd Worrell, Jas Barnes, Thos Smyth Jr

J Nicholson (Seal)

Feb.ry 5th 1707 Then came Edwd Worrell and Thos Smyth Junr two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last will and Testament of Joseph Nicholson late of Kent County deceased and Severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels 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 James Barnes the other Subscribing Witness was Present at the same time and Signed his Name as a Witness to this Will, together with these deponants in the Presence and at the Request of the Testator and in the Presence of each other. ——— Before Jno Nicholson Regr ———

As a Codicil to this my last Will and Testament my Will and desire is that all the Negroes Stock of Horses Cattle Sheep Hogs Plate and Household Furniture that I got by the death of Mr. Hopper shall desend after my death to my Wife Mary Nicholson and the Negroes and their Increase I got with her at my Marriage; as also a Negro Girl named Mary that was given to my Daughter Mary by her Grand Father Mr. Hopper and her Increase, and the Plate that was Marked with my Daughter Marys name, as also one Hundred and Twenty bus. Wheat — In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this sixth day of May 1703 — J. Nicholson Seal

Signed Sealed published and declared to be a Codicil to his Last Will and Testament in the presence of us. Edwd. Worrell, Tobias Ashmore,

Feb.y 5th 1707 Then came Edwd. Worrell and Tobias Ashmore the Subscribing Witnesses to the within Codicil of the last Will and Testament of Joseph. Nicholson late of Kent County deceased, and Severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that they did see the Testator therein named Sign and Seal this Codicil to his last Will and Testament, and that they heard him Publish Pronounce and declare the same to be his Codicil to 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 Subscribed their Names to this Codicil in the Presence and at the Request of the Testator and in the Presence of each other —

Before Jno. Nicholson Regr

In the Name of God Amen — I Henry Wyatt of Kent County and State of Maryland; do Make; ordain and appoint this my last will and Testament In Manner and form as follows to Wit — In the first place I will and bequeath, my whole estat both Real and Personal, to my beloved Wife Anna Wyatt to her and her Heirs forever, which Heir I suppose her now to be Pregnant with — But if my Wife Marries, and the expected Heir Should die without Lawfull Issue, Then and in that case It's my will and desire that all my real Estate only (Except Forty feet Square of my Lot of Ground lying at the Head of Chester which may be Choosen by my afd Wife) — Be given to my Brother William Wyatt to him and his Heirs forever — Lastly I nominate and appoint, my afd beloved Wife Anna Wyatt the Sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament, In Testimony whereof, I've hereunto Set my hand and affixed my Seal this Thirteenth Day of January In the Year of Our Lord One thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Seven ———

Signed Sealed and Delivered in the Presence of — Henry Wyatt (Seal)

Ben Comegys, William Turner, Campbell M'Clair,

Feb. 7th 1787 Then Came Ben Comegys Wm Turner and Campbell M'Clair the three Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of Henry Wyatt late of Kent County deced and Severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels 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 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 —

Before Jno Nicholson Regr —

In the Name of God Amen. I John Whittington of Kent County and State of Maryland, being Sick and Weak in Body, but of sound mind, Memory and Understanding, do make and Publish this my last Will and Testament in Manner and form following ——

First, of all, I Give and bequeath unto my three Sons, namely John Whittington Abraham Whittington, and James Whittington, and also unto my Daughters Hannah Whittington, the Sum of twenty five Pounds, Gold and Silver Money each — Also I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth Whittington, a Negro Girl called Priscilla, about five years old ——

Also. I give and bequeath unto my loving Wife (after Payment of my just Debts and Funeral Expences, and the above bequeathed Legacies) one third of my Personal Estate to her, her Heirs and Assigns. And also one third part of my Real Estate, during her Natural life, and no longer. Also, I give and bequeath unto my five Children namely John Whittington, Abraham Whittington, James Whittington, Elizabeth Whittington, and Hannah Whittington, and my Grand Daughter Sarah Massey, all the remainder of my Personal Estate to be equally divided between them Share and Share alike, But if my said Grand Daughter should die without Lawful Issue begotten of her Body, or should my said Grand Daughter die leaving Lawful Issue begotten of her Body, and they he or she dying without Lawful Issue, Then I give and bequeath my said Grand Daughters share or part of my Personal Estate to the Survivor, or Survivors of my above said two Daughters Elizabeth and Hannah to them their Heirs and Assigns respectively to be equally divided between them share and share alike — Also I give and bequeath unto my three Sons, namely John Whittington, Abraham Whittington, and James Whittington all that Tract or Parcel of Land, whereon I now dwell, called Honest Dealing containing about four Hundred Acres, to be equally divided between them share and Share alike, but should either of my above said Sons die without Lawful Issue, and having not disposed of their

or either of their share or Shares above Bequeathed, Tract or Parcel of Land, Then I give and bequeath, the Share and Shares of him or them so dying, to the Survivor and Survivors of them their Heirs and Assigns respectively forever. — — — — —

Also I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth Whittington the Sum of eight Pounds Specie p.r Annum, to be raised or levied out of my Real Estate, and paid out of the same, Annually by my three Sons, or their representatives during her Natural Life —

And Lastly. I do hereby Nominate constitute, and appoint, my Loving Wife, my whole and Sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and disannulling, all former Will and Wills by me here to fore made; In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this Twenty Second day of November in the Year of our Lord; One thousand seven hundred and eighty Six! 1786 —

John Whittington (Seal)

Signed Sealed, Published Pronounced and declared, by the above named John Whittington, as and for his Last Will and Testament, in the Presence of us, who have hereunto Subscribed our Names as Witnesses thereto, in the Presence and at the request of the said Testator, and in the Presence of each other, Zorobabel French, William French Abednego Mason, — — — — —

February 17th 1787, Then Came Zorobabel French and Wm French two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of John Whittington late of Kent County deced and Severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels 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 Abednego Mason the other Subscribing Witness was present at the same time and Signed his Name as a Witness to this Will, together with these deponants in the Presence and at the Request of the Testator and in the Presence of each other —

Before Jno Nicholson Regr —

On the 24th day of January 1707. Came Christeana Whittington Widow of John Whittington late of Kent County deceased and quitted her Claim to the several Bequests and Devises made to her in the Will of her Husband, deceased, and Elected in lieu there of her dower or third part of the Deceased Estate both Real and Personal

Before Jno. Nicholson Regr

On the 20th day of February 1707 Came Anne Maxwell the Widow of Robt. Maxwell Esqr. late of Kent County deceased and quitted her Claim to the Several Bequest and devised made to her in the Will of her Husband deceased, and Elected in lieu there of her dower or third part of the deceased Estate both Real and Personal

Before Jno. Nicholson Regr

In the Name of God Amen. I Charles Gordon of Kent County do make this my Last Will and Testament in manner following Viz.

First I give and bequeath unto my dear Daughter Hannah Gordon and her Heirs forever all my Estate both Real and Personal in Trust for the maintenance and Supports of herself and such younger Children as I shall leave at the time of my Death, until my youngest Daughter shall attain her age of Sixteen Years, and from and after that Event, to and for the use of herself and her Heirs, and to and for the Use of my younger Daughters and their Heirs forever as Tenants in Common and in Case of either of their Deaths without Issue, then to and for the use of her Sisters and their Heirs forever, Secondly. I appoint my dear Daughter Hannah sole Executrix of this my Will. But in Case of her Death I appoint my Dear Daughters Elizabeth Ann Gordon and Sarah Nicholson Gordon Executrixes of this my Will

Witness my Hand and Seal this 19th of October 1706.

Chas Gordon (Seal)

Signed, Sealed and Delivered by the said Charles Gordon as his last Will and Testament in our Presence, Levinus Clarkson,

Elisha I. Hall, Samuel Chew,

March 2nd 1707 Then came Sam. Chew Esq. one of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of Charles Gordon late of Kent County deced, and made oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that he did see the Testator herein named Sign and Seal this Will and that he 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 his Apprehension of Sound and disposing mind Memory and Understanding and that Levinus Clarkson, and Elisha D. Hall the other Two Subscribing Witnesses was Present together with this deponant, and 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. Before Jno. Nicholson Regr

Sir I am by my Father of Kent County appointed Executor to his Will, and as I do not mean to take out Letters must Request you to consider this as my Renunciation I am &c.

Nov. 24th 1706. Hannah Gordon

In the Name of God, Amen, the fifteenth day of January in the year of our Lord Christ Seventeen hundred and Eighty Seven, I James Sweney of Caroline County and State of Maryland formerly a resident near George Town in Kent County and State aforesaid being weak in Body, but of Perfect and Sound Mind and Memory, do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament, that is to say, Principally and first of all, I give and Recommend my Soul into the hands of God that gave it, and for my body I recommend it to the Earth, to be buried in a Christian like and decent Manner, at the Discretion of my Executor, And as touching such Worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with in this Life I give Devise and dispose of the same in the following Manner and form, that is to say, first I leave my Negroes Congo and his Wife Beck, also their Son Jo free People, also I Give and bequeath unto my Negroes Congo and Beck all and Singular the five Acres of Land being part of a Tract of Land called Chance and whereon the said Congo and Beck now Lives, lying and being in Kent County and State

State aforesaid, to their Proper use, as long as they both or either shall Live and no Longer, Also all my Lot or Parcel of Land and Tenements Whatsoever, where of I shall die Seised in Posession Reversion or Remainder I Give and Devise to William Smith Merchant of Tuckahoe Bridge Caroline County and State aforesaid, to him his heirs and Assigns forever, Also all my Negroes, Goods, Chattels, Rents, Debts and Personal Estate whatsoever, I give to the said William Smith his heirs and Assigns forever, And I make and Ordain the said William Smith my only and Sole executor of this my last Will and Testament; And I do hereby utterly Disallow, revoke and disanull all and every other former Testaments, Wills Legacies and Executors by me in any Ways before this time named willed and Bequeathed, Ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament, In Witness where of I the said James Sweney have to this my last Will and Testament set my hand and Seal the day and year Within Written

James his Mark X Sweney (Seal)

Signed, Sealed, Published and Delivered by the said James Sweney as his Last Will and Testament in the Presence of, Edward Price, John Dickinson, Dehar Thompson,

Caroline County to Wit } Then came William Smith the Executor within Mentioned
The 6th February 1787 } and made Oath on the holy Evangels of Almighty God that the within Instrument of Writing is the true and Whole Will and Testament of James Sweney late of Caroline County deceased, that hath come to his hands and Posession, and that he doth not know of any other of a later date Certified by J Richardson Regr

The 6th February 1787 Then Came Edward Price and Dehar Thompson two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of James Sweney late of Caroline County deceased and Severally made Oath on the holy Evangels of Almighty God, that they did see the Testator herein named Sign and Seal this Will, and that they heard him Publish Pronounce and Declare

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, and in the Presence of each other, and John Dickinson the other Subscribing Witness, Who they also Saw Subscribe his name as a Witness to this Will

Certified by I Richardson Regr

In the Name of God Amen, This twenty Ninth day of December In the year of our Lord God one Thousand Seven hundred and Eighty Six I Martha Bond of Harford County in the State of Maryland, being weake in Body, but of Sound Disposing Mind and Memory, do Make ordain Constitute and Appoint this, to be my last Will and Testament In Manner and form following Vizt 1st I Commend my Soul to Almighty God who gave it me, and my Body to be Buried in a Christian like Manner, at the discresion of my Executor hereafter Named

2dly I give and Bequeath unto my two Brothers Jacob Bond, and Dennis Bond, One Shilling Sterling, and these Heirs forever and no more

3dly I give and Bequeath unto my Sisters Ann Abt Thirty pounds Specie to be paid to her at the End of Four years from the Time of my Decease, and no more

4thly I give and Bequeath unto my Brother Ralph Bond One Negro woman Called Diwah and her youngest Child and Also all my other Negroes of what kind Soever to him and his heirs forever

5thly I Give and Bequeath unto my two Sisters Priscilla Wilmer and Charlotta Bond, all the Money that is due me After my Just debts is duly paid and Satisfied, for the Hier of my Negroes, and also two Thirds of all the Remainder Part of my Estate which was left to me by my Father in his last Will and Testament to be Equaly divided between them and there heirs forever and no more

6.ly I give and Bequeath unto my two Neeces, Frances and Charlotta Preston, daughters of my Sister Sarah Preston, the other third of my Estate, which has not allready been given which was left me by my father in his last will and Testament, to them and there heirs forever

7.thly My Will and desire is that my Sister Sarah Preston shall have no more of my Estate, then what I have left her two daughters, which is to be put into her care untill my two Neeces arives to the age of Sixteen years, And then she is to let them have it at there Request 8.thly And lastly I do Appoint my well Beloved brother Ralph Bond, my hole and Sole Executor of this my Last Will and Testament, Revoking and disanuling all other will, or Wills that ever has by me heretofore been made, and do Pronounce and Acknowledge this and no other, to be my last will and Testament, in Presence of the Subscribing Witneses, unto which I have hereunto Set my hand and Affixed my Seal the day and yeer above written Martha Bond (Seal)

N: Ricketts
James Smyth
B: Wilmer

February 21st 1707 Then came N: Ricketts, James Smyth and B: Wilmer the Three Subscribing witnesses to the within Last Will and Testament of Martha Bond late of Kent County deced and Severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that they did see the Testator therein Named Sign & Seal this Will, and that they heard her Publish, Pronounce and declare the same to be her Last Will and Testament, that at the time of her so doing she was to the Best of their Apprehensions of Sound and disposing Mind Memory and understanding, and that they Respectively subscribed their Names as Witneses to this will in the Presence and at the Request of the Testator, and in the Presence of each other

Before Wm Nicholson Regr

In the Name of God Amen — I Hezekiah Dunn Junr.
of Kent County in the State of Maryland being of sound disposing mind and
understanding and considering the uncertainty of Life and therefore desirous
to Settle my worldly affairs do 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 be decently buried at the discretion of my Executor hereinafter named
and after my debts and funeral Charges are paid I give and bequeath as follows —
I give and bequeath to my dear Brother Michael Dunn the Sum of Fifty Pounds Specie
Item I give and Bequeath to my dear Brother Davies Dunn the Sum of Fifty Pounds Specie,
and in case either of my Brothers, that is to say Michael Item I give and Bequeath
to my dear Brother Perry Dunn the Sum of Fifty Pounds Specie, and in Case either of
my Brothers that is to say Michael, Davies, and Perry should die before they come
to the age of Twenty one years then I give and Bequeath the Sum that is given such one
so dying to the Survivors or Survivor —

Item I give and Bequeath all the rest and Residue of my Personal Estate unto
my dear Brother Robert Dunn — Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint
said Brother Robert Dunn my sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament
hereby 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 whereof I have hereunto set my Hand Seal this tenth day of June
in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and Eighty five —

Hezekiah Dunn Junr. (Seal)

Signed Sealed Published and declared by the above named Testator as
his last Will and Testament in the Presence of us who at his request have
Subscribed our Names in his Presence as Witness thereto. —

William Caulk, William Brown, Polly Redgraves,

1787
Kent County to Wit
The 6th day of March } Then Came Robert Dunn the Executor within mentioned, and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that the within Instrument of writing is the True and whole Will and Testament of Hezekiah Dunn Junr late of Kent County deced that hath come to his hands and Possession, and that he doth not know of any other of a later date Certifyed by Jno Nicholson Regr

March 6th 1787 Then came Wm Brown and Polley Redgraves two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of Hezekiah Dunn Jr late of Kent County deced and Severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels 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 Wm Caulk the other Subscribing witness was present at the same time and Signed his Name as a Witness to this will Together with these Deponants, in the Presence and at the Request of the Testator, and in the Presence of each other Before Jno Nicholson Regr

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In the Name of God Amen I Edmund Bourke of Georges Town Kent County Maryland being of a low State of Health, but of Sound and disposing mind and memory, do therefore make this my last will and Testament in manner and form as follows to Wit Item I give and bequeath unto my loveing Cousin Paul or Patrick Edwards of Ireland and Son of my Aunt whose Maiden Name was Bourke Sister to my Father William Bourke, all my Real estate in Kent County Maryland and to him and his Heirs forever

Item I give and Bequeath unto James Scantling Son of Ann Scantling now of Cecil County and State aforesd all that Lott Parcele or Tract of Land Lying and being in Westmoreland County State of Pensylvania Known by the Number as may more fully appear from the Records which said

said Tract of Land was given by the state aforesd to me for part of Services during and in the late war containing five Hundred Acres more or less and to him and his heirs forever — Item I give and Bequeath unto Mary Foster of George Town a full Suite of Mourning a Mourning Ring to be made in Philadelphia and my House — Item I give and Bequeath unto Araminta Henry of George Town a full Suite of Mourning for her attention to me —

Item It is my will and desire that my Executors hereafter Named do Immediately after my decease pay unto Doctr William Matthews one Hundred and Fifty pounds in Certificates of the new Loan of Pensylvania for and in full of a debt which I do owe unto the said Matthews for a House the said Certificates to be paid at there nominal Value — Item It is further my will and desire that my Executors hereafter Named do pay unto James Henry of George Town the amount of his Account against me at the same Rate and in the same manner as I have before directed Doctr Matthews to be paid and in the same Kind of Certificates —

Item It is also my will and desire that after I am decently Buried and my Just Debts and funeral Charges paid that if there shd be any Ballance of my Estate in the Hands of my Executors that it be equally devided betweene the aforesd Patt Edwards and James Scantling —

And lastly I do hereby Constitute and appoint Doctr William Matthews and James Henry Executors of this my last will and Testament hereby revoking and Annulling all other will or wills by me heretofore made and declareing this only to be my last will and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this seventh day of March one thousand Seven hundred and Eighty seven —

Edm Bourke Seal

Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the Testator to be his last will and Testament in presence of Wm Rumsey, Wm Rasine, Joseph Leary —

March 21st 1707 Then Came James Henry Exr of the last Will and Testament of Edwd Bourke and made Oath that the within Instrument of writing is the true and whole Will and Testament of Edwd Bourke decd that hath come to his hands or Possession, and that he doth not know of any other. Before Wm Nicholson Regr

March 21st 1707 Then Came Joseph Leary one of the Subscribing witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of Edmund Bourke late of Kent County decd and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that he did see the Testator therein named Sign and Seal this will, and that he 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 his Apprehension of Sound and disposing mind Memory and understanding, and that Wm Mason and Wm Rumsey the other Two Subscribing Witnesses was present at the Same time and Signed their Names as Witnesses to this Will, together with this deponant, in the Presence and at the Request of the Testator and in the Presence of each other

Before Wm Nicholson Regr

In the Name of God Amen I Lambert Smith of Kent County state of Maryland being sick and weak of body but of sound mind and disposing memory Blessed be God for it, do make this my last will and Testament in Manner and form following to wit — 1st my Will and desire is that all my Just debts be paid — after which, my will and desire is that the Remainder of my Estate be kept in the hands of my Executor hereinafter to be mentioned until all the Money shall become due on Bonds from a Certain William Falconar to me, and my Extrs shall Receive the same. My will further is that the Intrest of the afd Money shall be paid unto my Mother Yearly by my Extrs as he shall Receive the same for the her support and maintenance

2ly I Give and Bequeath all my Estate after my debts is paid at the time above mentioned to be Equally divided between my Mother and my Two sisters, Mary, and Anne Smith, but in Case my Mother should

should Recover her thirds or dower in the Lands purchased by my Father of Certain Inn Tasker and Lying in Queen Anns County, then and in that Case all my Estate shall go to my two sisters as above

Lastly I hereby appoint my well Beloved Friend and Uncle Oliver Smith to be my whole and Sole Executor of this my last will and Testament revoking all other will or wills, Ratifying this, and no other to be my will. in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hands, and Affixed my seal this seventh day of May 1806.

Lambert Smith (Seal)

Signed sealed Published and declared by the Testator to be his last will and Testament In the Presents of us who Subscribed our Names as witnesses at his Request Note the word my between the fifteenth and Sixteenth lines from the top was inter lines Before Signing and Sealing

James Smith, Thomas Smith

March 21st 1807, Then Came Oliver Smith and made Oath that the within Instrument of writing is the True and whole will and Testament of Lambert Smith late of Kent County deced, that hath Come to his hands or Possession, and that he doth not know of any other, Before Jno Nicholson Regr

March 21st 1807 Then Came James Smith one of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of Lambert Smith late of Kent County Deced and made oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that he did see the Testator therein Named sign and Seal this will, and that he 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 his Apprehension of Sound and Disposing mind Memory and understanding, and that Thomas Smith, the other Subscribing witness was Present at the Same time and Signd his name as a witness to this Will, together with this Deponant in the Presence and at the Request of the Testator and in the Presence of each other

Before Jno Nicholson Regr

In the Name of God Amen. I George Blackiston of Kent County in the State of Maryland being in perfect health, and sound mind memory and understanding, but Considering the uncertainty of this Transitory Life do make, Publish and Declare this to be my Last Will and Testament in Manner and form following — I Give and bequeath unto my two — Sisters Sarah Blackiston and Ann Brice all my Estate after my just debts be paid

Published Signed Sealed and Declared by the above named George Blackiston, this to be his last will and Testament In the Presence of us this 13th day of June 1778 — George Blakiston (Seal)

Morgan Hurtt, Edward Beck, Thomas Enick — April 13th, 1787 Then came Morgan Hurt one of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last will and Testament of George Blakiston late of Kent County deced and made oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that he did see the Testator, therein Named Sign and Seal this will and that he 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 his appre- hension of Sound and disposing mind Memory and understanding and that Edward Beck and Thomas Enick the other two Subscribing witnesses was Present and Signed their Names as Witnesses to this will in the presence and at the Request of the Testator and in the Presence of each other. —

Before Wm Nicholson Regr —

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* The peace seal began

In the Name of God Amen. I. John Miers of Kent County and State of Maryland Planter being of perfect sound mind and Memory and calling to mind the uncertainty of all Transitory things and that it is Ordaind for all once to Die. do make my Last Will and Testament in manner following. — — —

First I Recommend my soul to Almighty God who gave it me and my Body to be Buried as my Relations and Friends shall think Proper and — Touching my Worldly Goods and Estate wherewith it has Pleased God to Bless me I will and Bequeath the whole and every part in form and Manner following

Item I will and Bequeath (after my Just Debts is paid) my Whole Estate both Personal and Real unto my Children, and that my — Executor who is hereafter mentioned shall make Sale (at my Decease) my Land which is known by the Name of Miers Chance at Publick Vandue and the Money Applyd to the Before mentioned uses — —

I Declare this to be my last will and Testament Revoking disannulling and making Void all Former Wills whatever made by me. And I Do appoint my Son Stephen Miers my Sole Executor of this my Last will and Testament. — In Witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand and Seal this First Day of March one Thousand — seven Hundred and Eighty seven — 1787 — — —

Signed seald and Deliverd in the Presence of us — John his mark Miers (L.S.) Joseph Mc. Daniel, Hannah Parsons, Joseph Parsons. — — —

April 21st 1787 Then Came Joseph Mc. Daniel and Hannah Parsons two of the Subscribing witnesses to the within Last Will and Testament of John Miers late of Kent County deced and Severally

made oath on the Holy Evangels 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 Joseph Parsons the other Subscribing witness was present, and Signed his name as a witness to this will together with these Deponants, in the presence and at the Request of the Testator, and in the presence of each other ~~

Before Jn°. Nicholson Reg^r

In the Name of God Amen. I Sarah Gooding of Kent County In Maryland being in Good Health and Perfect memory blessed be to God doe by these Presents make Ordain and Declare this my last Will and Testament, after my Just Debts and Funeral Charges is paid ~~

First I Will and Bequeath unto my Daughter Rebecca Benton One Negro Man Named Adam, and One Horse Called Brimstone ~~

Secondly I Will and Bequeath unto my Grand Daughter Melcha Gooding, Daughter of Ann Gooding, Forty Pounds to be paid out of my Estate, and In Case she should Die before she comes to the Age of Sixteen or not marry, then My Will is that it should be divided, between my Children that now living and their Heirs, Except Rachel Bird, and her Heirs who is not to Possess any Part ~~

Thirdly I Will and Bequeath unto my Son in Law John Berry One Negro Man Named Dick, and a Horse Called Bird Colt, and one Feather Bed ~ my Desire is that my said Son in Law John Berry shall keep the Legacies that I will to him for the Maintainance of Rachel Bird During her Life and in Case she should Die

Die to her Daughter Araminta Bird after she comes to the Age of Sixteen to be paid her at that time and for her use before that age. If her Mother shold Die, If Edward Bird should Die before his Wife Rachel then I Desire my Son in Law John Berry to give Immediately in Possession the said Negro Man Dick, Horse Called Bird Colt, and Feather Bed to my Daughter Rachel Bird for her use to Dos what she Pleases with. If Rachel Bird and her Daughter should Die before they or Either of them, Posses the above Desire of mine, then my will is that the s.d Negro Man Dick a Horse Called Bird Colt and Feather Bed be Divided to my Children that now Living. Fourthly I will and Bequeath the Rest of my Estate to be Equally Divided Between my five Children William Gooding, Mary Brewer, Sarah Dowes, Ann Berry, and Rebecca Benton. Fifthly I Appoint my Son Wm. Gooding and my Son in law John Berry, Joint Executors of this my last Will by me made. In Witness whereof I have hereunto Sett my hand and Seal this Fifth day of April Anno Domini 1786

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Wm. Granger
Thos. S. Sudler

Sarah her X Mark Gooding Seal

Apr. 13th 1787. then came Thos. S. Sudler one of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of Sarah Gooding late of Kent County deced, and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that he did see the Testator, therein Named Sign and Seal this Will — and that he heard her Publish Pronounce and Declare the same to be her last Will and Testament, that at the Time of her so doing she was to the best of his Apprehensions of sound and Disposing mind Memory and understanding and that Wm. Granger the other Subscribing witness was Present at the same Time, and Sign'd his Name as a witness to this Will together with this Deponant in the Presence and at the Request of the Testator and in the Presence of each other. Before Jno. Nicholson Reg.r

In the Name of God Amen I John Clark of Kent County and State of Maryland, do make and Constitute this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following to Wit, — — — — — — —

First I Constitute and appoint my Brother Gideon Clark, whole and Sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament — Secondly I desire that my land in Kent County that fell to me by vertue of my Fathers Will Called Spartneships shall be sold by my Executor at Public Sale as soon as is most convenient, for the most it will Sell for and to be distributed in the following manner — —

Thirdly I desire that my Just debts and funeral Charges shall be first paid off Fourthly I leave and bequeath to my Nephew Thomas Hynson Clark the sum of Fifty Pounds Specie and if he should die before he comes to the age of Twenty one I desire that said fifty pounds shall fall to his father Gideon Clark — —

Fifthly I leave and Bequeath unto my Nephew Henry Spearman fifty pounds Specie to be paid him by my Executor out of my Estate — — —

Sixthly I leave and bequeath unto my Brother Lambert Clark one third part of the Residue of my Estate to be paid him by my Executor — —

Seventhly I leave and Bequeath unto my Brother Nathaniel Clark one third part of the Remainder Residue of my Estate to be paid him by my Executor — —

Eighthly I leave and Bequeath unto my three Sisters Margarett Vansant, Susanna Clark and Micah Clark, the Remaining Residue of my Estate to be equally divided between them, and paid them by my Executor — In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and affixed my Seal this Seventeenth day of July in the Year of our Lord one Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty seven — —

John Clark (Seal)

Signed Sealed, Published and delivered by John Clark the above named testator for and as his last Will and Testament, in the Presence of us, who at his Request and in his Presence, and in the Presence of each other have Subscribed our Names as Witnesses thereto. — Wm Spearman, Edward his Mark Stewart, Jno Stewart Beaston

Nov.r 24th 1787. Then Came Wm. Spearman one of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of Dr.o Clark late of Kent County Deceasd. and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that he did see the Testator therein mentioned Sign and Seal this Will, and that he 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 his apprehension of Sound and Disposing mind Memory and Understanding, and that Edward Stewart and John Stewart Beaston the other two Subscribing Witnesses was Present and Signed their Names as Witnesses to this Will together with this Deponant in the Presence and at the Request of the Testator and in the Presence of each other — Before

Jn.o Nicholson Reg.r Wills for Kent County

In the Name of God Amen, I William Gay of Kent County and State of Maryland being very Sick and Weak but of Sound disposing Mind and Memory do think Proper to make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following to Wit — — — — — —

Imprimis, My Body I Recomend to be decently Buryed by my Executrix hereafter mentioned — I Give and Bequeath unto my Loving Wife Rachel Gay all my Real Estate being the Plantation whereon I now live during her Natural life and after her Decease I Give and Bequeath all the aforesd. Land and Plantation being two thirds thereof which I Purchased of William and Mary Wilmer, and John and Sarah Haley unto my Beloved Son Robert Gay, his Heirs and Assigns forever, and my Will and desire is that my said Son Robert, shall yeald and pay unto my other four Children Namely Sarah, Mary, John, and Ann Gay, the Sum of fifty Pounds to each of my aforesd. Children, to be paid in five equal Payments, the Sum of Ten Pounds Annually to each of them, untill the whole is Paid after my said Son —

Robert shall Arrive to the Age of twenty one years, or be in the Possession of the aforesd Land but if my said Son Robert should Die before he Arrives to the Age of twenty one years or be Possessd of the aforesd Land, then my Will and desire is that the Land Bequeathed to my Son Robert, should Desend to my Son John and his Heirs and Assigns forever he yealding and Paying unto my above Named Daughters the said Sums of fifty Pounds as before mentioned to be paid by my Son Robert — And my Will and desire further is that after my Just Debts are paid and my Wifes thirds taken out, that the Remaindier Part of my Estate be equally Divided among my five Children Sarah, Mary, John Robert, and Ann Gay — I Give unto Negro Jeffry one small Grey Horse Called Cab — Lastly I do hereby Appoint and Constitute my Loving Wife Rachel Gay whole and Sole Executrice of this my last Will and Testament — In Witness whereof I have hereunto Sett my Hand and Seale this thirtieth day of September Anno Dom: One thousand Seven hundred, Eighty and Seven 1787 — B the words his Heirs and Assigns forever, was Interlined between the Second and third line from the Bottom of the other side before Signed and Sealed — —

Signed Sealed Published Pronounced and declared by Wm Gay the Testator to be his last Will and Testament in the Presence of us, — G. Wilson J.C.C. Shadrach Bostick, Joseph Bothwell —

William Gay Seale

Nov.r 29th 1787 Then Came George Wilson J.C.C. Shadrach Bostick and Joseph Bothwell the three Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of William Gay late of Kent County Deceased, and Severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they did see the Testator therein Named Sign and Seal this Will, that they heard him Publish Pronounce and Declare the same to be his last Will and Testament, and that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their Apprehensions of Sound 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 — Before Jno Nicholson Regr Wills for the County

In the Name of God Amen. I Rachel Neil of Kent County being Sick and weak of Body but of Sound and Disposing Mind and Memory, do Make this my last Will and Testament in Manner and form following — First I devise my Negroes Nann and Sam to Capt. John McGowan under Special trust and Confidence that he will in three Months after my Decease Manumitt and Set free the said Negroes, and if he should Neglect or Refuse so to do I Bequeath the said Negroes to the State of Maryland forever — Also I Give and devise my three Negro Slaves Tan, Rachel and Ann to John McGowan Son of Capt. James McGowan and his Heirs forever — Also it is my Will that after all my Just Debts and funeral Expences are paid that the Residue of all my Estate shall be the Property of Elizabeth McGowan Daughter of the said James McGowan to whom I devise — And I appoint Capt. John McGowan Executor of this my Last will and testament hereby Revoking all wills by me heretofore made, Witness my hand this thirteenth day of October in the year of our Lord Seventeen Hundred and Eighty Seven — — — — — —

Signed Sealed Published and Declared as her last will and testament by the testatrix, in the Presence of the Subscribers, and at her Request — — —

Rachel her Mark Neil (Seal)

Judeth her Mark McGowan, Rebecca Davis, —

Harford County Sc. Novemr. 28th 1787 came John McGowan the Executor in and by the within and foregoing will Named and appointed And Made Oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that the within and foregoing Instrument of writing is the true and whole last will and Testament of Rachel Neal late of Kent County Deceased, that hath come to his hands and possession and that he knowes of no other — At the Same time came Judeth McGowan and Rebecca Davis the two Subscribing witnesses to the within and foregoing will and Made Oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that they did See Rachel Neal the Testatrix therein Named Sign and Seal the foregoing Instrument of writing, and that they heard her Publish Pronounce and Declare the Same to be her last Will and Testament, and that She was at the time of her so doing, to the best of their Apprehentions of Sound Disposing Mind Memory and understanding, and that they Subscribed their Names and Marks as witnesses to this will in the Presence and at the Request of the Testatrix and in the Presence of each other —

Certified by Geo: Bradford Regr. Wills for Harford County

Seal

In Testimony that the foregoing is a true Copy of the Last will and Testament of Rachel Neal late of Kent County Deceased with the Probate taken thereon I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal —

Geo: Bradford Regr. of Wills for Harford County

Copy from Harford County. Jno. Nicholson Regr. Wills for Kent County —

In the Name of God Amen I Robert Roberts being weak in Body but of sound and perfect mind and Memory do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following. I Give to my Son Samuel Roberts that corner of my Lot in Chester Town opposite to John Hanigan Deced a Lot belonging to contain thirty feet on the Back Street and to run Ninety feet deep with the Cross street to and high street to him the said Samuel Roberts his heirs and assigns forever Provided he gives up all his right to my Billiard Table. I give to my Son Roberts Roberts that corner of my Lot on high Street on which my office now stands to run with a Streight line with the End of my Dwelling house called the Tavern to my stable to him his Heirs and assigns forever. I give to my son Thomas Billingsley Roberts my Dwelling house called the Tavern and the Ground on which it stands to run the Same width of the House back as far as my Stable and to take in said Stable to him and his heirs forever. I give to my Son Robert Roberts thirty feet on high Street to Run back in said Lot to my Garden fence to him his Heirs and assigns forever. I Give to my Daughter Elizabeth Roberts all that part of my Lot lying between the part devised to my son Robert and the Lot belonging to Capt. George Hartshorn to begin at high Street and Run back to my Garden fence to her, her Heirs and assigns forever. I Give of said Lot an Alley ten feet wide said Alley to begin at the back side of my Stable and Run Streight a Cross the Lot to the Lot adjoining mine. I give to that Child my Wife is now Pregnant with thirty feet on the Cross Street to Run with the alley through to the extent of my Lot to the said Child its heirs and assigns forever.

I Give to my Daughter Temperance Roberts all that Remainder lying between that part devised to the Child with which my Wife is now Pregnant and that part devised to my Son Samuel to Run entirely through the Lot to her, her Heirs and Assigns forever

I Give to my Daughter Nancy Roberts forty feet on the back street to Run Ninety feet deep; said forty feet front and ninety feet deep to be laid off next to the Corner Devised to my Son Samuels to her, her Heirs and assigns forever. I give to my Grandson George Ashley twenty five feet front on back Street to Run Ninety Deep to be laid off next to that part devised to my Daughter Nancy, to Him his Heirs and Assigns forever, but if the said George Ashley should die without Issue lawfully begotten then this Devise shall go to my son Roberts Roberts and his Heirs forever, and if he should die without lawfull Issue then to my son Thomas Billingsley Roberts and his Heirs forever, and if he should die without lawfull Issue then to my Son Robert Reding and his Heirs forever. I Give to my Grandson Reuben Tirell twenty five feet front and ninety feet deep adjoining to George Ashleys to him his heirs and assigns forever, but if the said Reuben should die without lawfull Issue then in that case this devise shall go to my Son Roberts Roberts and his heirs forever, and if he should die without lawful Issue then to my Son Thomas Billingsley and his heirs forever, and if he should Die without lawfull Issue then to my Son Robert Roberts his heirs and assigns forever. I Give to my Grandson Robert Ashley twenty five feet front and Ninety deep adjoining that part devised to Reuben Tirell to him and his Heirs forever, but if he should die without lawfull Issue then this Devise shall go to my son Roberts Roberts and his heirs forever and if he should die without lawfull Issue then to my Son Thomas Billingsley Roberts his heirs and Assigns forever

and if he should Die without lawful Issue then to my son Robert Roberts his Heirs and assigns forever I Give to my Loving wife Temperance Roberts after my Just Debts and funeral Expences are paid all the remainder of my Estate of whatsoever Kind or Nature it may be for her Use of my Estate and for the Maintainance and Education of my Children. I also give to my Loving wife the whole of my Real Estate untill my Children come of age to Receive their Portions, Provided she Remains single, but if she should marry and my Children should not Chose to live with and receive their Maintainance and Education under her after Marriage then in that case they shall have the Priviledge of chosing a Guardian to Act for them. I do constitute and appoint my Loving wife whole and Sole Executrix of this my last will and testament and I do revoke annul and make void all other wills by me heretofore made in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this twenty Eight day of September one thousand Seven hundred and Eighty Seven

Signd Sealed Published and Declared by the testator to be his last Will and Testament } Robert Roberts (Seal)

it being first Read to him in our Presence who at his Request and in the Presence of each other have hereunto Subscribed our Names as witnesses Thos. McClean James Arthur, Robert Reid

Decemr 11th 1787 then Came Thos McClean, James Arthur and Robert Reid the three Subscribing witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of Robert Roberts late of Kent County Deced and Severally made oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they did see the Testator herein 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 to this Will in the Presence and at the Request of the Testator and in the Presence of each other Before Jno Nicholson Regr Wills for Kent County

In the Name of God Amen I Anthony Banning of Kent County in Maryland being of sound and Perfect Mind and Memory do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following — — —

Imp.s I give and bequeath unto my daughter Catherine all my Estate both Real and Personal after the Payment of my Just debts and two legacies — hereafter mentioned, to her my said Daughter Catherine and her heirs forever

Imp.s I give unto Samuel Thomas, Son of Sarah Thomas who afterwards — intermarried with a certain Joseph Lloyd of Talbot County, and unto Anthony Mansfield son of Sarah Mansfield who afterwards intermarried with one Fitzpatrick of the same County to each if they should be then living one hundred Pounds common Currency to be laid out either on their — Education or any other way that my Executors hereafter mentioned shall think fit My desire is that my Lands, and such of my Negroes as do not chuse to be Sold, may for the benefit of my Daughter be rented out, obliging the Tenant to make every necessary repair and improvement and to oblige them to use the Negroes with Humanity and keep them well Cloathed — Cæsar and Cato to be hired to none others but such Persons as they chuse to live with from year to year — My earnest desire and will is also that my Child may have a good Education the Expences thereof I leave to the discretion of my Executors who I trust will be careful whose hands they Place her in and when she my said Daughter arrives at the Age of sixteen Years I do ordain that she may devise her Estate to whomsoever she may think proper — But if she Dies before she arrives at that Age or marries, In that case I give my Real and Personal Estate to my two Brothers Jeremiah and Henry Banning upon their making Payment of One hundred Pounds —

Common Currency unto my Brother Andrew Banning, and one hun-
-dred Pounds like Money unto the above named Samuel Thomas if he
shall be living, and one hundred Pounds like money unto the above-
named Anthony Mansfield if he shall be living, and further sum of one
hundred Pounds like Money unto Polly Calder daughter of Mrs. Hes.
Calder if she shall be then living — — —

It is my direction that my Executors do emmediately Sell my Share of the
Vessel and Cargo in which I am one half concerned with Messrs. George
Meade and Company to the best advantage — And lastly I do appoint
my said Brothers Jeremiah and Henry Banning my whole and Sole —
Executors of this my last Will and Testament revoking and disannulling
all former Wills by me here to fore made. In Testimony of all which
I have hereunto set my hand affixed my Seal this 4th. day of Sept.r
in the Year of our Lord Christ 1777.

Signed and Sealed by the } Anthony Banning Seal
Testator and acknowledged to be his last will and testament in —
presence of us. Eze. Forman, J. Kennedy, Jno. Lorain,

Decem.r 31st. 1787 then Came John Lorain one of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within
last will and testament of Anthony Banning late of Kent County Deced. and made
Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that he did see the Testator —
herein Named Sign and Seal this Will, and that he heard him Publish Pronounce
Declare the same to be his last will and Testament, that at the time of his so doing
he was to the best of his apprehension of sound and Disposing mind Memory
understanding and that Eze. Forman and John Kennedy the other two Subscribing Witness.
was Present at the same time Signed their Names as Witness to this Will in the Pres.ce of the
request of the Testa.r in the Pres.ce of each other Before Jno. Nicholson Reg.r

I James Anderson late of London Merchant but now and for some time past residing in Maryland in America being of sound and disposing Mind and Memory do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following — I devise to my Sisters Marion Anderson and Harriot Rebecca Anderson a tract of Land lying in Queen Anns County called Lloyd Town to be equally divided between them and to to hold to them and their Heirs respectively forever as tenants in Common and not as Joint tenants — And this Devise is in Satisfaction of Legacies devised to them by my late Mother by her last Will and Testament which Legacies were charged upon Lands that have descended to me as Heir at Law of my Mother — — — I devise to my Brother William Anderson and his Heirs forever my Lotts of Ground in Chester Town and Improvements thereon, and also my Lotts in the said Town which are unimproved in Satisfaction so far their Value will extend of a Legacy devised to him by my Mother which was charged on Lands that have descended to me as Heir at Law of my Mother — — The Residue of my Estate real and personal I devise to my three Children Ann Rebecca and James Anderson to be equally divided among them Share and Share alike — In Witness of all which I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this twentieth day of September One thousand Seven hundred and Seventy Six — — —

Signed Sealed Published and declared by the said James Anderson as and for his last Will and Testament in the Presence of us who have subscribed our Names as Witnesses thereto in his Presence and at his Request —

Ja.s Anderson (Seal)

Ja.s Anderson, Jere Nicols, John Montgomerie,

January 29th 1708 then came Jere Nicols one of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of James Anderson late of Queen Anns County deced and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that he did see the Testator herein mentioned Signd and Seal this Will, that he heard him Publish Pronounce and Declare the same to be his last Will and Testament —

turn over

that at the time of his so doing he was to the Best of his apprehension of Sound and Disposing Mind memory and Understanding, and that James Anderson and John Montgomerie the other two Subscribing Witnesses was Present at the same time and Signed their Names as witnesses to this Will, in the Presence and at the Request of the Testator and in the Presence of each other — Before —

Jno. Nicholson Reg. Wills for K. County

In the Name of God Amen; I William Graham of Kent County and State of Maryland do make, ordain and appoint this my last Will and Testament in Manner and form, as follows to Wit — First, my Will and desire is all my Just debts be paid out of my Estate — Secondly I Will and bequeath unto my Sister Ann Wyatt all my Estate, Interest, and Claim what someever, to her, and her Heirs forever — Thirdly I do nominate, ordain, and appoint my Sister Ann Wyatt the Sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal. this Eighteenth day of December One thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Seven —

Signed Sealed and Acknowledge in the Presence of us —

William his Graham (Seal)
Mark

Ben Comegys, Malachi Ambrose, Alex. Millard. —

March 7th 1700, then came Ben. Comegys Alex. Millard two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the above last Will and Testament of Wm. Graham late of Kent County deced and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they did see the Testator herein 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 Mala: Ambrose the other Subscribing Witness was Present and Signed his Name as a Witness to this Will. together with these Deponants in the Presence and at the Request of the Testator and in the Presence of each other

Before Jno. Nicholson Reg. Wills for K. County

In the Name of God Amen I. James Wilson of Kent County and Province of Maryland do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form Following to Wit — Imprimis I give bequeath and devise unto my beloved Wife Ann Wilson her choise of one of my Plantations during her natural life and no longer — Item I give Bequeath and devise unto my beloved Son James Wilson my other Plantation to him and his heirs for= =ever — Item I give Bequeath and devise unto my Son James the Plan= =tation which my Wife enjoys after her Natural Life to him and his Heires forever — Item I give Bequeath and devise unto Charles Haley twenty pounds in good and lawfull Current money to be paid to said Charles by my Executors — Item I Will bequeath and devise the Residue of my Estate to be equally divided among all my Children except Mary and Sarah; each of which is to have forty pounds less than any other Child — Lastly I hereby constitute and appoint my beloved Wife Ann Wilson and my beloved Son James Wilson Executrix and Executor of this my last Will and Testament and testamentary Guardians to my two Daughters — Darcus Mary Dunny Wilson and Fanny Wilson. In testimony where= =of I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this 3d day of March Anno Domi 1786. — Jno. Wilson Sen.r Seal

Signed sealed published and delivered by James Wilson the above named Testator as and for his his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who at his Request and in his presence have subscribed our Names as Witnesses thereto Test. Campbell S. McClair, William Stuart. William Gay

May 10th 1788, then came Jas. Wilson and Ann Wilson the Exs. and Exx. herein mentioned and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that the above Instrument of Writing is the true and whole Will and Testament of James Wilson Sen.r late of Kent County decd, that hath come to their hands or possession and that they doth not know of any other. Before Jno. Nicholson Reg.r Wills for K. County

May 10th 1788 then Came Cambell St. Clair and Wm. Stewart two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of James Wilson Senr. late of Kent County and made Oath on the Holy Evangels 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 that Wm. Gay the other Subscribing Witness was present at the same time and Signd his Name as a Witness to this Will together with these depositions in the presence and at the Request of the Testator and in the presence of each other. Before Dr. Nicholson Regr Wills for Kt. County.

State of Maryland Kent County Sct.

In the Name of God Amen; I John Wilson of Kent County in the State of Maryland Farmer being Sick and weak of body but of sound mind memory and understanding do make and Publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following Viz. first I Give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Ann Howard Wife of John Howard the sum of fifteen Pounds specie, out of my personal Estate and no more also I Give and bequeath unto Araminta Beck Wife of Edward Beck the Sum of fifteen Pounds specie and no more, also I give and bequeath unto Margrett Howard Wife of James Howard Ten Pounds specie out of my personal Estate and no more also I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Sarah Beck wife of Aquilla Beck the sum of twenty shillings specie and no more also my Will and desire is that my four Children Namely Rebecca, Jonathan, Edey, and Mathew, shall each of them have a Good Feather Bed and furniture paid to them in kind out of my said Estate by my Executor when each or Either of them shall arrive of Age namely the Boys at twenty one years of Age, and the Girls at sixteen years of age

also I Give and Bequeath each of the four Children one Negro each of them namely I give and bequeath unto my beloved Daughter Rebecca one Negro woman called Rachel, also I Give and bequeath unto my beloved Son Jonathan one Negro man called George also I Give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Edey one Negro man called Cesar also I Give and bequeath unto my beloved Son Matthew one Negro man called Providence also I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Katherine Crouch wife of Samuel Crouch one Negro woman called Flora, my Will and desire is that my Executor pay my beloved wife Sarah Wilson the sum of fifty Pounds specie in Lieu of her part of the Negroes belonging to my Estate also her side Saddle and Bridle which Saddle and Bridle to be paid to her as a Legacy Exclusive of her part of my Estate, Also I Give and Bequeath unto my beloved Daughter Rebecca one Bay horse called Tom to be paid to her by my Executor hereafter to be mentioned when she Arrives to the Age of Sixteen years of Age also I I give and Bequeath unto my Son Jonathan one Roan Mare called Fly to be paid to him by my Executor when he shall arrive to Eighteen years of Age. I also I Give and Bequeath unto my Beloved son Jonathan my plantation in Kent County Occupied at this time by Joseph Middleton and known by the name of Beckworth and laid out for One hundred and fifty Acres more or less to him the said Jonathan and his heirs, but in case the said Jonathan should die before he Arrives to age or without lawfull Issue then in that case I Give and devise the plantation aforesd unto my Beloved Son Mathew and his heirs. my Will and desire is that after my funeral charges and my Just debts is paid by my Executor that the Remainder of my Estate after the legacies is taken out be Equally divided between my Children Katherine Crouch wife of Samuel Crouch, and Jonathan and Rebecca, and Edey and Lastly Mathew to be paid to them when they shall

Arrive to age Namely the Boys at twenty one years and the Girls at sixteen years of Age, and I hereby Nominate and Appoint my well beloved friend John Howard my Executor of this my last will and and Testament as also Guardian to my two sons Jonathan and Mathew and my daughter Eedey. I hereby Revoke all former Will or Wills by me heretofore made In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twentieth day of March in the yr. of our Lord 1700

John Wilson Seal

Signed Published and declared by the above said John Wilson as his last Will and Testament in the Presence of us William Peace Thomas Peace, Thomas Peace Junr.

May 13th 1700 then came John Howard, and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that the within Instrument of Writing is the true, and whole Will and Testament of John Wilson late of Kent County decd, that hath come to his hands or Possession, and that he doth not know of any other Before Jno. Nicholson Regr Wills for Kt. County

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May 13th 1700 Then came William Peace, Thomas Peace and Thomas Peace Junr. the three Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of John Wilson late of Kent County decd and Severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels 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 dispo-
-sing 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

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In the Name of God Amen I Dorcas Moore of Kent County
in the State of Maryland being Sick and weak of Body, but of sound and
disposing mind Memory, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament
in manner and form following to Wit / I give my Soul to Almighty God
my Creator and Blessed Redeemer, and my Body to be Buried in a plain
decent manner and my Worldly Goods which God that been pleased to bless
me with I give and dispose of as followeth

1.st My Will and desire is that my beloved Cousin Thomas Lewis James, do
collect from those who are Indebted to me as much Money as will pay my
just debts, and pay them as soon as he possibly can

2.dly I give and bequeath unto my beloved Sista Klosia Sudley one Negro
woman Named Silvia, one other Negro Woman named Francis till she
shall be twenty one years old, One hundred pounds Current Money, to be paid
her by my Cousin James James, all my Plate and my Part of a Chase

3.dly I give and bequeath unto my beloved Cousins Isabella Hynson, Frances
Hynson and Rebecca Hynson, twenty five pounds Current money each to be
paid to them by the aforesaid James James 4.thly I give and bequeath unto
my beloved Cousin Ann James twenty pounds Current money to be paid to her
by my Cousin James James 5.thly I give and bequeath unto my beloved Cousin
James Hynson twenty pounds current Money to be paid to him by my Cousin
James James 6.thly I give and bequeath unto my beloved Cousin Thomas
Lewis James my silver Watch

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7thly I Give and bequeath unto my Cousin Frederick Hanson James fifteen pounds Current money to be paid to him by my Cousin Jr. James James and to be kept at Interest for him till he shall be twenty one years old 8thly The Residue of my Estate I give and bequeath unto my Sister Alesia Sudler and Cousin Isabella Hynson Francis Hynson and Rebecca Hynson to be equally divided between them In Testimony that y.e above is my last Will and Testament I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this Sixth day of February Anno Dom. 1788

Signed, Sealed, Published, and declared by y.e Testatrix in the Presence of us the Subscribers to be her last Will and Testament who signed it at her Request and in y.e Presence of each other Mar. Tilden, John Swift

Dorcas Moore (Seal)

May 29th 1788, then came Mar.t Tilden and Jno. Swift the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of Dor.s Moore late of Kent County deced, and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they did see the Testatrix therein named Sign and Seal this Will and that they heard her Publish Pronounce and declare the same to be her last Will and Testament, that at the time of her so doing she 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 Testatrix and in the Presence of each other

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In the Name of God Amen I, Jonathan Wroth of Kent County in the State of Maryland, Merchant being Sick and weak but of Perfect mind and Memory Thanks be given unto God Calling unto mind the Mortality of my body and knowing that it is Appointed for all Men once to die Do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament that is to say Principally and first of all I Give and Recommend my Soul into the Hand of Almighty God that gave it, and my Body I Recommend to the Earth to be buried in decent Christian Burial at the Discretion of my Executrix nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection I shall Receive the same again by the Mighty Power of God, and as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life, I give devise and Dispose of the Same in the following manner and form, — first I give to my loveing Wife Alethea all my Lands Tenements Hereditements Improvements and Appurtenances — thereunto belonging togeather with all my Estate both Real and Personal for and During her Natural Life, After her Death - I give to my Son James Wroth the Plantation whereon I now live with all Improvements and Appurtenances thereunto Belonging to him his heirs and Assigns forever, I then Give to my Son Jonathan Wroth my Plantation in the Delaware State with all the Improvements and Appurtenances thereunto belonging to him his heirs and Assigns — forever all the Remainder and Residue of my Estate after my Debts is paid I leave to be Equally divided between my Son Samuel Stockdon Wroth and my Daughter Ann Elizabeth Wroth, that is provided the s.d Remainder of my Estate does not Exceed twelve hundred Pounds, but if said Remainder of my Estate should exceed twelve hundred Pounds In that Case, I leave to my s.d two youngest Children Six hundred Pounds a Peace or to each of them, all the Remainder and Residue of my Estate I then leave to be Equally Divided between all my Children that is to say, James Wroth, Jonathan Wroth, Samuel Stockdon Wroth and Ann Elizabeth Wroth, I likewise Constitute make and Ordain my

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my loveing Wife Allethea the Sole Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament and I do hereby utterly disallow revoke and Disannul all and every other former Testaments Wills Legacies Bequests and Executors by me in any ways before named Willed and bequeathed Ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my Last Will and Testament, in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this twentieth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and Eighty Eight 1788

Signed Sealed Published Pronounced and Declared by the said Jonath.n Warth as his last Will and Testament in the Presence of us who in his Presence and in the Presence of each other have hereunto Subscribed our Names

Jonathan Warth (Seal)

James Welch, Joseph Ireland, Elen.r Reyner

August 11.th 1788 then Came Allethea Warth and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that the within Instrument of writing is the true and whole Will and Testament of Jonathan Warth late of Kent County deced, that she hath come to her Hands or Possession and that she doth not know of any other

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State of Maryland Kent County to Wit.

August 11.th 1788 then Came James Welch, Joseph Ireland and Elen.r Reyner the three Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of Jonathan Warth late of Kent County Deced, and severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels 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, and in Presence of each other

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In the Name of God Amen I Ann Gilbert Wife of George Gilbert of Kent County in the State of Maryland farmer by virtue of a Power to me in that behalf given and Reserved by virtue of certain Articles of agreement made with my said Husband before my intermarriage with him Bearing date the twenty fourth day of May in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty eight for giving and disposing of all the Negroes Goods Chattles Monies debts owing to me and personal Estate whatsoever whereof I then was or ever thereafter should be possessed of as by the said Agreement will appear do give and and Bequeath as follows — Item I give and bequeath the Sum of thirty pounds current Money and a Bed and furniture to Sarah Hynson daughter of John Carvill Hynson. — Item I give and Bequeath all the Rest and Residue of my above mentioned personal Estate that I may die possessed of to my Sister Hannah Hynson but in case the said Hannah should die in my life time, then I give and bequeath all my said Residue to Mary Ann Calder daughter of Alexander and Mary Calder, Phebe Hynson, Mary Hynson, Martha Ann Hynson Sarah Hynson and Rebecca Hynson all daughters of John Carvill Hynson equally to be divided between them and to the Survivors of them equally to be divided between them — Lastly I hereby constitute and appoint my Sister Hannah Hynson to be Executrix of this my last Will and testament annulling all former Wills by me heretofore made and confirming this and none other to be my last Will and testament, In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and affixed my Seal this twentieth day of August in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Eighty eight — Ann Gilbert Seal

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Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the Testator Ann Gilbert as and for her last Will and Testament in the Presence of us who at the request of the Testator and in her Presence have Subscribed our Names as Witnesses thereto —

Charles Chambers, David Jones, William Durding —

October 26th 1788 Then came Charles Chambers and David Jones two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of Ann Gilbert late of Kent County deced and Severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that they did see the Testator therein named Sign and Seal this Will, and that they heard her Publish Pronounce and Declare the same to be her last Will and Testament, that at the time of her so doing she was to the best of their Apprehensions of sound and disposing mind Memory and understanding and that Wm Durding the other Subscribing Witness was present at the same time and Signed his Name as a Witness to this Will together with these Deponants, in the Presence and at the Request of the Testator and in the Presence of each other —

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In the Name of God Amen I Robert Constable of Kent County in the State of Maryland, being now sick and indisposed, but of sound and disposing mind Memory and understanding, Considering the certainty of Death and the uncertainty of the time thereof — And being desirous of settling my temporal affairs, And thereby be better prepared to leave this world when it shall please God to call me hence; do therefore make and Publish this my last Will and Testament in Manner and form following to Wit — —

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 After my debts and funeral Charges are paid I — devise and Bequeath as follows — — — — — — — — —

I Give and Devise the houses and half Lott where I now dwell and which I bought of Reuben Harding unto my dear Wife Margrett during her natural life in full of her dower or third part of my real Estate, remainder after the end and determanation of her Estate therein to my Son William, and to my Daughters Sarah and Catharine, and to the heirs of their Bodies lawfully begotten, to be equally divided between them as tenants in Common, and not as Joint tenants, And if either of my said Children should die without such Issue then to the Survivor or Survivors of them, and if they should all die without such Issue, then to my Daughters Elizabeth and Harriett and their heirs forever

Item I Give and bequeath all my House hold furniture to my dear Wife, for ever, except one looking Glass, one Square Walnut dining table, one bed and Bedding and the plate marked with the Letters E. C. Item I give and bequeath unto my dear Wife two hundred Pounds to be to her immediately after my decease in full of her dower of Personal Estate Item I give and Bequeath unto my Son John, and the Heirs of his Body lawfully begotten, the upper part of the Lott with the Buildings and improvements thereon, it being the residue of the Lott whereon I now dwell, remainder to my Daughters Elizabeth and Harriett, and the heirs of their Bodies lawfully begotten, Remainder to my Son William and my daughters Sarah and Catharine, and their heirs for ever as tenants in Common, Item I give and Devise to my daughter Elizabeth a Negro Girl called Mary, and also, the looking Glass square Table Walnut dining table, bed and bed and Bedding and the plate marked with the Letters E. C. but if my said daughter should die before she comes to twenty one years of age, and before Marriage then my Will is that the said negro furniture and plate, should be equally divided between my Son John, and my Daughter Harriett, or the survivor of them the other leaving no Issue

Item I give and devise to my daughter Harriett a Negro Woman called Nell, and her child called Jacob, but if my said daughter should die

Die before Marriage she comes to twenty one Years of age and before Marriage my Will is that the said Negroes be equally divided between my son John and my Daughter Elizabeth and the survivor of them the other leaving no Issue — Item I do hereby authorise and impower my Executor hereafter named to sell the houses And Lott I bought of Thomas McClure Executor of John Bolton and the money Arising from the sale to appropriate and apply to the Payment of the money I owe for the Purchase of the said House and Lott and the rents due or that may hereafter become due for the said houses and Lott, it is my Will be applied in the same manner, And if my Executor herein after named doth not take upon himself the burthen of my last Will and the trust in him reposed by me it is my Will that the Administrator or Administrators should have the same Power and Authority in selling the said houses and Lott as my Executor herein named if he had acted — Item I give and devise the remainder of my Estate not herein before devised to be equally divided between my dear Wife and all my Children share and share alike — And lastly I do hereby Constitute and appoint my friend Mr William Hubley of Chester town Maryland 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 whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this eight day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty five —

Robert Constable [L.S.]

Signed sealed Published and Declared by Robert Constable the within and above named testator, as and for his last Will and testament in the Presence of us, who at his request, and in his Presence have Subscribed our Names as Witnesses thereto James Mouat Anderson, John Sturgis, Peter Lethbury

Nov.r 28.th 1708 Then Came Margrett Constable and John Constable and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that the within Instrument of writings is the true and whole Will and Testament of Rob.t Constable late of Kent County deced late of that hath come to their Hands or Possession, and that they doth not know of any other Before Mr. Nicholson Reg.r Wills for K.t County

Nov.r 28.th 1708, Then Came John Sturgis, and Peter Lethbury two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of Robert Constable late of Kent County deced, and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that they did see the Testator, herein 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 James Mouat Anderson the other Subscribing Witness was Present and Signed his Name as a Witness to this Will, together with these deponants in the Presence and at the Request of the Testator and in the Presence of each other

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In the Name of God Amen I James Brown Dunn of Kent County and State of Maryland Farmer and Planter being Sick and weak in Body but in sound and perfect mind and Memory do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament in the manner and form following to Wit

First my Will and desire is that all my Just debts be paid and satisfied

Secondly I give and bequeath unto my son James Lorain Dunn and the Heirs of his Body Lawfully begotten forever after the decease or Mariage of his Mother all that part of my dwelling Plantation to the Southward of a line running in a Strait Course from a Cedar Post fixed on a Point commonly called high Point to another cedar Post by me fixed on the Edge of the main Road for a Division boundary, in the Presence of the Witnesses to this my last Will and Testament, Likewise one half my timber Land lying down the Neck called Scotts Lott resurveyed but if my said Son James should die without Heirs of his Body Lawfully begotten then and in such case my Will and desire is that that part of my Lands herein devised to him shall go to my son Thomas Dunn and the heirs of his Body Lawfully begotten forever Thirdly I give and Bequeath unto my Son Thomas Dunn and the Heirs of his Body Lawfully begotten forever the other part of my dwelling Plantation lying to the Northward of the aforementioned Cedar Posts Likewise one half that is the other half of the aforementioned timber Land lying down the Neck call Scotts Lott resurveyed for him to possess the said Lands at the death or Mariage of his Mother but if my said Son Thomas should die without Heirs of his Body Lawfully begotten then and in such case my Will and desire is that that part of my Lands herein devised to him should go to my son James and the Heirs of his Body Lawfully begotten forever Lan.d use

Fourthly But if both my above mentioned sons James and Thomas should die without Heirs of their Body lawfully begotten then and in such Case my Will and desire is that the whole of the lands hereon bequeathed to them should be sold and the Money arising from said Sale be equally divided among my other Children or their Heirs of their Body lawfully begotten so that the said Heirs of my deceased Children shall have divided among them only that Proportion which would have been coming to their Parent if living — Fifthly I give and bequeath unto my daughter Martha Ann Brown Dunn as a legacy the sum of three Pounds — — — Sixthly I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Ann Dunn as a legacy three Pounds — Seventhly I give and bequeath unto my daughter Anne Elizabeth Dunn as a legacy to be paid at the day of Marriage or at the death or Marriage of her Mother, Negroe Jeney and negro Catharine and also the sum of thirty seven Pounds ten shillings to be paid unto her within twelve months from the day of her Marriage or at the death or Marriage of her Mother — — — Eighthly I give and bequeath to my daughter Anne Dunn a Slave called Clary two Cows not to exceed five nor under three years old Six head of young Sheep to be paid her at the day of her Marriage or the death or Marriage of her Mother and also the Sum of thirty Seven Pounds ten shillings to be paid unto her within twelve Months from her marriage or at the death or Marriage of her Mother — Ninethly I give and bequeath unto my daughter Rebecca Dunn a Slave called Dinah, two cows, not to exceed five nor under three years old to be paid her at her Marriage or at the death or Marriage of her mother, also the Sum of thirty seven pounds ten shillings to be paid unto her within twelve months from my said Daughters Marriage or at the death or Marriage of her Mother —

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Tenthly I give and bequeath unto my dr Wife Elizabeth Dunn the Sum of two Hundred Pounds current Money as her own right and Property — I also give and Bequeath unto my said Wife during her Widowhood all my Lands and Tenements, and it is also my Will and desire that during the Widowhood of my said Wife she should keep in her Possession all my Personal Estate after my Just debts are paid and Satisfied except that part of my Estate which any of my Children should from this my last Will and Testament be entitled to call on her for In consequence of their Marriage — Lastly I do appoint my Wife Elizabeth Dunn my Sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament, and do revoke all other Wills by me heretofore made, as Witness my Hand and Seal this Sixteenth day of June — In the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Eighty eight —

Signed, Sealed and acknowledged by the Testator for his last Will and Testament in the Presence of us the following Interleniation being first made in the 8th Clause the words, to be paid her at the day of her Marriage or the Death or Marriage of her Mother — Jas B. Dunn Seal

Thos Lorain, Darius Dunn, Wm McKenney

Novem: 7th 1788, Then came Elizabeth Dunn and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that the within Instrument of writing is the true and Whole will and Testament of James B. Dunn late of Kent County — deced, that hath come to her Hands or Possession, and that she doth not know of any other — Before. Wm Nicholson Regr Wills for K. County —

Novem: 7th 1788, Then Came Thomas Lorain, Darius Dunn, and Wm McKenney, the three subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of James B. Dunn late of Kent County deceased and severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that they did

notwithstanding and my Will is that after the Payment of my funeral Charges Just debts and the Legacies aforesd that then the rest and Residue of my Personal Estate shall be Equally divided amongst my six Children aforesaid the legacy of fifty pounds as aforesaid as upon the terms and Contingency above Mentioned to be a lien upon and bind my Lands above named in the hands of my said Son or any other Person Claiming under him — My Will and desire is that the Administration of my Estate be completed and closed by my Executors as soon as may be and that they may employ and dispose of my Childrens portions in the best manner they can for the Interest and Advantage of my said Children and that the Clear Profits arising therefrom be applied to their Maintenance and Education in the most advantageous Manner their fortunes will admit of untill my Son shall arrive at the age of twenty one years, and my daughters Respectively at the age of Sixteen years at which ages Respectively I do order and direct that their Several portions shall be paid to them — and I do further order and Direct that the Clear Profits of my Lands aforesaid shall also be applied in the same manner to the Maintenance and Education of my Children untile my Daughters Except Mary and Rachel severally arrive at the age of Sixteen years and my son at the age of twenty one, But as my Daughters Mary and Rachel are now young and will not be Sixteen years old when my Son Attains his age of twenty one years and as upon his attaining that age all aid and Support from the Profits of my land will cease as to my two Youngest Daughters I do request and desire my said Son upon his attaining the said age and afterwards untile my said two Youngest Daughters shall respectively attain their age of Sixteen to be very carefull of his two Sisters and pay particular attention to their Interests of every kind but more especially their Maintenance Education and Moral Conduct — I do hereby Constitute and appoint my good friend Mr Oliver Smith Guardian to all my Children to wit to my Son William untill he attains the age of twenty on years to my three eldest Daughters untill they shall respectively attain the age of Sixteen

Daughters to Wit Rebecca Cooper, Rosetta Cooper, Henrietta Cooper, Mary Cooper and Rachel Cooper and their heirs and Assigns forever as tenants in Common — Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Rebecca Cooper fifty Pounds Specie — I Give and bequeath unto my daughter Rosetta Cooper fifty Pounds Specie — I give and Bequeath unto my daughter Henrietta Cooper fifty Pounds Specie — I give and Bequeath unto my daughter Mary Cooper fifty Pounds Specie — I give and Bequeath unto my daughter Rachel Cooper fifty Pounds Specie — Which said Sums William Salisbury Cooper must pay them after he attains the age of twenty one years as they arrive at Sixteen years of age, the Payment of which Sums shall be Binding on the Land left my Son William for the true Performance thereof But in case the Plantation whereon I now live should fall into the hands of my five daughters agreeable to my Will by the death of James Salisbury then in that Case my Son William is not to pay my Daughters these sums of fifty Pounds each and if my Son Williams should have paid all or any of my Daughters their fifty Pounds, and the Land should fall to them, then they shall pay the same back again to my Son William Salisbury Cooper or his heirs — I Give to my daughter Rachel Cooper the sum of fifty Pounds Specie over and above her Distributive share or part of my Personal Estate which said sum of fifty Pounds Specie I do direct my Son William to pay my daughter Rachel out of his distributive share or Part of my Personal estate when she arrives at the age of Sixteen — I give and Bequeath unto my son William one Negro Woman called Pegg and all her Issue already born or hereafter to be born — I Give and Bequeath unto my Sister Eve Hall two Mulattoes Girls Sal and Temp and on Condition she Relinquishes all farther Claim of her Mothers Estate, she may have in Lieu of them Isaac and Hannah — I give and Bequeath unto my Brother John Cooper one Negro woman called Rachel, — I Give and Bequeath unto my Sister Rebecca Ligart one Mulatto Girl called Charlotte — I do order and direct that the Crop which may be growing at the time of my death on the Land hereby devised to my son William shall be accounted for by my Executors as part of my Personal Estate, the devise of the said Land to my Son —

notwithstanding and my Will is that after the payment of my funeral Charges Just debts and the Legacies afs.d that then the rest and Residue of my Personal Estate shall be Equally divided amongst my six Children aforesaid, the legacy of fifty pounds as aforesaid as upon the terms and Contingency above Mentioned to be a lien upon and bind my Lands above named in the hands of my said Son or any other Person Claiming under him — My Will and desire is that the Administration of my Estate be completed and closed by my Executors as soon as may be and that they may employ and dispose of my Childiens portions in the Best manner they can for the Interest and Advantage of my said Children and that the Clear Profits arising therefrom be applied to their Maintenance and Education in the most advantageous Manner their fortunes will admit of untill my Son shall arrive at the age of twenty one years, and my daughters Respectively at the age of Sixteen Years at which ages Respectively I do order and direct that their Several portions shall be paid to them — and I do further order and Direct that the Clear Profits of my Lands aforesaid shall also be applied in the same manner to the Maintenance and Education of my Children untile my Daughters Except Mary and Rachel severally arrive at the age of Sixteen years and my son at the age of twenty one, But as my Daughters Mary and Rachel are now young and will not be Sixteen years old when my Son Attains his age of Twenty one years and as upon his attaining that age all aid and Support from the Profits of my land will cease as to my two youngest Daughters I do request and desire my said Son upon his attaining the said age and afterwards untill my said two youngest Daughters shall respectively attain their age of Sixteen to be very carefull of his two Sisters and pay particular attention to their Interests of every kind but more especially their Maintenance Education and Moral Conduct — I do hereby Constitute and appoint my good friend Mr. Oliver Smith Guardian to all my Children to wit, to my Son William untill he attains the age of Twenty on years to my three eldest Daughters untill they shall respectively attain the age of Sixteen

Years and to my two youngest Daughters untill my Son shall attain his age of twenty one years if he shall live so long and if not then untill my said two youngest Daughters shall severally attain their age of Sixteen Years, and it it is my will and desire that the said Oliver Smith shall have the Estates of my said Children in his hands and Posesion and employ them in the best manner for their future Interest and advantage and if the annual profits of their Estates and also of my Lands should exced the reasonable expence of their Maintenance and Education the overplus with the Interest thereon be accounted for by the said Oliver Smith and paid to my said Children respectively in Equal proportions as they severally arrive at their ages aforesaid when his Guardianship of them is to cease and Determine — I do Constitute and appoint my good friend Oliver Smith and my son William Executors of this my last Will and testament revoking and making null and void all former Wills and Wills by me heretofore made and ratifying and confirming this and none other as and for my last Will and Testament — In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this 8th day of Novembr 1788 —

Thomas Cooper (Seal)

Signed Sealed Published pronounced and declared by the Testator as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who have Subscribed our Names as witnesses hereto in the Presence of the testator, and of each other and at his Request the day and year afd — James Speer —

Nath.l Glenn, Bartlet Palmer — — — —

December 11th 1788 Then Came Oliver Smith and Wm T. Cooper and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that the within Instrument of writing is the true and whole will and testament of Thomas Cooper late of Kent County dced, that hath come to their Hands or Posession, and that they doth not know of any other — Before —

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Decem^{r} 11th 1788 Then Came James Speer, Nath^{l} Glenn and Bartley Palmer the Three subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of Thomas Cooper late of K County deced and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that they did see the testator herein 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 and in the Presence of each other Before Jn^{o} Nicholson Reg^{r} Wills for K County

In the Name of God Amen I John Bradsha of Kent County in the State of Maryland being of Sound disposing mind and Memory do make this my last Will and testament in manner and form following to Wit

First I give Bequeath and devise unto my son John Bradsha two tracts or Parcels of Land whereon he now Dwells one called and known by the name of Hexes Hazard and the other by the Name of New town Resurvey'd to him and his heirs forever

Secondly I give Bequeath and devise unto my Son James Bradsha all my Land and Plantation whereon I now live with every Appurtenances thereunto Belonging and to him and his heirs forever

Thirdly I give and Bequeath unto my Son William Bradsha the Sum of five Shillings and no more of my Estate Real and Personal to him and his heirs forever

Fourthly my Will is that after my Just debts and Wifes thirds are paid that all the Remaining part of my Personal Estate be Equally divided between my three Children John and James Bradsha and Priscilla Blackston and my Grand Daughter Priscilla Miller to them and their Heirs forever

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Lastly I nominate and Appoint my Loveing wife Ann and my Son James Bradsha Executrix and Executor of this my last Will and testament, hereby makeing Null and Void all other Will or Wills heretofore by me made Ratifying and Confirming this to be my only and last Will and testament, In Witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and Seal this thirteenth day of October Seventeen Hundred and Eighty Eight

Signed sealed Published acknowledged and Declared by the above Named John Bradsha his Mark Seal

John Bradsha to be his last Will and testament and at the time of his so doing he appeared to us to be of Sound disposing mind and Memory who have Subscribed our Names as Witnesses thereto in his Presence and at his request

John Page, Samuel Miller, Stephen Blakeston

Sir February 6th 1709 I do hereby Renounce the Appointment of Executrix in the last Will and testament of my late deced Husband John Bradsha, therefore you'll Grant Letters Testamentary unto his son James Bradsha who is also left and Appointed Executor in the said Will I am Sir your Hble Sert Ann her Bradsha Mark

February 11th 1709 Then came James Bradsha one of the Executors within Named and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that the within Instrument of Writing is the true and Whole will and testament of John Bradsha late of Kent County deced, that hath come to his Hands or Possession, and that he doth not know of any other

Before Wm Nicholson Regr Wills for Kt County

February 11th 1709 Then came John Page, Samuel Miller and Stephen Blakeston the three Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of John Bradsha late of Kent County deced, and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they did see the Testator herein 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 and in the Presence of each other

Before Jno Nicholson Regr Wills for Kt County

In the Name of God Amen I Abednego Massy of Kent County in the State of Maryland being sick and weak of Body but of sound mind Memory and Understanding thanks be to Almighty God for the same, do make Publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following to Witt. Imprimis I give and Bequeath unto my beloved Wife Hannah Massy the fourth part of all the Lands I now Possess, supposing them to be about One hundred thirty five and one Quarter Acres of land or thereabout while she Continues or Remains a Widow, also the fourth part of my Personal Estate after my Just debts and funeral Charges are paid, but if my said Wife should happen to Marry then the above said Land to be Distributed amongst my Children in manner following Item I give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Keziah Hurlock the fourth part of three fourths of the aforesaid Lands during her life, Also the fourth part of three fourths of my Personal Estate as aforesaid Item I give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Sarah Massy her heirs and Assigns forever the fourth part of three fourths of the aforesaid Lands and after the Death or Marriage of said wife, and after the Death of s.d Keziah then a third part of all my Lands I now Possess also the fourth part of three fourths of my Personal Estate as aforesaid Item I give and Bequeath unto my Son Samuel Massy his Heirs and Assigns forever the fourth part of three fourths of the afs.d Lands and after the Death or Marriage of said Wife and after the death of the afs.d Keziah then a third part of land as afs.d also the fourth part of three fourths of my Personal Estate as afs.d

Item I give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Mary Massy her Heirs and Assigns forever the fourth part of three fourths of the aforesd lands and after the Death or Marriage of said Miss. and after the death of the sd Rebecah then a third part of land as aforesd also the fourth part of three fourths of my Personal Estate as aforesd Item I give and Bequeath unto Joseph Wilkinson my Negro woman Jude and her Child Nance Item I make Constitute and Ordain my Beloved wife Hannah Massy my Executrix of this my last, And testament allowing and confirming this and no other to be my Last Will and testament, In Witness whereof I set my hand and Seal this 29th day of January in the Year of our Lord 1709

Published and Pronounced and Declared to be the last Will and testament of the said Abednego Massy in presence of us

Abednego Massy Seal

John Haley, John Ward Pennington Mary Huston

March 9th 1709 Then Came Hannah Massy and made Oath that the within Instrument of writing is the true and whole Will and testament of Abednego Massy late of Kent County deced; that hath come to her Hands or Posession and that she doth not know of any other Before

Jno Nicholson Regr Wills for Kt County

March 9th 1709 Then Came John Haley and John Ward Pennington two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and testament of Abednego Massy late of Kent County deced and Severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that they did see the Testator herein 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 Mary Huston the other Subscribing

Witness was present at the same time and Signed her Name as a Witness to this Will together with these Deponants, in the presence and at the Request of the Testator and in the presence of each other

Before Jno Nicholson Regr Wills for K. County

On the 9th day of March 1789 then came Hannah Massey the Widow of Abednego Massey late of Kent County deced and Quited her Claim to the several Bequest and Devises made to her in the Will of her said Husband Deceased and Elected in lieu thereof her dower, or third part of the Deceased's Estate both Real and Personal

Before

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In the Name of God Amen I Elizabeth Jarden of Kent County in the State of Maryland Widow, being weak in Body, but sound in mind Considering the uncertainties of Life, wishes to Settle my worldly affairs first I Recommend my Soul to God, relying on his Great mercy Secondly I Give and bequeath to my Son William Jordan, the Negro man Soloman, to belong to him and his Heirs forever 3d I Give and Bequeath to my Daughter Betsey Jordan all the Remainder of my Property, Consisting in Negroes household Goods, and Debts, to her use and behoof forever 4th I appoint and nominate my said Daughter Betsey Jordan the Executrix of my Present will Given under my hand and Seal, after just it having been Read to me and approved In Chester town Kent County in the aforesaid State of Maryland this twenty th day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and Eighty four

Signed Sealed and Delivered and Acknowledged to be the last Will of Mrs Eliz.th Jordan, in the presence of

Eliza.th Jordan Seal

Robert Reid, Hue Dupliss.

Edward Worrell Junr

March 17th 1709 Then came Edward Worrell Junr one of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within Last Will and Testament of Elizabeth Jordan late of Kent County deced and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that he did see the Testator herein Named sign and Seal this Will and that he heard her Publish Pronounce and Declare the same to be her Last Will and Testament that at the time of her so doing she was to the best of their Apprehensions of Sound and Disposing mind Memory and Understanding, and that Robert Reid and Hue Duplisis the other two Subscribing Witnesses was Present at the same time and Signed their Names as Witnesses to this Will in the Presence and at the Request of the Testator and in the Presence of each other — Before

Jno Nicholson Regr Wills for K. County

In the Name of God Amen, I John Webb of Kent County State of Maryland Farmer being weak in Body and approaching to death, but Sound in mind and Memory Blessed be the Lord, do make this my last Will and Testament — Imprimis I allow all my Just debts to be paid and I allow to my Mother Mary Cuclet during her Natural life, forty four Acres of that Land called Newton Resurveyed which was formerly left her by my Father Robert Webb and I also leve her one of my Rooms during her life — The Remainder of my Estate I allow to be Equally divided between my two Sons Benjamin and John, and at the Death of my Mother Cuclet I desire that what I leave her may be divided also equally between my said two Sons — and I do hereby appoint James Armstrong of Kent County and State of Maryland aforesaid my only Executor of this my last Will and Testament, as Witness my hand and Seal this 15th day of March 1709 — John his X Webb Mark (Seal)

Done in Presence of us
Jonathan Hart
William Gray

March 23.d 1709 Then came Jonathan Hart and William Gray the two Subscribing Witnesses to the above last Will and testament of John Webb late of Kent County deced, and Severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that they did see the testator herein 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 Willing in the Presence and at the Request of the testator and in the Presence of each other

Before Jn.o Nicholson Reg.r Wills for K. County.

In the name of God Amen I Isaac Bisco of Kent County in the State of Maryland farmer being sick in body but of Perfect Mind and sound disposing memory and Considering the uncertainty of this transitory life do make Publish and declare this to be my last Will and testament in manner and form following to Wit first and chiefly I recommend my Soul into the hands of God who gave it and my Body to be Buried by my Executor hereafter Nominated, and for what worldly Estate the Lord in Mercy hath bestowed on me I give Bequeath as follows, first to my beloved Wife Sarah I give during her Life the house called hooper and riding Carriage the Negros Boys Mose and Perry the Negro Girl Rachel and the third part of all my other Estate real and Personal excepting Eighteen hundred Chesnut Rails hereafter otherwise given for my Decease after my Wifes decease my Will is that the Negro Boy Mose is given to my Son Isaac, the Negro Boy Perry to my Son Benjamin and the Negro Girl Rachel to my Daughter Susannah, and after the separation of the three years given to make the Payment for the farm I lately bought of Tho.s Raisin then the two thirds of the four Negroes called Gin, Peg, Jim and Phebe with the two thirds of all my Stock Furniture and Chattels of every kind not before —

before Bequeathed I give and bequeath to be equally Divided among all my Children
Item I give and bequeath to my Son Joseph all my Lands being known by one
tract part of a tract called Providence one tract called Partnership, and one
tract lately Bought of Thomas Raisin called Pleasant Mount to him and his
Heirs forever Item my Will and desire is that my Son Joseph Retain in his Hands
and have the use of during the five years given to make the Payment to Tho.s Raisin
for the Farm I lately bought of him the Negroes Gin, Peg, Jim and Phebe and all
my Stock and Chattels not herein before given or Bequeath rendering to my Wife
Sarah the yearly Value of the third part of such Negroes Stock and Chattels and my
Will is that he my Son Joseph Pay for the last mentioned tract of Land lately
bought of Thomas Raisin out of the use of the Lands given him and the use of the
Negroes Stock and Chattels in his Hands during the time mentioned of five
Years given by Thomas Raisin to make the Payment in — Item I give
and bequeath also to my Son Joseph Eighteen hundred Chesnut Rails now in
the Neck for the use of the Farm called Pleasant Mount — And I do constitute
and Nominate him my trusty and beloved Son Joseph my sole Executor —
of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and Disannuling all former
Wills of mine whatsoever and only holding this firm and good; and in testimony —
hereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this twentieth day of
March in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty Nine —

Signed Sealed Published and } Isaac Briscoe (Seal)
Delivered in the Presence of } Joseph first interlined in the within —

Ben Terry Joseph Greenwood, James Louie —

Kent County to Wit April 16th 1789 then Joseph Biscoe and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that the within Instrument of writing is the true and whole Will and Testament of Isaac Biscoe late of Kent County deced, that hath come to his Hands or Possession, and that he doth not know of any other —
Before Mr. Nicholson Reg.r Wills for K. County

Kent County to Wit Then came Benj.n Terry and Joseph Greenwood two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of Isaac Biscoe late of Kent County deceased — and severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels 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 James Lowe the other Subscribing Witness to this Will, together with these Deponants, in the presence and at the Request of the Testator and in the presence of each other — Before
Mr. Nicholson Reg.r Wills for K. County.

In the Name of God Amen I Richard Willis of Kent County in the State of Maryland being weak and sick in body but of sound and disposing mind — Memory and understanding and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs 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 unto Almighty God and my Body to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors hereinafter named and as to my worldly goods I give and dispose of the same as follows I give and devise unto my Son Richard all that part of my Plantation whereon I now live which lies to the Southward of the Worton Road or Road leading from Worton to Chester town for and during the Natural Life of

Life of him the said Richard and after his Death I give and devise the same to my Grandson Richard Willis second Son of my said Son Richard and his Heirs and Assigns forever but Nevertheless as I have given to my said Son Richard and to his family so considerable part of my Property and as it is my design and Will that my Personal Estate should be clear and discharged from the Payment of any part of my debts so that those to whom I have devised the same may have the full and entire benefit of such their Bequests and Legacies I do therefore hereby charge and make Subject my said Land above devised to and with the Payment of all my Debts

Item I give and devise to my Son Amos Willis all that part belonging unto me of a tract of Land called Ashleys Lot to him the said Amos his Heirs and Assigns forever Item and I also give and devise to the said Amos his Heirs and Assigns forever five Acres of my part of the tract of Land called Coney Warren which I Will shall be laid off on that side next to and adjoining to the Land of Mr Richard Tisby Item All the Remainder of my Lands I give and devise to my two Sons John Willis and Joel Willis and their Heirs equally to be divided between them by such a Line to be drawn thro the said Land from Eastward to Westward as will equally divide the same between them and I Will that my said Son John and his Heirs shall have the North side thereof and my Son Joel and his Heirs to have the South side thereof Item I give and Bequeath to my Son Amos a Negro Boy called Joe and his choise of one of my Beds with its furniture to Wit one Rug one Blanket a pair of Sheets two pillows with their Cases and a Bolster Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Hannah Lynch for and during her Natural

Life the use and benefit of a Negro Woman called Beck and her Daughter called Rachael together with their future Increase and after the Death of the said Hannah I give and devise the said Bah and Rachael and all their said Increase to all the Children of the said Hannah then living at her death equally to be divided between them share and share alike ~~ Item I also give and Bequeath to my said Daughter Hannah my riding ~ and its harness as furniture ~~ Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Sarah Lynch a Negro Woman called Kate together with her future increase ~~ ~~ Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary Bennett a Negro Boy called Charles and a Negro Girl called Dark together with her future Increase ~~ Item I give and devise to my Daughter Shabe Elliot a Negro Boy called Jem ~~ Item All the rest and Residue of my personal whatsoever I give and bequeath to my following Children John, Joel, Amos, Sarah, Mary and Shabe equally to be divided between them share and share alike ~~ Lastly I hereby constitute and appoint my Son Richard Willis and my Son in Law Joseph Elliot to be Executors of this my last Will and testament revoking all former Wills by me heretofore made and ratifying and confirming this and none other to be my last Will and testament ~~ In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and affixed my Seal this tenth day of February in the Year of our Lord ~~ One thousand seven Hundred and Eighty Nine ~~ ~~ ~~ ~~

Richard Willis Seal

Signed sealed Published and declared by Richard Willis the aforementioned testator as and for his last Will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence have subscribed our Names as Witnesses thereto. Phil Reed ~~

Samuel Thomas 3rd. Philip Thay ~~ ~~

April 30th 1789 Then came Rich.d Willis one of the Exrs. of the said deced and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that the within Instrument of writing is the true and whole Will and testament of the within named Rich.d Willis deced that hath come to his hands or possession, and that he doth not know of any other Before ~

Jno Nicholson Regr Wills for Kt County

Kt County to Wit

April 30th 1709 Then came Philip Reed, Samuel Thomas 3rd and Philip Tracy the three Subscribing Witnesses to the within Last Will and Testament of Richard Willis late of Kent County deced and Severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels 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 and in the Presence of each other Before Mr. Nicholson Regr Wills for Kt County

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In the Name of God Amen I Joseph Hilton of Kent County in State of Maryland being sick and weak of Body but of Sound and Disposing mind and Memory thanks be given to the Lord for the same do make and Ordane this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form Following Viz.t Item I Give unto my Relation Nicholas Brown all my Estate both Real and Personal to him and his heirs forever, and do Nominate and appoint my well Esteemed friend Nicholas Brown sole Executor of this my Last Will and Testament, revoking and disanulling all former Wills heretofore made by me Ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my Last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this Twelth day of the twelth month comonly called December in the Year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and Eighty Eight

Signed Sealed and Delivered in the Presents of us } Joseph Hilton (Seal)

John his Mark Haidden, James Brown, James Maslin

April 25th 1709. Then came Nicholas Brown one of the People called Quakers on his Solem Affirmation to him administred Affirm and Declared that the within Instrument of writing is the true and whole Will and Testament of Joseph Milton late of Kent County deceased that hath come to his Hands or Possession and that he doth not know of any other Before

Jno Nicholson Reg: Wills for Kt County

April 25th 1709 Then came John Hadden one of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of Joseph Milton late of Kent County decd and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God and James Maslin at the same time being one of the People called Quakers on his Solem Affirmation to him Administred affirm and Declared, 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 James Brown the other Subscribing Witness was present at the same time and signed his Name as a Witness to this Will together with these Deponants, in the Presence and at the Request of the Testator and in the Presence of each other Before

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In the Name of God Amen This Sixth day of May Anno Domini One thousand seven Hundred and Eighty Nine I Alexander Beck of Kent County and State of Maryland being and weak in Body but of Sound and Perfect mind and Memory and knowing that it is appointed for all Men once to Die, and not knowing how soon it may Please God to call me do make and ordain and Declare this to be my last Will and Testament revoking all Wills by heretofore made, First and Principally I bequeath my Soul to Almighty God my Creator and merciful Redeemer and my Body to the Earth to be Buried in a Christian like Manner by my Executrix hereafter Mentioned and for my Worldly Goods I devise bequeath

and Dispose off in Manner and form following after my Just Debts are duly paid
Imprimis I leave to my Beloved Wife Abigail Beck my Part of tract of Land
called News Choise, and also my Part of tract of Land called Bounty, and also my
Part of tract of Land called William and Mary and also my Part of a tract of land
called Barley Containing in the Whole two Hundred and Seventy three Acres
be the Quantity more or less to have and to hold the same during her Natural
Life and Widowhood and after her Decease to go to my Nephew Alexander
Miller Son of Nathaniel Miller to him and his Heirs and assigns forever
Item I give and devise to my aforesaid Wife Abigail Beck all my whole Personal
Estate during her Natural life and after her Decease to descend to my Sister
Elizabeth Millers Children to be equally divided among them and their Heirs
and Assigns forever Item My Will is that my Sister Elizabeth Millers
Children shall after the decease of my Wife Abigail Beck, that my Personal Estate
will be Valued by two reputable Neighbours and that the said Children shall take
their and each of their respectable Parts of the same at the Valuation made by the said
two Neighbours and that the eldest shall have his or her first Choise and so on to
the Youngest, and my Will further is that all or as much of my Bonds Notes and
Money that is due me shall be laid out to Purchase a Part of tract of Land
called Barley which I have my Natural life in and to be Purchased by Natth.
Miller the elder and Conveyed to my aforesaid Wife Abigail Beck during her life
and after her Decease to be Conveyed in Fee Simple to my Nephew Alex.r Miller
Last of all I do hereby appoint my Wife Abigail Beck whole and Sole Executrix
of this my last Will and Testament in Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my
hand & Affixed my Seal the day and Year above Written

Signed Sealed Published and Declared to be his last Will and Testament in Presence of us, the Word Natural being first interlined between the Sixth and Seventh line from the Bottom of the first Page

Alexander Beck (Seal)

Rich.d Ricaud, Sam.l Lovay Willard, Alex.r Duncan, Sam.l Hackett

May 21st 1709 Then came Abigail Beck Exr of Alexander Beck late of Kent County deed and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that the within Instrument of writing is the true and whole Will and Testament of the said Alexander Beck late Deced that hath come to her Hands or Possession and that she doth not know of any other — Before Jno Nicholson Regr Wills for K. County

May 21st 1709 Then came Richard Ricard Samuel Losey Tillard and Alexander Duncan three of the Subscribing Witness to the within last Will and Testament of Alexr Beck late of K. County deced and Severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that they did see the Testator herein Named Sign and seal this Will and that they heard him Publish Pronounce and Deliver 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 Samuel Hackett the other Subscribing Witness above Named was present at the same time together with these Deponants and Signed his name as a Witness to this Will in the Presence and at the request of the Testator and in the Presence of each other — Before Jno Nicholson Regr Wills for K. County

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In the Name of God Amen I William Hanson of Kent County in the State of Maryland Farmer being sick and weak in Body but of Sound and disposing mind and Memory do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following — Imprimis I give devise and bequeath unto my Sister Martha Hanson the Plantation whereon I now dwell and also the Plantation that formerly belonged to Chambers Hall with all and every of the Appurtenances thereunto belonging to her the said Martha her Heirs and Assigns forever — —

Item I give devise and Bequeath unto my Sister Rebeca Williams the one half of my Plantation that formerly belonged to Robert Little Containing 400 Acres, also one half of the 100 Acres of Land I Purchased of John Little —

during her Natural life and after her decease I give devise and Bequeath the said Lands unto my Nephew Samuel Ellis his Heirs and Assigns forever ~~~ Item I give and Bequeath unto my Nephew Stephen Boyer the other half of the said 480 Acres formerly belonging to the said Robert Little, and also the other half of the aforesaid 100 Acres Purchased of the said John Little to him the said Stephen Boyer his Heirs and Assigns forever ~~~ Item I give devise and Bequeath unto my Nephew Samuel Hanson all that tract of Land I purchased of Captain James Henry with the Appertenances thereunto belonging to him his heirs and Assigns forever ~~~ Item My Will and desire is that my old Negro man called Phill be free and at his Libaty after my decease ~~~ Item My desire is and I do by this my Will order and direct that my Executor reserve in his hands Bonds to the Amount of two hundred Pounds Currency for the use of my Niece Mrs Hanson to be paid to her when she shall arrive at the age of Eighteen Years ~~~ Item I give and Bequeath unto my Sister Martha Hanson my two Negro Men Mich and Isaac ~~~ Item I give and Bequeath unto John Williams my Negro man called Jake ~~~ Item I give and bequeath unto my Sister Sarah Boyer my Negro man called Ben ~~~ Item I give and bequeath unto my Sister Martha my Negro woman called Jude and her Daughter Amy ~~~ Item I give and bequeath unto my Sister Rebecca Williams my Negro Woman called Suke and her child called Phillis ~~~ Item I give and bequeath unto my Sister Sarah Boyer my Negro Girl called Begg ~~~ Item I give and Bequeath unto my Brother James Hanson my Negro Boy called Jack ~~~ Item I give and Bequeath unto my Sister Martha my Negro Boy called Dick ~~~ Item I give and bequeath unto my said Sister Martha my Carriage and either of my two Horses Dick or Bly, that she may chuse ~~~ Item I give and bequeath unto my said Sister Martha her choise of four of my Plow horses, and my Will is that the rest of the House hend be equally

Divided between my Brother and three Sisters ~~ Item My Will and desire is that my Sister Martha have her choise of one half of the Remainder of my Personal Estate, and that the other half be equally Divided between my Brother James and my two Sisters Rebecca Williams and Sarah Boyer ~~ Lastly I nominate constitute and appoint my friend Doctor William Rogers whole and Sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament revoking all other Wills by me heretofore made In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this Seventeenth day of April Anno Domini one Thousand Seven hundred and Eighty Nine ~~ William Hanson Seal

Signed Sealed and delivered in Presence of us who have Subscribed our Names as Witnesses thereto in Presence of the Testator and at his Request ~~ John Bissett, Enoch Johns, Vincent Hatchison

May 9th 1789. then came William Rogers Esq. of William Hanson decd and made Oath that the within Instrument of writing is the true and whole Will and Testament of the said decd that hath come to his Hands or Possession and that he doth not know of any other

Before Jno Nicholson Regr Wills for Kt County ~~

May 9th 1789. then came Enoch Johns and Vincent Hatchison and the Revd John Bissett May 19th do the three Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of William Hanson late of Kent County decd and Severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels 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 and in the Presence of each other ~~ Before

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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 Samuel Mansfield the other Subscribing Witness to the within mentioned was present at the same time and signed his Name as a Witness to this Will together with these Deponants in the presence and at the Request of the Testator and in the presence of each other — Before Mr. Nicholson Reg.r Wills for Kent County.

In the Name of God Amen I Anne Deans of Kent County in the State of Maryland Widow being in perfect Health of Body and of sound and disposing mind, memory, and understanding but considering the uncertainty of this Life, and desirous to settle my worldly Affairs do therefore make and Publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say. — I give and devise unto my two Daughters Maria and Ann Gresham and the Heirs of their Bodies lawfully Begotten my Lot in Chester Town whereon I now Live to be equally divided by a Line to be drawn thro the said Lot from Cannon Street to the bottom or furthest part thereof; my said Daughter Maria and the Heirs of her Body aforesaid to have the uppermost Moiety or that half part thereof where my Dwelling House now stands and my said Daughter Ann and the Heirs of her Body aforesaid to have the lowermost or other part thereof and in case of the death of either of them without such Heirs as aforesaid, then I give and Devise the Moiety or part aforesaid of her so dying unto the Survivor of them and in case of the Death of both my said Daughters without such Heirs as aforesaid I then give and devise all my messuage said Lot unto my Son Richard Montgomery Gresham and the Heirs of his Body lawfully Begotten and in case of his Death without such Heirs. I then give and devise the same unto my two Nieces Sarah and Elizabeth Bedingfield Wands and their Heirs equally to be divided between them as Tenants in Common and not as Joint tenants.

Item I give and Bequeath unto my Son Richard Montgomery Gresham my Gold Watch which formerly belonged to my deceased Husband Mr. Gresham his Father

Item I give and Bequeath to my daughter Ann Gresham the Sum of fifty Pounds Current money over and above her Share or Part of the Residue of my Personal Estate hereafter Bequeathed. Item I give and Bequeath all the Rest and Residue of my Personal Estate unto my two Daughters aforesaid Mary and Ann Gresham equally to be divided between them share and share alike

Item It is my wish and desire that if my aforesaid Children Ann and Richard Montgomery Gresham should be under their respective Ages at the time of my Death that my Brother in Law Thomas Bedingfield Esqr should be the Guardian of them and of their Estates or of either of them under Age at such time of my Death and in case of the Death of the said Thomas Bedingfield Esqr before their coming to their respective Ages It is my Wish and desire that my friend Mr. Jeremiah Nicols should be the Guardian of them and of their Estates or of such of them as may be under Age, untill they shall respectively come to their respective Ages.

Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my said Brother in Law Thomas Bedingfield Esqr 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 whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this twenty Second day of February in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty six

Ann Dean (Seal)

Signed Sealed Published and Delivered by the above named Testatrix as and for her last Will and Testament in the Presence of us who at her request and in her Presence have subscribed our Names as Witnesses thereto. Edwd Worrell, William Bansell, Jon.a Wilmer,

Item I give and Bequeath unto my Son Richard Montgomery Gresham my Gold Watch which formerly belonged to my deceased Husband Mr. Gresham his Father

Item I give and Bequeath to my daughter Ann Gresham the Sum of fifty Pounds Current money over and above her Share or Part of the Residue of my Personal Estate hereafter Bequeathed. Item I give and Bequeath all the Rest and Residue of my Personal Estate unto my two Daughters aforesaid Mary and Ann Gresham equally to be divided between them share and share alike

Item It is my wish and desire that if my aforesaid Children Ann and Richard Montgomery Gresham should be under their respective Ages at the time of my Death that my Brother in Law Thomas Beding field Hands should be the Guardian of them and of their Estates or of either of them under Age at such time of my Death and in Case of the Death of the said Thomas Beding field Hands before their coming to their respective Ages It is my Wish and desire that my friend Mr. Jeremiah Nicols should be the Guardian of them and of their Estates or of such of them as may be under Age, untill they shall respectively come to their respective Ages.

Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my said Brother in Law Thomas Beding field Hands 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 whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this twenty Second day of February in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty six

Ann Dean

Signed Sealed Published and Delivered by the above named Testatrix as and for her last Will and Testament in the presence of us who at her request and in her presence have subscribed our Names as Witnesses thereto. Edwd. Worrell, William Barrell, Jonr. Wil

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State of Maryland
Kent County to Wit.

October 2nd 1709. Then came William Bandell one of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of Ann Dean late of Kent County deced and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that he did see the Testatrix therein Named sign and Seal this Will, and that he heard her Publish Pronounce and Declare the same to be her last Will and Testament, that at the time of her so doing she was to the best of his Apprehension of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding, and that Edward Worrell, and Jonathan Wilmer the other two Subscribing Witnesses was present at the same time and signed their Names to this Will together with this Deponant in the Presence and at the Request of the Testatrix and in the Presences of each other.

Before Wm. Nicholson Reg: Wills for K: County.

Chester town October 2nd 1709. I Thomas Bosling field Hands Executor in the last Will and Testament of Ann Dean late of Kent County deceased, do Hereby refuse to Act as Executor to said Will by Vertue of such Appointment, and do therefore Renounce all my right title and Claime to said Executorship accordingly.

Before Wm. Nicholson Reg: Wills for K: County

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In the of God Amen, I William Worrell of Kent County in the State of Maryland, being sick and weake in Body, but of sound and disposing mind, do make and publish this as and for my last Will and Testament. —
Imprimis I give and devise to my Mother Ann Worrell, all the Real Estate which I am possessed of, for and during the term of her natural Life, and after her death I give and devise the same to my Brother Edward Worrell and his Heirs forever, on the conditions herein after expressed and declared. —
Item I give and bequeath to my youngest Sister Sarah Worrell two Negro Boys one called Tom, and the other called Primus. Item I give and bequeath to my Sister Nancy, my Horse called Romulus. — Item I give and Bequeath to my Sister Elizabeth Hyland, my riding Horse called Davy. —
Item, I give and bequeathe to my Sister Mary Pearce, a Mare called — Parthenia. Item As I have given to my Brother Edward Worrell, my Real Estate, in the former part of this my Will, after the death of my Mother, I do hereby make the same chargeable with the sum of three hundred pounds, in manner following, that is to say, I will and desire that he pay unto my Sister Francina Worrell the sum of One hundred pounds, and to my Sister Nancy Worrell the like Sum of One hundred pounds, and to my Sister Sarah the like sum of One hundred pounds all which sums of Money, I will and desire to be paid within five Years after the death of my Mother, but without any Interest thereon. Item, I give and Bequeath to my Sister Francina my two youngest Colts, each of them one Year old. Item, I give and bequeathe to my Mother Ann Worrell all the Residue of my personal Estate, and constitute and appoint her sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament, to which I have [illegible] hand and Seal this thirteenth day of [illegible]ember in the

my said Brother James Hodges shall Pay my Just debts 3.dly I give the other half of my Personal Estate to my Sister Sarah Hodges and my Niece Mary Miller to be equally divided between them, and my will is that after the Death of my sister Sarah Hodges my Brother James Hodges shall have her part of my Estate 4.thly My Will is that the above mentioned Personal shall take Possession of my estate agreeable to the Directions of this my will Immediately after my death without any Administration on my estate In Witness that this is my last Will and Testament, I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this thirteenth day of October Seventeen Hundred and Eighty Eight

Signed Sealed and Delivered in the Presence of the Testator, in whose Presence and at whose Request we sign as Evidences Wm Ringgold & N. Benj.n Yearley, Robert Hodges

Stephen Hodges Seal

State of Maryland } October 22.nd 1789 Then came Wm Ringgold & N.
K. County to Wit. } Benjamin Yearly and Robert Hodges the three subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of Stephen Hodges late of Kent County deceased, and Severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that they did see the Testator herein 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, and in the Presence of each other Before

Mr. Nicholson Reg.r Wills for K. County

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Maryland to Wit. Be it Remembered that on the fourth Day of the Eleventh Month, In the Year one thousand Seven hundred and Eighty Nine that I Gersham Mott of Kent County in the State of Maryland farmer being but weak of Body yet of sound mind and Disposing Judgment caling to Mind the uncertainty of this Life and that nothing is more certain then Death and more unsertain then the time and manner thereof make this my last Will and Testament hereby disposing of my worldly estate In manner following that is to say. — First I Will and desire that all my just debts be handsomely paid and Satisfied. Secondly I Give and Devise to my first four Children that is to say Joshua Mott, John Mott, William Mott, and Sarah Wallam, four Pounds Current Money of Maryland to be paid to them Directly after my decease to be equally Divided amongst them for to their Heirs or assigns. ——— Thirdly I Give and Devise unto my Wife Henritta Mott two thirds of the Rest of my Estate to have and to hold forever. — Forthly I Give and Devise unto the Rest of my Children that is to say Charles Mott, Gersham Mott, Mary Mott, Benjamin Mott, Elizabeth Mott, Martha Mott, Anne Mott, and Rebecca Mott, the Rest of my estate not before Disposed of to be equally divided amongst them to be paid to them that is at Lawfull age, with in a Year after my decease, and the others that is not yet of age as they come to be of Lawfull age to them their Heirs Ex^rs Administrators or Assigns to have and to hold for ever. — and I do hereby Nominate and apoint my loving Wife Henretta Mott, and my Son Charles Mott my Sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament, I Declaring this to be my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal on the fourth Day of the Eleventh month, In the Year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and Eighty nine. I have signed and Declared this to be my last Will and Testament in Presence of. ——— ——— ———

John Turner,
Joseph Comegys

Gersham Mott [Seal]

State of Maryland } Novr 30th 1709. Then came John Turner and
Kent County to Wit. } Joseph Comegys the two Subscribing Witnesses
being the People called Quakers to the last Will and Testament of Gersham
Mott late of Kent County deced and on their Solemn Affirmation to them
Administred Affirmed and Declared, that they did see the Testator herein
Named sign and Seal this Will and that they heard him Publish Pronounce
and Declare the same to be his last Will and Testament, and that at the time of
his so doing he was to the best 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

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In the Name of God Amen I Joseph Middleton of Kent County
Farmer being sick and weak of Body but of sound and disposing mind Memory and
understanding do make and Publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and
form following to Wit. First of all I give and Bequeath unto my beloved Daughter
Mary Middleton one Negro Woman called Cate to be paid to her by my Executor
when she shall Arrive to the age of Sixteen also I give and Bequeath unto my Daughter
Sarah Middleton one Negro Girl named Nan to be paid to her when she shall
Arrive to the Age of Sixteen Years by my Executor but if either of the said Girls Mary or
Sarah should Die before they Arrive to the age of sixteen Years then the Negro that is
left to the one so Dying shall decend to the surviving one Also I give and Bequeath
unto my Son Henry Middleton one Bay Mare Colt to be paid to him when he shall
Arrive to the age of twenty one years by my Executor and no more of my Estate in
my Will and desire is that my Executor Pay unto my Son Bethelius Middleton
one Dollar as his full Part and no more of my Estate and when my Just debts
is paid my Will and [illegible] that the Remainder of my Estate be Equally

by my Executor between my Children Joseph Middleton, William, Mary, Sarah Samuel, and George Middleton, I hereby Nominate and appoint my beloved son Joseph Middleton Executor of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former Will and Wills by me heretofore made. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this Eight day of January in the Year of our Lord 1709.

Signed sealed Published and Declared by the above named Joseph Middleton as and for his last Will and Testament in the Presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as Witnesses thereunto in the Presence of the said Testator and in the Presence of each other

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Joseph ℔ Middleton
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Witness
Thomas Pearce, John Willis.

Decem.r 2.nd 1709. then came Joseph Middleton Esq.r of Joseph Middleton late of Kent County deced, and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that the within Instrument of writing is the true and whole Will and Testament of the aforesd deced, that hath come to his hands or Possession and that he doth not know of any other.

Before Mr. Nicholson Reg.r Wills for K.t County.

State of Maryland
Kent County to Wit.

December 2.nd 1709. then came Thomas Pearce and John Willis the two Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of Joseph Middleton late of Kent County deced, and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they did see the Testator herein 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 Memory and Understand, and that they these Deponants, 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

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Mr. Nicholson Reg.r Wills for K.t County

State of Maryland } Nove 30th 1709 Then came John Turner and
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Administred Affirmed and Declared, that they did see the Testator herein
Named sign and Seal this Will and that they heard him Publish Pronounce
and Declare the same to be his Last Will and Testament, and that at the time of
his so doing he was to the best 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

Before Wm Nicholson Reg: Wills for K. County

In the Name of God Amen I Joseph Middleton of Kent County
Farmer being sick and weak of Body but of sound and disposing mind Memory and
understanding do make and Publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and
form following to Wit. First of all I give and Bequeath unto my Beloved Daughter
Mary Middleton one Negro Woman called Cate to be paid to her by my Executor
when she shall Arrive to the age of Sixteen also I give and Bequeath unto my Daughter
Sarah Middleton one Negro Girl named Nan to be paid to her when she shall
Arrive to the Age of Sixteen Years by my Executor. but if either of the said Girls Mary or
Sarah should Die before they Arrive to the age of sixteen Years then the Negro that is
left to the one so Dying shall decend to the surviving one. Also I give and Bequeath
unto my Son Henry Middleton one Bay Mare Colt to be paid to him when he shall
Arrive to the age of twenty one years by my Executor and no more of my Estate
my Will and desire is that my Executor Pay unto my Son Sothelius Middleton
one Dollar as his full Part and no more of my Estate and when my Just debts
is paid my Will and [illegible] that the Remainder of my Estate be Equally

by my Executor between my Children Joseph Middleton, William, Mary, Sarah Samuel, and George Middleton, I hereby Nominate and appoint my beloved son Joseph Middleton Executor of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former Will and Wills by me heretofore made. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this Eight day of January in the Year of our Lord 1709.

Signed sealed Published and Declared by the above named Joseph Middleton as and for his last Will and Testament in the Presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as Witnesses thereunto in the Presence of the said Testator and in the Presence of each other

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Joseph ℔ Middleton
Mark

Witness
Thomas Pearce, John Willis.

Decem.r 2.nd 1709. then came Joseph Middleton Exr. of Joseph Middleton late of Kent County deced, and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that the within Instrument of writing is the true and whole Will and Testament of the aforesd deced, that hath come to his hands or Possession and that he doth not know of any other.

Before Mr. Nicholson Regr. Wills for Kt. County.

State of Maryland
Kent County to Wit.

December 2.nd 1709. then came Thomas Pearce and John Willis the two Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of Joseph Middleton late of Kent County deced, and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they did see the Testator herein 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 Memory and Understand, and that they these Deponants, 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

Before
Mr. Nicholson Regr. Wills for Kt. County

The Testament and last Will of William Ringgold of Chester Town in the State of Maryland.

First I give and devise to my dear Son John Ringgold his Heirs and assigns forever, all my Lands lying and being on and near Corsica Creek in Queen Anns County, and known by the name of Corsica Farm, whether the same consists of one or more tracts or parcels of Land, and is intended to include, not only such Lands as I have heretofore kept in my own Possession, but also such as lie near and adjoining thereto, and which have been or are at present rented out. I also give and Devise to my said Son John all my Negroes, Stock and other Personal property which shall be on the aforesaid Farm, or properly belonging thereto at the time of my Death. I also give and Devise to my dear Son William Ringgold his Heirs and Assigns forever all that tract of Land lying in Queen Anns County whereon Edward Crew now lives called Marys Portion, be the same called or known by that or any other Name; also all the Land I own lying and being in Queen Anns County, to the Eastward of the Road leading from a Plantation late Sam. Wickes's to Land late Wm. Roe's being the whole or parts of the following tracts or Parcels of Land, to Wit Sarah's Fancy, Cakenthorp, and Hindsleys Choice, or by whatever other Name or Names the said Lands may be known, the said Road to be the Division between my said Son William, and my Son James Ringgold, who by this my Will, will be entitled to the Lands on the Western Side thereof. I also give and Devise to my said Son William the Sum of fifteen Hundred Pounds, to be paid him in Bonds by my Executor, the Principal and Interest whereof at the time of my Death shall amount to that Sum; and to prevent any dispute between my Son William and my Executor, I do hereby direct that my said Son William shall be obliged to accept from my Executor, Bonds in full and absolute discharge of his said Legacy, provided the said Bonds.

shall be approved of by my friend Robert Buchanan. my Intention, is, that the said Bonds, after they shall be paid as aforesaid, shall be at the sole risque of my said Son William. And should it so happen, that there is not a sufficient Sum due to me on Bond to pay the said Legacy as aforesaid, at the time of my Death, then I Order and direct that the deficiency be made good out of the Rest Residue and Remainder of my Estate hereinafter devised to my Son James. I also give and Devise to my said Son William the Horse I lately bought of Doctor Josiah Crosby, half a Dozen silver Spoons marked with the Letters S. R. two Beds with their proper Winter covering, and two pair of Sheets to each Bed, and the Desk which stands in my lodging Room. I also give and devise to my said Son William the use of my Negro Boy Nat as long as he chuses to keep him in his actual Service; but if my said Son William should not chuse to accept of the use of the said Negroe as aforesaid, or should happen to Die before the said Negroe shall then as aforesaid, I Order and Direct that the said Negro shall be considered as part of the Residue of my Estate. ——— Whereas by marriage Articles entered into by my dear Wife and me previous to our intermarriage, it was agreed among other things, that in case she survived me, she should be entitled to receive from my Estate the Sum of Six Hundred pounds in View of Thirds or Dower. And whereas it was also further agreed that certain Monies which she then owed me should be considered as so much paid of the aforesaid Sum of Six Hundred pounds, and should be Deducted thereout. Now it is my Will and I do hereby order and direct my Executor, within Six Weeks after my decease to pay to my said dear Wife the full Sum of Six Hundred pounds without making any deduction for the Monies aforesaid due before our intermarriage and which I do hereby release, provided she shall agree to Receive the same in Bonds to be approved of by Mr. Robert Buchanan as in the case of my Son William aforesaid, and provided also that she shall consent to Deduct out of the said Sum of Six Hundred pounds whatever Sum or Sums of Money shall be due to be at my Death from her Sisters Mary and Perpetua Jackson or either of them. I hereby declare it never was my Intention

full age, it is my wish and Desire that no Inventory be taken or Appraisement made of my said Estate, and I request the Commissary to dispence therewith, on my Executor giving sufficient Security to discharge the trust hereby reposed in him. I do hereby appoint my dear Son James Ringgold sole Executor of this my Testament and last Will. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this Seventeenth day of February in the Year of our Lord one Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Nine.

Signed sealed published Pronounced and declared as and for his Testament and last Will by William Ringgold in the presence of us, who at his request in presence and in that of each other have Witnessed the same, Robt Andersons Junr, Benj Chambers Thomas Anderson, Wm Chambers.

William Ringgold (Seal)

State of Maryland } December 8th 1789 then came
Kent County to Wit } Thomas Anderson, and Benja Chambers two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of William Ringgold late of Kent County deced, and severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that they did see the testator herein 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 Robt Anderson Junr and William Chambers the other two subscribing Witness was present at the same time and signed their Names as Witnesses to this Will in the Presence and at the Request of the testator and in the Presence of each other.

Before Jno Nicholson Regr Wills for Kent County

The last Will and testament of Thomas Bell late of Kent County and State of Maryland Deceased declared by him by Word of Mouth, on the thirty first day of October Seventeen hundred and Eighty Nine being then Sick of the Sickness whereof he Died, in the Presence of us the Subscribers who sign our Names as Witnesses thereof, which words so Spoken were as follows Viz. that he wished William Bell to Administer on his Estate, that after all his Just Debts were paid, his Wife Ann Bell should have the Negro girl Gracie, and the Child she had by him should have five Shillings as its Legacy, the Remainder of his Estate if any, to be Equally divided between his other children, Sarah, Mary Casander and the child he had by Sarah Vines, and that Sarahs part should be paid her at the Discretion of Wm. Bell, if Sarah should Die before she Receives all her part that the Residue shall go to her eldest Child now living. In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands this thirty first Day of October 1789 in the Evening

The above Nuncupative will was given on the Day and Year above written by the two Subscribing Witness —
Wm. Grindage

William Bell
William Semans

I do hereby — Acknowledge that I do — Abide and Stand to the Verbal or Nuncupative Will which my Husband Thomas Bell late of Kent County and State of Maryland deceased made in his Sickness of which he Died and also Resine the — Administration fully and Freely to Wm. Bell who has the Largest demand — against the Dec.d Estate of any as yet known, in Witness hereof I have hereunto put my hand this eight day of December one thousand Seven hundred and Eighty Nine — Nancy Bell

Witness —
George Cole
Wm. [illegible]

In the Name of God Amen I Henry Williams of Kent County and State of Maryland being very Sick and weak of Body but of sound & Disposing mind and Memory, do make & Constitute and confirm this my last Will and testament in manner and form following Viz.t I Give and Bequeath unto Ann Parks wife of Thomas Parks the Sum of Twenty Pounds Current Money I Give and Bequeath unto Mary Parks Eldest daughter of Thomas and Ann Parks the further Sum of Twenty Pounds current money I Give and bequeath unto Sarah Parks daughter to Thomas and Ann Parks the further Sum of Twenty Pounds current money I Give and Bequeath unto Sarah Boots daughter of Abraham and Mary Boots my Riding Horse I Give and Bequeath unto my trusty friend James Cann all the Residue of my Estate not already Bequeathed for the Purpose hereafter mentioned, that is to say for the Purpose of Defraying my Burial charges and all Just demands against me, and I do hereby Constitute and apoint my friend James Cann my Trustee to receive all Moneys due me, and to pay the above mentioned Legacies in Manner and form following, that is to say he shall first Deduct out of Ann Parks Legacy all demands that her Husband Thomas Parks may have against me and that he shall pay the Residue to the said Ann Parks at such times and in such articles as he in his Judgement shall think will be most conducive to her and her Childrens Personal Benefit and that he shall pay the above mentioned Legacies with the benefits accruing thereon to the aforesaid Children at the Age of Eighteen Years, but in case of the Death of the said Thomas Parks father of the above Mentioned Children, or other distresses Befalling the said Children or should he in his Judgement think it of most Advantage to them to expend it on them during their Minority that then in that Case he shall have a Discretionary Power to lay it out either for their support or Education he Keeping a Just and true Account of the expenditures And my Will further is that after all my Just Debts are paid including all my Funeral expences and full and ample Satisfaction made and allowed to my friend James Cann for the Performance of the trust Reposed in him that should there be any residue of my Estate that it shall be paid unto the aforementioned Sarah Boots at the age of Eighteen Years and hereby Revoking all for

Wills do ratify and confirm this as my Last Will and Testament in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this twenty Ninth day of Novembr 1789 ——

Signed Sealed and Delivered by the Testator as and for his last Will and testament in the presants of us. Henry his Mark Williams [L.S.] Jeremiah Foard, Thos. Edwards John Edwards

State of Maryd. K. County to Wit. } January 6th 1790. then came Thomas Edwards and John Edwards two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of Henry Williams late of Kent County deced and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they did see the Testator herein 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 Jeremiah Foard the other Subscribing Witness was present at the same time together with these Deponants and Signed his Name as a Witness to this Will in the Presence and at the Request of the Testator and in the Presence of each other ——

Before Wm. Nicholson Regr. Wills for K. County

In the Name of God Amen I Milcah Massy of Kent County and State of Maryland being Sick and weak of Body but of Sound and Disposing mind and Memory and Understanding, Considering the certainty of Death and the uncertainty of the time thereof, being desirous to Settle my Worldly affairs and thereby be the better Prepared to leave this World when it shall Please God to call me 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 and after my Just Debts and Funeral charges are paid I devise and Bequeath as follows I Devise to my son William Massy all that Lot or Parcel Ground lying and being in George Town in Kent County and State Maryland being Part of a tract of land called Colchester to him his Heirs and Assigns forever Also Bequeath to my Son William Massy all my third part of the Personal Estate of my late Deceased Husband Ebenezer Massy, Also Bequeath to my Son William Massy all the Ballance of Estate due me by my Deceased Father Daniel Massys Estate And Lastly I constitute and appoint my Son in Law Lewis Blackiston and Brother Joseph Massy whole and sole Executors or Guardians for the Estate of my Son William Massy and for this my last Will and testament revoking and Disannulling all former Wills by me Heretofore made Ratifying and Confirming this and none other to be my last Will and testament In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Affixed my Seal this 25th day of November 1709.

Signed Sealed Published and Declared by Milcah Massy the above Named Testator as and for her last Will and testament in the Presence of us who at her Request and in her Presence have Subscribed our Names. C. G. Bobart, Zeno. Frenche, Sarah Bostick

Milcah her X Mark Massy Seal

State of Mary. & Kent County to Wit. } January 10th 1710. Then came Charles G. Bobart and Zeno. Frenche two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the aforegoing last Will and testament of Milcah Massy late of Kent County deceased, and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they did see the

Testatrix herein Named sign and Seal this Will and that they heard her Publish Pronounce and Declare the same to be her last Will and Testament that at the time of her so doing she was to the best of their Apprehensions of Sound and Disposing mind Memory and Understanding, and that Sarah Bostick the other Subscribing Witness was Present at the same time and Signed her Name as a Witness to this Will in the Presence and at the Request of the Testatrix and in the Presence of each other ——

Before — Jno Nicholson Reg. Wills for K. County —

In the Name of God Amen I Josiah Massey of Kent County being in a weak and languishing State but of sound and Disposing mind Memory and Understanding do make and Publish this my last Will and Testament in Manner and form following that is to say —— I Give and devise to my Son James Maynard Massey and his Heirs and Assigns forever all my Lands in Kent County known by the Name of the Forest but the Crop which may be growing thereon at the time of my Death shall be considered as part of my Personal Estate and as such accountable for by my Executors — If my said Son should die before he attains the age of twenty one Years and without Issue living at his Death then I give the said Lands to the Child of which my Wife may be now pregnant and to the Heirs and Assigns forever of such Child, but if the said Child should also die before it shall attain the age of twenty one Years if a Boy & the Age of Sixteen Years if a Girl and without Issue living at the time of the Death of such Child; then and in that Case I give and devise the said Land to my Nephew Cuthbert Hall and his Heirs and Assigns forever — My Will further is that the said Lands with the Appertenances be and Remain in the Hands and Possession of my Executors for and during the term of four Years from the first Day of January in the Year seventeen hundred and Ninety, and the Produce thereof be applied to the Discharge of my Just Debts and after the same are fully paid and discharged the Surplus of the said Produce if any to go in a Course of Destribution as the Law directs — I Give and allow to my Executors as a Compensation for their trouble in farming and tilling the said Lands a Commission of

seven and a half p.r Centum on the gross Amount of the Produce of the said Lands every Year during the said four Years — I do hereby constitute and appoint my Wife Elizabeth and my Stephen Cuthbert Hall Joint Executors of this my Will hereby ratifying and confirming the same as and for my last will and testament revoking all other by me at any time heretofore made In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and affixed my Seal this 16th Day of December 1799

Signed sealed Published Pronounced and declared by the Testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the Presence of us who have Subscribed our Names as Witness to the same in the Presence of the Testator and at his Request

Josiah Massy Seal

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James his Mark Spry, Stephen his Mark Grant

K.t County to Wit. January 20th 1800 then came Cuthbert Hall one of the Exrs of Josiah Massy late of K.t County deced and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that the writing Instrument of Writing is the true and whole Will and Testament of the said deced that he has come to his Hands or Possession and that he doth not know of any other

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State of Maryland K.t County to Wit } January 20th 1800 then came James Spry and Stephen Grant two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of Josiah Massy late of Kent County deced and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they did see the Testator herein 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 Turbutt Wright the other subscribing Witness was Present at the same time together with them & Deponant and Signed his Name as a Witness to this Will in the Presence and at the request of the Testator and in the Presence of each other — Before

Jno Nicholson Regr Wills for K.t County

I having Been left Executrix by my Husband Josiah Massy Joint with Cuthbert Hall; In his Will, I do hereby Renounce and Disclaim all right and title to the Administration under the s.d will I Hereby direct you to grant s.d Cuthbert Hall the hole Administration without me given from under my Hand this 20.th day of January 1790 Elizabeth Massy

In Presents of
William Palmer

To Jno. Nicholson Esqr. Reg.r Wills for K.t County

In the Name of God Amen, I Thomas Kemp of Chester town, Kent County and State of Maryland do make this my last Will and testament in manner and form following to Wit. I Give and Bequeath unto my Wife, and to her heirs and assigns for ever all my real and Personal Estate under this express confidence and trust that she will dispose of the same to the best Advantage for the discharge of all my Just debts, and after the Payment and Discharge thereof, I will that my wife and her Heirs have one third of the residue, and that the remainder be divided Equally between my Children and their heirs share and share alike, and if my wife should be now Pregnant my Will is that such Child take an equal part with the rest should it be Born alive, I also make my Wife my Executrix In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this 4.th day of October in the year of our Lord 1790 Thos. Kemp Seal

the Words and her heirs and their Heirs interlined before Signing

Signed sealed Published and Declared by the above Named Testator Thomas Kemp as and for his last Will and testament in the Presence of us who at his request and in his presence have Subscribed our Names as Witnesses thereto

Robert Reid; Charles Cavileer; John Sheild

State of Mary.d
K.t County to Wit

February 5.th 1790 then came Robert Reid and Charles Cavileer two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and testament of Thomas Kemp late of K.t County deced and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that they did see the Testator herein named Sign and Seal this Will, and that they heard him Publish

Kt. County to Wit — February 20th 1790 Then came Mary Miller and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that the within Instrument of writing is the true and whole Will and Testament of Arthur Miller late of Kent County deceased, that hath come to her Hands or Possession and that she doth not know of any other —

Before
Jno Nicholson Regr Wills for Kent County

State of Mary. & February 20th 1790 Then came Edward Beck Q. K.
Kt. County to Wit. Ann Kennedy, and Benjamin Vickers the three Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testamt of Arthur Miller late of Kent County deced, and Severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they did see the Testator herein Named sign and Seal this Will, and that they heard him Publish Pronounce and Declare the same to 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 —

Before Jno Nicholson Regr Wills for Kt. County

In the Name of God Amen I Elisabeth both of Kent County and State of Maryland, being sick and weak of body, but of sound and Disposing mind and Memory, thanks to the Almighty God for it, do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say —

Imprimis I give and bequeath to my Beloved Brother Samuel Thomas my Mare and Carriage — Item I give and bequeath to Henry Hosier the Son of John Steward my Silver Watch with what is thereunto belonging —

Item I give to Tied Negro Anthony, formerly my Slave the Sum of Fifty pounds current Money of Maryland — Item And after my just debts and other Charges are paid I give and Bequeath unto Samuel, Ann Kinsey and Elizth the Children of my Brother Samuel Thomas, and to Susanna, Henry, Hosier, John and James the Children of John Steward all the remainder of my Esta.

that I may die Possessed, be divided equally betwixt them in such manner as my Executors hereafter named shall think Proper — Lastly I do appoint my loving Brother Samuel Thomas and John Stevens Executors of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills that may have been heretofore made — In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this fourteenth day of the twelfth Month 1709 — Eliz.th Roth Seal

Signed Sealed Published Pronounced and Declared by the Testatrix above Mentioned as her last Will and Testament in Presence of us — Sam.l Hunn, Sarah her Mark Clark

16.th day of the 12.th Month 1709 — In addition to the within Will and Testament the Testatrix's further Will is that Negro James shall be manumised immediately after her decease, and that Negro Benjamin after serving her Brother Samuel Thomas two full Years shall be likewise manumised — Eliz.th Roth Seal

Signed Sealed Published Pronounced and Declared by the within Testatrix as her further Will to the within mentioned in Presence of us Sam.l Hunn Sarah her Mark Clark Rachel her Mark Night

State of Mary. } February 17.th 1709 Then came Sam.l Hunn and
K.t County to Wit — } Sarah Clark two of the subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of Eliz.th Roth and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that they did see the Testatrix herein Named sign and Seal this Will and that they heard her Publish Pronounce and Declare the same to be her last Will and Testament, that at the time of her so doing she was to the best of their Apprehensions of sound and Disposing mind Memory and Understanding, and that they Subscribed their Names as Witnesses to this Will in the Presence and at the Request of the Testatrix and in the Presence of each other — Before

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that I may die Possessed, be divided equally betwixt them in such manner as my Executors hereafter named shall think Proper — Lastly I do appoint my loving Brother Samuel Thomas and Isaac Steven Executors of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills that may have been heretofore made — In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this fourteenth day of the twelfth Month 1709 — Eliz.th Roth Seal

Signed Sealed, Published Pronounced and Declared by the Testatrix above Mentioned as her last Will and Testament in Presence of us — Sam.l Stunn, Sarah her Mark Clark

16.th day of the 12.th Month 1709 — In addition to the within Will and Testament the Testatrix further Will is that Negro James shall be manumised immediately her decease, and that Negro Benjamin after serving her Brother Samuel Thomas two full Years shall be likewise manumised — Eliz.th Roth Seal

Signed Sealed Published Pronounced and Declared by the within Testatrix as her further Will to the within mentioned in Presence of us Sam.l Stunn Sarah her Mark Clark, Rachel her Mark Night

State of Maryland, } February 17.th 1709 then came Sam.l Stunn and
Kent County to Wit — } Sarah Clark two of the subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of Eliz.th Roth and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that they did see the Testatrix herein Named sign and Seal this Will and that they heard her Publish Pronounce and Declare the same to be her last Will and Testament, that at the time of her so doing she was to the best of their Apprehensions of Sound and Disposing mind Memory and Understanding, and that they Subscribed their Names as Witnesses to this Will in the Presence and at the Request of the Testatrix and in the Presence of each other — Before

Jno.a Nicholson Reg.r Wills for Kent County

In the Name of God Amen. I Martha [illegible] of Kent County and State of Maryland Widow being in Perfect health of Body, and 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, and thereby, to be the better prepared to leave this world whenever it shall Please God to call me hence, 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 Executors herein after named and after my debts and funeral charges are paid I devise and bequeath as follows I give and bequeath unto Mary Dudley my daughter wife of Joshua Dudley of Queen anns County my Clock Item I devise and Bequeath all the rest of my Estate in manner and form following I give and bequeath unto my Grand Children Edward Beck and Nancy, children of my Son Edward Beck one third part of my Property Item I give and bequeath unto my Grand Daughter Mary Everitt daughter of Stales Everett and Priscilla his Wife one third Part of my Property Item I give and bequeath unto Levering Tansant and Mary Bostick children of my daughter Sarah Bostick wife of Eli Bostick one third of my Property Item It is my express will my Property so disposed of to my Grand children shall not be sold or diminished but shall be given up to them without the least injury or Diminution on their coming of age: that is to say the Girls at sixteen years of age or day of marriage, which shall first happen; the Boys to be paid their part when they come at their respective Ages of twenty years Item I direct that my Negro Girl Sal be set free on her arrival at the age of twenty years

Item I direct that my Negro man Ben and my negro Woman Sarah wife of said Ben, and their two youngest children shall be set free at my death

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my Son Edward Beck, Stales Everitt, and Eli Bostick to be sole Executors of this my last Will

[illegible] rent revoking and annulling all former wills by me heretofore [illegible]

ratifying and confirming this and none other to be my last will and testament
In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this twenty
fifth day of April in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and
eighty nine

Signed, Sealed, Published and declared by Martha Merritt the } Martha + Merritt Seal
her Mark and Seal

above named Testatrix as and for her last will and testament in the presence of us who at her request and in her presence have subscribed our Names as witnesses thereto

Dan.l M.c Curtin, Bartus Wilkins, Bartus Wilkins Junior

I Renounce all claims to the Administration of the within Estate. Edward Bck 2d N.

I disclaim all claims to the Administration of the within Estate. Jn.o Ha.d Everitt

K.t County to Wit. Feb.a 25.th 1790 Then came Eli Bostick one of the Exrs within mentioned and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that the within Instrument of writing is the true and whole Will and testament of Martha Merritt late of K.t County deced that hath come to his Hands or Possession, and that he doth not know of any other

Before Jn.o Nicholson Reg.r Wills for K.t County

State of Mary. } February 25.th 1790. Then came Bartus Wilkins and Bartus
K.t County to Wit. } Wilkins Junr two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last
Will and testament of Martha Merritt late of K.t County deced
and severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they did see the testatrix herein Named sign and Seal this Will and that they heard her Publish Pronounce and Declare the same to be her last Will and testament, that at the time of her so doing she was to the best of their Apprehensions of sound and Disposing mind Memory and understanding and that Daniel M.c Curtin the other Subscribing Witness was present at the same time and sign'd his Name as a Witness to this Will in the Presence and at the request of the testatrix and in the Presence of each other Before

Jn.o Nicholson Reg.r Wills for K.t County

Febru: 26th 1790. I Oliver Smith one of the Exrs. in the last Will and testament of David Stoops late of Kent County deceased do hereby Refuse to Act as Executor to said Will by Virtue of such Appointment, and do therefore renounce all my right Title and claim to said Executorship Accordingly

Oliver Smith

State of Mary.d
K. County to Wit

February 26th 1790. Then came Nicholas Stoops one of the Exrs. within mentioned, and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that the within Instrument of writing is the true and whole Will and testament of David Stoops late of K. County deced that hath come to his Hands or Possession, and that he doth not know of any other

Before Wm. Nicholson Regr. Wills for K. County

State of Mary.d
K. County to Wit

Febru: 26th 1790. Then came Benjamin Riley one of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and testament of David Stoops late of K. County deceased and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that he did see the testator hereen named sign and seal this Will, and that he 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 his Apprehension of sound and Disposing mind memory and understanding, and that Jonas Lillar the other Subscribing Witness was present at the same time and Signed his Name as a Witness to this Will in the Presence and at the request of the testator and in the Presence of each other

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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 Subscribed their respective Names as Witnesses to this Will in the Presence and at the request of the Testator and in the Presence of each other

Before Jno. Nicholson Rgr. Wills for Kent County

In the Name of God Amen, I January the twenty second in the Year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred and Ninety, I James Sampson of Kent County and State of Maryland being weak in Body, but of Disposing mind and Memory and calling to mind the uncertainty of this present Life, do make and put in writing this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following

Imprimis My Will is that my Just Debts and funeral Charges be paid by my Executor hereinafter mentioned — Item I give and Bequeath unto my beloved Wife Sarah Sampson the Sum of thirty Pounds Specie over and above the One third Part of all my Estate both real and Personal — Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Henrietta the Sum of Sixty pounds Specie — Item I give and bequeath unto my Brother William Sampson my Cart and harness and my bonel Mare — Item I give and Bequeath unto my Son Thomas all the residue and Remainder of my Estate after my Wifes thirds and the above Legacies are taken out to him and his Heirs and assigns forever — my desire further is, that my Son Thomas shall be kept at School when convenient and when at sufficient Age to be bound to a Shoemaker by my Executor And I hereby nominate and appoint William Gaught to be my Sole Executor to this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former Wills by me made ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament

Signed Sealed published and declared by me James Sampson to be my last Will and Testament in Presence of, Ephm. Vansant — James Sampson (Seal)

Jun. Wm. Moffett. Geo. Wallace —

N.B. the Words to him and his heirs forever between the Sixteenth and Seventeenth lines were Interlined before the Sealing of these Presents.

It is my Will in the first Place that all my Debts justly due and funeral Charges be paid and Satisfied — Item I give and Bequeath unto Bethie Pennington my dearly beloved Wife the whole of my Estate during her Life and after her decease I give to William Riley Son of Jacob Riley a Legacy of thirty Pounds Lawfull money of said Place to him and his heirs forever, Item Will that Negro Hannah be fully free at the death of my Wife Bethie, and each of her Children to be fully free when they arrive to the age of twenty one Years, to be free and as free People in all Respects, and the remainder of my Estate to be equally divided among Jacob Rileys three Childn William, Katherine, and James Riley, to them and their Heirs and Assigns forever and I hereby utterly disallow, revoke and Disannul all and every other former Wills and Testaments and Legacies by me in any ways before this time named, ratifying this and no other to be my last Will and Testament, In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal the day and Year above Written

Signed Sealed Published Pronounced and Declared by the said Henry Pennington as his last Will and Testament in the Presence of

Henry his Mark Pennington Seal

William Watts, Jonathan Start

State of Maryland Kent County to Wit

March 31st 1790 then came William Watts and Jonathan Start the two Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of Henry Pennington late of Kent County deced and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they did see the Testator herein 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 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

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I give and bequeath to my beloved Wife all my Personal Estate to have and enjoy the same until my Son arrives at the age of twenty one years; and then I give all my Personal Estate to my Son except one third part thereof which I give to my wife. But if my Son should die before he arrives at the age of twenty one years or without lawfull Issue then I give and bequeath all my Personal Estate to my wife — My Will further is and I hereby give a Manumission and freedom to all my Negroes, who shall be of the age of thirty years at the end and Expiration of three years after my decease — and my will is that after the Expiration of the said three years, all and each of my Negroes shall be entitled to his her and their freedom and Liberty, as soon as he her or they shall arrive at the age of thirty years respectively —

It is my further Will and desire, that as soon as my Son shall have arrived at a sufficient age and shall have received a Necessary education, that he shall be placed under the care of Doct.r James Anderson to be by him educated and brought up to the Study of and Science of Physic — And lastly I hereby appoint my brother James Trisby and my brother in Law Thomas Jarvis James Executors of this my last Will and testament; hereby revoking all former or other Wills by me made —

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal, the twelfth day of January, in the year of our Lord, one thousand Seven hundred and Ninety —

R.d Trisby (Seal)

Signed, Sealed, Published and declared by the above named Richard Trisby to be his last Will and Testament, in the Presence of us, who have hereunto Subscribed our Names as Witnesses thereto in the Presence of the Testator and of each other

John Scott Jun.r

John Swift —

Charles Tilden —

I John Crockett of Kent County in the State of Maryland do make and ordain this my Testament and last Will in manner and form following.

First I order and direct that my Just Debts and Funeral expences be satisfied as soon as convenient after my death. Item I give and bequeath to my dearly beloved Wife Mary in fee Simple one clear moiety or half part of all my Estate both real and personal. Item I give and bequeath to my Son Richard in fee Simple the other Moiety or half part of my said Estate both real and personal on his attaining to the age of twenty one Years; But should it so happen that my said Son should die before he arives to the Age of twenty one, I then give and bequeath the Share or half part devised to him to my dear Wife Mary in fee Simple this devise to extend to both the real and personal Estate given to my Son Richard.

And lastly I constitute and appoint my dearly beloved Wife Mary whole and Sole Executrix of this my last Will, formally revoking all Wills heretofore made and declaring this and none other as and for my last Will and Testament. In Testemony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal the twenty sixth Day of October 1789.

Signed sealed and Delivered in the Presence of the Testator and of each other } John Crockett (Seal)

Sarah Clarkson, Elizth her Mark Collins, John Chew.

State of Mary. Kt. County to Wit } April 9th 1790. Then came John Chew one of the Subscribing witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of John Crockett dcesd and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that he did see the Testator herein Named sign and Seal this will, and that he 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 his Apprehension of Sound and disposing mind Memory and understanding, and that Sarah Clarkson and Elizth Collins the other two Subscribing witnesses was present at the same time and Signed their Names as witnesses to this will together with this Deponant in the Presence and at the request of the Testator and in the Presence of each other.

Before

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Last of their Apprehension of Sound and Disposing mind Memory and u
ing, and that they respectively Subscribed their Names as witnesses to this will in the
and at the request of the Testator and in the Presence of each other

Before Mr. Nicholson Regr. Wills for K. Coun

In the Name of God Amen I Thomas Browning of Kent County an
State of Maryland being sick and in a low state of body, but of sound mind and Memory a
that is appointed for all Men once to Die and as it hath pleased God to bless me with so
worldly Goods I do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following
First my will is that my Brother George Browning shall Purchase a Lot of Ground at the C
Roads near George Town and build a house on the said Lot 18 feet by 16 and finish
of in a workmanlike manner with the money due me from my Brother John Wilso
Browning and when finished my will is that my Sister Cornelia Mitchel shall Posses
same during her widowhood and at her marage or Death to fall to her Daughter Corne
Mitchel and her heirs, and in case she should Die without heir to fall to her Sister
Sarah Mitchel and her heirs, and in case she should Die without heir to my Brother G
Browning and his heirs, and I do hereby appoint my Brother George Browning my
whole Executor of this my last will and testament revoking all other will by me acknow
ing this to be my last will and testament my hand and Seal this 9th of April 1790

Signed in the Presents of us
Abraham Christfield, Charles Queen
John Wilson

Thomas Browning (Seal)

State of Mary. } May the 4. 1790 then came George Browning
K. County to Wit. } and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty
God that the within Instrument of writing is the true
and whole will and testament of Thomas Browning late of Kent County deced, that hath come to
his hands or Possession, and that he doth not know of any other

Before Mr. Nicholson Regr. Wills for K. County

of said part of said Land: Whereas my honord father has a right to one half of
dwelling Plantation during his life, I will and Bequeath to my wife Elizabeth Tis
the half of said Plantation which I now hold during her life and also the reversion of
other half at my fathers death during her life, I will and desire that she pay all my
debts, and that at the end of one year after my death she shall pay one half of the
expences that may arise on supporting and maintaining my Brother James Tisby
insane in the Pennsylvania Hospital during my fathers life, and as at his death I d
will and bequeath the whole of my dwelling Plantation during her life, my will is that
she pay the whole expence of maintaining my unhappy brother James Tisby in a comfort
plain and decent manner during her life, should he live so long, but should she surv
my Brother James Tisby, I will and desire that during my fathers life she shall pay to my
Sister Anna Maria Rowles the sum of ten pounds p.r year and to each of my sisters Marga
Mary and Rebecca Tisby the sum of four pounds p.r year and to my Cousin Ann Gambel the sum
of three pounds p.r year, and after my fathers death I will that she pay double the sum to each
of my sisters that I have desired her to pay to them during his life, and the same sum of three pounds
to Ann Gamble and that she pay it yearly to them during her life — — —
I give unto my wife Elizabeth Tisby all my personal property during her life and at h
death I desire that my Sister Anna Maria Rowles shall have what personal property may
remain except my negroe men Stephen and John, who I desire shall belong to my Brother
Richard: I mean, by the above, the personal property on my dwelling Plantation, the Negroes
belonging to her Estate being taken out. My will and desire is that after her death her estate
shall not be accountable for any part of said personal property, which may be dead, Broke
worn out or lost — After her Death I will and bequeath the said dwelling Plantation
to my Brother Richard Tisby with the same charges of maintaining my Brother James Tisby
during his life, and I desire that he may pay to my Sister Anna Maria Rowles the sum of one
hundred and fifty pounds and to each of my sisters Sarah, Margaret, Mary, and Rebecca
Tisby the sums of one hundred pounds and that he make over and convey to my Sister Anna
Maria Rowles all the real Estate he shall receive from my father or that he may receive in
consequence of my late uncle Richard Tisbys will and that he give my Cousin Ann
Gamble the sum of fifty pounds, If my Brother Richard Tisby should Die without
lawful Issue I give and Bequeath the said dwelling Plantation to my Sister —

and the Heirs of her Body. I give unto my wife Elizabeth Trisby the Priveledge of getting wood and timber in my Swamp for the use of my dwelling Plantation during her life with a request that she would cause it to be taken where it will best suit my Sister Anna Maria Rowles. I also give to my Brother Richard Trisby the same priveledge with the same request, and his lawful Issue, the same ——— And in case my said Wife Elizabeth should be with Child at the time of my death my will is that the whole of the land on which I live that is to say, the half to which I am at present entitled and the other moiety in which my Father has a life estate shall go to the said Child and to his or her heirs in fee simple and in that case my said wife to have her thirds in my said land as well in the moiety I now hold as in that which rests in me and my heirs after the determination of my life estate.

William Trisby (Seal)

Signed sealed published and Declared for and as the last will and Testament of the testator before us, who in the presence of the testator and of each other have signed our Names as witnesses thereto at his request ——— James Lloyd. James Bowers. James M. Anderson

James Lloyd and James Bowers two of the Subscribing Witnesses to this will declare that the testator William Trisby signed this will on the 29th day of March 1790. Before Jno. Nicholson Regr.

State of Maryland } May 12th 1790 Then came James Lloyd and James Bowers
Kent County to Wit. } two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the aforegoing last Will and Testament of Docr. Wm. Trisby late of Kt County deced and made Oath on the holy Evangels of Almighty God that they did see the testator herein 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 James M Anderson the other Subscribing witness was present at the same time together with these Deponants in the presence and at the request of the testator and in the presence of each other.

Before Jno. Nicholson Regr Wills for Kt County

State of Mary.d
Kent County to Wit.

May 16th 1790. Then came James M Anderson the other Subscribing Witness to the aforegoing last Will and Testament of Doct. Wm Tilsby late of Kent County, dced, and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that he did see the Testator herein Named sign and Seal this will, and that he 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 his Apprehension of sound and Disposing mend Memory and understanding and that James Lloyd, and James Bowers, the other two Subscribing Witnesses was present at the same time and signed their Names as witnesses to this will together with this Deponant in the presence and at the request of the testator and in the presence of each other. Before

Jno. Nicholson Regr. Wills for K. County.

In the Name of God Amen. I Benjamin Nicols of Kent County in the State of Maryland do make my Testament and last Will in manner following to Wit. I give and Bequeath to my dear Wife Rachael during her Widowhood the Land I now live on, and which I purchased of Henry Ward Pearce Junior in lieu of her Dower of my Real Estate. I give and bequeath to my said dear Wife One third part of my personal Estate in lieu of her thirds in the same. I give and Bequeath to my dear Son David his heirs and Assigns forever One equal Moiety or half part of the Land above mentioned after the Death or Marriage of my dear Wife subject however to, and chargeable with the payment of fifty pounds to each of my Younger Children to Wit Ann, Elizabeth, Mary, Samuel, William and John, the said several Sums to be paid by my said Son David at or before the expiration of five years from the Death or Marriage of my said Wife: and I do hereby give and Bequeath the said several Sums of fifty pounds to each of my younger Children aforesaid; and expressly charge and Burthen the above Moiety devised to my Son David with the payment thereof. I give and bequeath to my dear Son Joel the other Moiety or half part of the Land above mentioned after the Death or Marriage of my Wife, to him

his Heirs and Assigns forever, subject however to and Chargeable with the
payment of fifty pounds to each of my Younger Children following to Wit, A
Elizabeth, Mary, Samuel, William and John, the said several Sums to be pa
my said Son Joel at or before the expiration of five Years from the Death or Mar
of my said Wife, and I do hereby give and Bequeath the said several Sums of fifty p
to each of my Younger Children aforesaid and expressly charge and Burthen the
above Moiety devised to my Son Joel with the payment thereof ——
I do hereby order and direct that my Lands in Sassafras Neck in Cecil County
whereon I lately lived shall be sold by my Executrix in fee Simple, within One Ye
after my decease, three Months Public Notice being first given of the time and p
of such Sale, and that the Money arising from the said Sale be applied to the Discha
of the debts I owe to Thomas Jones, James Morgan and Samuel Chew. And shou
it so happen that the said Lands will not sell for as much as will pay the whole of the
said Debts, then I order and direct that whatever it shall sell for be paid to the said
Thomas Jones, James Morgan and Samuel Chew in proportion to their several Demand
against me but should it so happen that the said Lands should sell for more than will
discharge the said debts, then I order and direct that the Overplus shall be Considered
as part of my personal Estate. —— I will and direct that whatever Money
shall be owing to me at the time of my Death, by my Son David shall be considered
as part of my personal Estate — The Residue of my Estate I give and devise to
all my Children Viz.t David, Joel, Ann, Elizabeth, Mary, Samuel, William
and John, to be equally divided between them. —— I Constitute and appoint my dear
Wife sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament, In Witness whereof I have
hereunto set my hand and Affixed my Seal this third day of May in the Year of our
Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety ——

Signed Sealed and Published and Pronounced and Declared as and for his last Will and Testament by Benjamin Vickers the Word

Benj.n Vickers (Seal)

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in the Second Page being first interlined / in our Presence and who at his
request in his Presence and in that of each other have hereunto set our Names / after
the words "Wm. David" were interlined — James M. Anderson, Morgan
Brown Junr. Marmaduke Tilden 3d. —

June 2nd 1790 Then came Rachael Nickers and made Oath on the Holy Evangels
of Almighty God, that the within Instrument of writing is the true and whole will
and testament of Benjamin Nickers late of Kent County deced, that hath come to
her hands or possession and that she doth not know of any other —

Before Wm. Nicholson Rg: Wills for K. County —

State of Mary: K. County to Wit. } June 5th 1790. Then came James M. Anderson one of the Subscribing witnesses to the aforegoing last will and testament of Benjn. Nickers late of K. County deced, and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that he did see the testator herein Named Sign and Seal this Will, and that he 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 his Apprehension of Sound and Disposing mind, Memory and Understanding, and that Morgan Brown Junr. and Marmaduke Tilden 3d. the other two Subscribing witnesses was present at the same time and signed their Names as witnesses to this will in the Presence and at the request of the testator and in the Presence of each other —

Before Wm. Nicholson Rg: Wills for K. County —

State of Mary: K. County to Wit. } June 5th 1790 Then came Morgan Brown Junr. and Marmaduke Tilden 3d the other two Subscribing witnesses to the within last will and testament of Benjn. Nickers late of Kent County deced, and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that they did see the testator herein 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 James M. Anderson the other Subscribing witness was present at the same time and Signed his Name as a Witness to this will in the Presence and at the request of the testator and in Presence of each other —

Before Wm. Nicholson Rg: Wills for K. County —

In the Name of God Amen; I Rose Wilmer of Kent County in State of Maryland, being of sound and Disposing mind and Memory, do make this my last will and testament in manner following to Wit. ——

1st. I give and bequeath to my son Lambert Wilmer and his Heirs forever all that Tennement whereon is now erected a tan Yard, which, which land is Bounded as follows, Beginning at the Gate standing in the Line dividing the Land between the Land of Mr. Joseph Wickes and my self and running with the said line to the land of the late Mr. Ebenezer Blackiston then with the line of the said Mr. Blackiston to the Land of Mr. Beal Bordleys then with the line of the said Mr. Bordley until it Intersects the Main road called the Barley road, then with the said road to the Gate then with the said road to the Gate where it meets the road going from my House to Saint Pauls Parish Church then with the said Road to the Beginning ——

2dly. I give to my Son William Wilmer two seats in a Pew in the new part of Saint Pauls Parish Church, and my part of the stills —— ——

3dly. I give to my Daughter Mary Wilmer my Negro Man Sam, and one Feather Bed and furniture. —— 4thly. I give to my Daughter Margret Wilmer my Negro Man Hark, and my Negro Girl Hannah, and one Feather Bed and furniture. 5thly I give to my Daughter Frances Wilmer my Negro Woman Hen, and her Increase, my Negro Boy Sam, and one Feather Bed and furniture. —— ——

6thly I give my Negro Woman Jane to my two Daughters Margret Wilmer, and Frances Wilmer —— 7thly I give my three Daughters Mary, Margaret and Frances, my Clock and all my Silver spoons. —— 8thly I give my Wearing apparel to be divided between my four Daughters Mary, Margaret, Frances, and Martha.

9thly After all my Just debts are paid I give all the remaining part of my estate to my Daughters Mary Wilmer, Margaret Wilmer, Frances Wilmer, and Martha Bond, to be Equally divided between them. —— Lastly My Will is that my Estate be taken into possession by those to whom I have given it by this Will Immediately after my Death without any Administration on my Estate, and I request my sons in Law William Ringgold, James Frisby and Richard Miller to see, that this my Will

strictly complyed with, and fulfilled — In Witness that this is my last Will & Testament I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this nineteenth day of October Seventeen Hundred and Eighty five

Signed Sealed and Delivered in Presence of us who signs as witnesses in the Presence and at the request of the testator — Rose Wilmer Seal

Jas. Williamson, Will.m Ring gold Son of Wm. Jun.r Ann Williamson

State of Maryland Kent County to Wit. May 14.th 1790 Then came James Williamson and Wm. Ring gold Son of Wm. Jun.r two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the aforegoing last will and testament of Rose Wilmer late of Kent County deced and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that they did see the testatrix herein Named sign and Seal this Will and that they heard her Publish Pronounce and Declare the same to be her last will and Testament, that at the time of her so doing she was to the best of their Apprehensions of sound and Disposing mind Memory, and Understanding, and that Ann Williamson the other Subscribing Witness was present at the same time and signed her Name as a Witness to this Will together with these Deponants in the Presence and at the request of the testatrix and in the presence of each other — Before Jn.o Nicholson Rg.r Wills for Kent County

In the Name of God Amen. I. John Randal of Kent County being sick and weak in body, but of sound and perfect mind and memory, thanks be to God for the same, and Calling to mind the certainty of Death, do make and Ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following, Viz.t First and Principally I leave and recommend my soul to God who gave it, and as touching what worldly Goods it hath pleased God to bless me with, I give and Dispose of them in manner and form following, First. I Give and bequeath to my beloved son James Randal, one half of a Piece of Wood land lying between my dwelling Plantation and the Plantation where Mary Meeks now lives, my s.d Son James Randal to have the Land and timber for the space of twenty five years, unless

he should cut the timber off sooner then the Land to be the Propert
my Son Robert Randal. — Item I Give and Bequeath to my
son James Randal, all the Goods and Chattels that I have already gi
him and one Shilling sterling in full of his part of my estate. —
Item I Give and Bequeath to my beloved Daughter Mary Randal
One young Black Horse six Years Old this Spring. — Item I G
my 2d Daughter One Cow and Calf — Item I Give my 2d Daughter four Ew
and Lambs. — Item I Give my 2d Daughter one young sow and Pigs.
Item I Give my 2d Daughter one feather Bed and furniture and one Linnin
Wheel in full of her part of my Estate — Item I Give and Bequeath to my
beloved Daughter Sarah Randal, One young Bay Horse Seven Years old
Item I Give to my said Daughter One Cow and Calf. Item I Give my 2d
Daughter four Ewes and Lambs — Item I Give my 2d Daughter One young
sow and Pigs. Item I Give my 2d Daughter one Linnen Wheel, One Bed and
Furniture and one Chest in full of her part of my Estate, and I leave my Son
Robert Randal and my beloved Wife Margarett Randal Joint Executors
of this my last will and testament if my 2d Wife chooses, if not I leave my
son Robert Randal sole Executor of this my last will and testament, and
all the remainder of my Estate not Devised both real and personal after my
Just Debts and Burial charges are paid, I Give and Bequeath to my
beloved Wife Margarett Randal, and my beloved son Robert Randall —

his
John I Randal
Mark

Signed Sealed Published and Declared to be the last Will and Testament of the Testator this Twenty sixth Day of February in the Year of our Lord God one thousand seven hundred and Ninety before us who were present at signing —

Kenion Wroth Junr. William Beck, John Foreman

State of Mary[illegible] } May 21st 1790 Then came Kenwin Wroth and
K. County to Wit } William Beck two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the
aforegoing last will and testament of John Randal late of Kent County deced,
and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they did see the
Testator herein 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 John Foreman
the other Subscribing witness was present at the same time and signed his
Name as a Witness to this will together with these Deponants in the pre-
-sence and at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other

Before
Wm. Nicholson Reg. Wills for K. County

In the Name of God Amen, I Mary Tindley of Kent County
in the State of Maryland being sick and weak of Body, but of sound and dis-
-posing mind and Memory, do make this my last will and testament in
Manner following, to Wit, First I Give and Bequeath unto my
Grand Daughter Elizabeth Willey all my Wearing apparel and one Gold ring.
Secondly, I Give and bequeath unto my Grandson Samuel Covey Tillard,
and his heirs and assigns forever, the whole of the remaining part of my
estate Both real and personal. Thirdly. My will is that my
said two Grand Children shall take Possession of my said estate agreable
to this my will, Immediately after my Death, without any Administration
on my Estate. In Witness that this is my last will and testament, I
have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this second day of May Seventeen
Hundred and Eighty Nine

Mary Tindley [seal]
Mark

Signed sealed and Delivered in presence of us, who sign as evidences in the presence of, and at the request of the testator — Hezekiah Dunn
William Ring gold E. N. Alexander Back.

State of Mary, K. County to Wit. July 30th 1790. Then came Hezekiah Dunn and William Ring gold E. N. two of the Subscribers Witnesses to the within last will and testament of Mary Tindly late of Kent County deced, and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that they did see the testatrix therein Named sign and Seal this Will and that they heard her Publish Pronounce and Declare the same to be her last will and testament, that at the time of her so doing she was to the best of their Apprehension of Sound and Disposing mind (Memory and Understanding and that Alexander Back the other Subscribing witness was present at the same time and signed his name as a Witness to this will, in the Presence and at the request of the testatrix and in the Presence of each other —

Before Jno. Nicholson Reg. Wills for K. County

In the Name of God Amen. I George Gilbert of Kent County in the State of Maryland being of Sound mind and disposing Judgment but calling to mind the uncertainty of this Life and that nothing is more Certain than Death or more uncertain than the time thereof do make this my last Will and testament in manner following, Viz. First I give and Bequeath unto my Son John my Plantation being part of a tract of Land called Wheat field with the Appertenances to him and his Heirs and Assigns forever and also I give and Bequeath unto my s.d Son John a Horse called Sharpless with my Saddle and Bridle to him and his heirs forever I give and Bequeath unto my four Children Thomas, George, Elizabeth, and Sarah all the remainder part of my estate, to them and their Heirs and assigns forever, after my Just debts are paid: to be equally divided between them when they arrive to Law full age to receive it, and my Negroes Excepted

d my Will is and I do hereby desire and Direct that they Serve for the
m of ten years from the first day of January last, and be employ'd for the use
Benefit and maintenance of my all my Children untile the Expiration of the above
term, and then after that time I Give and Bequeath unto Mr. Samuel Dudley all the
above Negroes and their increas with them to him and his Heirs. I do hereby appoint
Thomas Gilbert Son of Thomas to be Guardian to my Children during their Minority
and I do hereby appoint said Thomas Gilbert to be my sole Executor of this my
last Will and testament hereby revoking all former wills and testaments by me
made and Declaring this to be my last will and testament, In Witness whereof
I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this Sixteenth day of May one thousand seven
hundred and Ninety

Signed sealed Published and
delivered by the testator to be his last
will and testament in the presence
of us who Subscribed our Names as witnesses at the request of and in the presence
of the testator

George Gilbert Seal

Daniel Perkins James Lenox Eben.r Perkins
Richard Lane

Kent County to Wit June 22nd 1790 then Came Thomas Gilbert and made Oath
on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that the within Instrument of writing is the
true, and whole Will and Testament of George Gilbert late of Kent County deceased,
that hath come to his hands or Possession and that he do'th not know of any other

Before Mr. Nicholson Reg.r Wills for K.t County

State of Mary.d
K.t County to Wit } June 22nd 1790 then came Daniel Perkins and Eben.r
Perkins two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last
will and testament of George Gilbert late of Kent County deced, and made Oath on the Holy
Evangels of Almighty God that they did see the testator herein Named sign and
Seal this will, and that they heard him Publish Pronounce and Declare the same
to be his last will and testament, and 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 James Lenox and Richd Lane the other two Subscribing witnesses
was present at the same time and Signed their Names as witnesses to this will in the pre-
sence and at the request of the testator and in the presence of each other

Before Mr. Nicholson Reg.r Wills for K.t County

In the Name of God Amen I George Hastings being of sound and disposing Mind and Memory, do make this my last will and testament in Manner following — First I do hereby empower and direct my Executors herein Named to pay all my just debts out of my Estate before there is a Disposition made of any part or parcel thereof and to pay those debts in Kent County which I am sued for before any others in case I should be obliged by Law to pay the same. Secondly I give to my Sister Mary Yardsley fifty five pounds which sum she is owing me and Thirdly I give to my Nephew George Hastings all the remainder of my Estate both real and personal to him the said George Hastings his Heirs and Assigns forever and Lastly I do Nominate Constitute and appoint George Hastings my Nephew and Thomas McClue Executors of this my last will and Testament revoking all other wills by me heretofore made. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this Fifth day of April 1790 — Geo: Hastings Seal

Signed sealed Published and Declared by the Testator to be his last will and testament

to which we have Subscribed our Names as witnesses at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other — Wm Howell Saml Roberts Jno Tilden Son of Wm B Tilden

August 9th 1790. then came Geo: Hastings and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that the within Instrument of writing is the true and whole will and testament of George Hastings late of K. County decd that hath come to his hands or possession and that he doth not know of any other — Before Jno Nicholson Regr Wills for K. County.

State of Mary.d K. County to Wit. Aug.t 9th 1790. then came William Howell, Saml Roberts and John Tilden Son of Wm B. Tilden the three subscribing witnesses to the aforegoing last will and testament of Geo. Hastings late of Kent County decd and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they did see the Testator herein 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 Subscribed their respective Names as witnesses to this will in the Presence and at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other — Before

Thos McClue the other Exr renounced — Jno Nicholson Regr Wills for K. County

In the Name of God Amen I Ann Hizzard of Kent County State of Maryland being in a low State of health. But of a sound mind and Memory and Judgment do ordain this to be my last will and Testament. first I Commit my soul to God who gave it to me and my Body to be decently buried at the Discretion of my Executor — Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Alse Hizzard all my Lands and Buildings after my Just Debts are paid to her and her Heirs and Assigns forever. — And further I Constitute and appoint Nicolas Brown my hole and Sole Executor of this my last will and Testament. Whereunto I have set my hand and Seal this twelfth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and Eighty Nine —

Signed Sealed and acknowledged to be my last will and Testament in the presence of us Testes Nath.l Kinnerd, Mary Cross her Mark, Daniel Lamb

Ann Hizzard Seal

Aug.st 27.th 1790. Then came Nicholas Brown being one of the people called Quakers on his Solemn Affirmation to him Adm.d Affirmed and Declared that the within Instrument of writing is the true and whole will and Testament of Ann Hizzard late of Kent County deced, that hath come to his Hands or Possession, and that he doth not know of any other

Before Jn.o Nicholson Reg.r Wills for K.t County

K.t County to Wit. Aug.st 27.th 1790. Then came Nath.l Kinnard and Daniel Lamb two of the Subscribing witnesses to the above last will and Testament of Ann Hizzard late of Kent County deced. Nath.l Kinnard made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, and Daniel Lamb being one of the People called Quakers on his Solemn Affirmation to him Admin.d assumed and Declared, that they did see the Testator herein Named sign and Seal this will and that they heard her Publish pronounce and Declare the same to be his last will and Testament, that at the time of her so doing she was to the best of their Apprehensions of Sound and Disposing mind Memory and Understanding, and that Mary Cross the other Subscribing witness was present at the same time and signed her Name as a Witness to this will in the Presence and at the Request of the Testatrix and in the Presence of each other — Before Jn.o Nicholson Reg.r Wills for K.t County

In the Name of God Amen I Thomas Hynson of K
County in the State of Maryland being Sick and Weak of Body but
perfect & sound Disposeing mind & memory Do make this my La
Will and Testament and Dispose of & Settle such Worldly Est
as it hath pleased God to bless me with in the Manner & form foll
-ing Viz

First I Desire that all my Just Debts shall be paid

Item I give and Devise to my Cousen James Thomas Hynso
& to his Heirs or assigns for ever all my Lands Called Castle Ca
with all the Vacancy & Surplus as may more fully appear by m
Grand Father Thomas Hynsons Will, I also Give Divise and beq
-eath to my Cousen James Thomas Hynson all my Estate both Rea
& personal together with my Rights Titles & Claimes Except as he
-eafter mentioned

Item I Give & bequeath to my sister Sarah Hynson the Sum of
twenty pounds Curry to be paid her Yearly for & During her Life

Item I Give & bequeath to my Negro Man Jacob his Freedom also
A Black Mare call Ribben & the saddle & Bridle now in his
Possession and in Case my Admr. or Executors do keep him a
Then & in that case only Give & Devise to him fifty Acres of Lan
And Lastly I do Constitue & appoint my Uncle James Hynson
Sole Executor of this my last Will & Testament Ratifying & Confirm
-ing this & no other to be my last Will and Testament

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my Conclusion hand &
affixed my Seal this Seventh Day of January 1785

Signed Sealed published and declared by the
within named Thomas Hynson as and for Thomas Hynson (Seal)
his Last Will & Testament in the presence
of us who at his request have Subscribed our Names as Witnesses thereto
Jamita Wilson
Ja. Hynson Ja. Wilson

Whereas I Thomas Hynson of Kent County & State of Maryland
as aforesaid have introduction Made and duly executed my Last Will &
Testament in Writing bearing date the seventh Day of January Seven
teen hundred & Eighty Five which said Last Will & Testament & every
Clame bequest & Devise therein Contained I do hereby Ratify and
Confirm (save & Except such Clames bequest & Devise therein Men
-tioned as one by me therein after Revoked and made Void) And being
Desirous to Alter some parts thereof and of making Additions there
do therefore hereby make this my Codicil, which I Will a

ect shall be taken & held as part of my said Last Will & Testament
Manner & form Following that is to say
m, I Give and Bequeath unto my Cousin Sarah Hynson Daug
ter of my Uncle James Hynson the Sum of one Hundred Pounds
old & Silver Money, and a Horse, Saddle & Bridle of her Choice to
e paid to her the said Sarah Hynson soon after my Death or When-
ver she may Demand the same — In testimony whereof I
ave hereto set my Hand & affixed my Seal this Nineteenth Day
f January 1785 — — — —

Signed, Sealed published & Declared by the above
Named Testator as and for a Codicil to his last Will
and Testament in presence of us — Thomas Hynson (Seal)

Christopher Fields
The Mark of
Jacob Chandler — Ja.s Hynson

State of Maryland } October 19th 1790 Then came Arimenta Wil
Kent County to wit } son and Mary Wilson two of the Subscribing
Witnesses to the aforegoing last Will and Testament
of Thomas Hynson late of Kent County deced and made Oath on the Holy
Evangels of Almighty God that they did see the Testator herein 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 Dis
posing mind Memory and Understanding and that James Hynson the
other Subscribing Witness was present at the same time and Signed
his name as a Witness to this Will in the Presence and at the Request
of the Testator and in the presence of each other

Before Jn.o Nicholson Reg.r Wills for K.t County

State of Mary.d } October 19th 1790 Then came Christopher Fields and
K.t County to wit } Jacob Chandler two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the
within Codicil and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they
did see the Testator herein Named Sign and Seal this Codicil, and that they
heard him Publish Pronounce and declare the same to be a Codicil to his
last Will and Testament that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of
their Apprehension of Sound and Disposing mind Memory and Understand
ing and that James Hynson the other Subscribing Witness was present
at the same time and Signed his Name as a Witness to this Codicil in the
presence and at the Request of the Testator and in the presence of Each
other

Before Jn.o Nicholson Reg.r Wills for K.t County

In the Name of God Amen I Benjamin Benney of Kent County in the State of Maryland do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following to wit

Imprimis I Give and bequeath unto Mary Miller neice of my beloved Wife Mrs Mary Benney deceased, and Daughter of Michael & Martha Miller the sum of one hundred pounds Current money and my Mourning Ring Secondly I Give and bequeath unto my friend Thomas Miller son of Michael and Martha Miller all my wearing apparell Thirdly I Give bequeath and devise unto the two Eldest sons of my Brother Jonathan Benney of Halifax in Nova Scotia my late Beloved Wifes Picture all my plate and the residue of all my Estate both Real and personall after my just Debts legacys and funerall expences are paide Lastly I do nominate and appoint my two friends Richard Miller and John Page Esquires to be executors of this my last will and Testament & desire them and my Will is that they will permit my Negroe Slaves to chose masters or Mistresses for themselves and in their discression to sell and dispose of the same Negroe Slaves as it may seem meet to them as also all my other personall Estate and to account for the sales of the same to my legatees above mentioned after deducting the sum of twenty Guineas and a Gold mourning Ring to Each of my said Executors for their particular care and trouble and in Lieu of all commissions allowed by Law to Executors for Settleing deceased persons Estates I also leave in the Possession of my said Executors the Miniature picture of the late Reverend Mr James Sterling deceased and my Will is that they shall deliver or transmitt the same to his heir at Law whenever made known to them hereby makeing null and Void all other will or Wills heretofore by me made ratifieing and confirming this to be my last and only Will and Testament In Testimony whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and affixed my Seal this twenty second day of March Seventeen hundred and eighty three

Signed Seald published acknowledged and declared by the within Testator to be his last Will and Testament and at the time of his so doing he appeared to be of sound disposeing mind memory and we have Subscribed our names as Witnesses thereto in his presence and at his Request

Benja Benney Seal

Benj Chambers Wm Stevenson James Stevenson

I Benjamin Benney the within and above named testator having a Desire to make some alteration in the within will and last Testament do

hereby make this Codicil to the same will in manner & form following to wit
First Item of the one Hundred pounds within devised unto Mary Miller
I give and bequeath unto her & her heirs and assigns for ever my Negro Woman called Rachel and all her children and I also give her the said Mary
Miller Mrs Benneys Picture and I will that the said Mary Miller have
no other part of my estate except the Morning ring within devised
Secondly. I give bequeath and devise unto my two nephews, sons of my sister
George and Joseph Cg good all my Real and personal estate of what kind or
nature soever to them their heirs and assigns for ever as tenants in Common
and not as joint tenants which lives in the State of Massachusetts in New
England In witness whereof I the said Benjamin Benney have
this fifth day of April in the Year Seventeen hundred and ninety, affixed
my Seal and Signed my Name to this Codicil annexed or added to my last
Will and testament and both on one Sheet of paper
Signed Sealed published and declared as a Codicil to the within mentioned last
Will and testament of the aforesd Benjamin Benney in our presence & in the
presence of each other and we do Subscribe
our Names as Witnesses hereto at the Request Benj.a Benney Seal Cg
and in presence of the aforesd Benjamin Benney
he then being to our Judgments of sound mind memory & understanding

Peter Lethbury Robert Dunn Stephen Miller

Octo. 13th 1790 Then came John Page Esqr one of the Exrs within mentioned &
made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that the within Instrument
writing is the true and whole will and Testament of Benjn Benney late
of Kent County deced that hath come to his hands or possession and that he
doth not know of any other Before

Jno Nicholson Regr Wills for Kent County

Kent County to wit Octo. 13th 1790 Then came Benjamin Chambers one of
the Subscribing Witnesses to the aforegoing last will and Testament of Benj.a Ben-
ney late of Kent County deced. and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty
God that he did see the Testator herein named sign and seal this Will and that he
heard him Publish Pronounce and Declare the same to be his last Will and Testament
and that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of his Apprehension of sound
and Disposing mind Memory and Understanding and that William Stevens
Jamr Stevens the other two Subscribing Witness was present at the same time and Signed
their Names as Witnesses to this Will in the Presence and at the Request of the
testator and in the presence of Each other Before

Jno Nicholson Regr Wills for Kent County

Kt County to wit Octr 11th 1790 Then came James Stevenson one of the Sub
Witnesses to the aforegoing last will and Testament of Benjn Benney late of Kt Cou
and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that he did see the testat
in named sign and seal this will and that he heard him publish Pronounce
declare the same to be his last Will and Testament that at the time of his so doi
was to the best of his Apprehension of sound and disposing mind Memory and
erstanding and that Benjn Chambers and William Stevenson the other two
scribing Witnesses was present at the same time and Signed their Names as
nesses to this will in the presence and at the Request of the Testator & in the p
ence of each other — Before In: Nicholson Regr wills for Kt Count

Kt County to wit Octr 11th 1790 Then came Peregrine Letherbury one of the
Subscribing Witnesses to the within Codicil to the last Will and Testament of
Benjn Benney late of Kt County deced, and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of
Almighty God that he did see the Testator herein Named sign and seal this
Codicil and that he heard him publish pronounce and Declare the sam
to be a Codicil to his last Will and Testament that at the time of his so doing
memory
he to the best of his Apprehension of sound and Disposing mind and
erstanding, and that Robt Dunn & Stephen Miller the other two Subscrib
Witnesses was present at the same time and Signed their Names as Wit
es to this Codicil in the Presence and at the Request of the testator and in
Presence of each other — Before In: Nicholson Regr wills for Kt Coun

I Richard Miller one of the appointed Executors in the Last Will an
Testament of Benjn Benney late of Kent County Deceased do hereby
Refuse to act as an Executor to the said Will, by Vertue of Such appointme
and do therefore renounce all my right, title & Claime to said Executorship
Accordingly — given under my hand this 6th day October 1790
Test In: Nicholson Regr Wills for Kt County — Richard Miller

In the Name of God Amen I Hester Jarvis of Kent Co
unty and State of Maryland being weak of body but of sound and
perfect mind and memory blessed be God Almighty for the same Do
make and publish this my last will and Testament in Manner and
form following (that is to say) — First, I Give and Devise my House
and Lot in George Town unto Thomas William Smyth and his heirs for ev
after the death of my Mother — 2dly I Give and devise my Negroe woman
named Beck unto Mary Smyth daughter of George William Smyth for
ever and also my chaise and my Silver cream Jug and also all my

caring apparel and also my corner cupboard 3dly I Give and devise my aforesaid mare unto Mary Smyth daughter of George William and to her heirs for ever and also all the Residue of my personal Estate unto Mary Smyth for ever

Signed sealed published and declared by the above named Hester Jarvis in the presence of us the have under written our names as witnesses in the presence of the testator 15th Sept. 1790

her
Hester X Jarvis Seal
mark

Wm. Bordley — George Gleaves — Caspervus McGinnes

State of Maryland } Octr. 14th 1790 Then came William Bordley and
Kent County to Wit } Caspr. McGinnis two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the aforegoing last Will and Testament of Hester Jarvis late of Kent County deced and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they did see the Testator herein named sign and seal this Will and that they heard him Publish Pronounce and Declare the same to be her last Will and Testament that at the time of her so doing she was to the best of their Apprehension of sound and Disposing mind Memory and Understanding and that George Gleaves the other Subscribing witness was present at the same time and Signed his Name as a Witness to this Will in the Presence and at the Request of the Testatrix and in the Presence of each other

Before Jn. Nicholson Regr. wills for K.C

In the Name of God Amen. I Samuel Davis of Kent County in the State of Maryland being in a weak and languishing condition but of sound and Disposing Mind Memory and Understanding do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in Manner & form following that is to say — I Give and devise to my Daughter Sabina the wife of Nathan Forest Wright and her Heirs and Assigns forever two hundred Acres part of a Tract of land called Ringgolds part of the Adventure resurveyed Beginning for my said Daughters part at a bounded white Oak standing at the south East Corner of the said Tract and being the Beginning of Cornelius Martins's land and running from the said white Oak North one hundred & seventy one perches until it intersect the East line of my said Tract then west so as that a South line will include the aforesaid Quantity of two hundred Acres — I Give and devise to my Daughter Frances & her heirs and Assigns forever all the land I purchased from Oliver Caulk & all other land which are included within a Resurvey now called Davis's Industry — I Give and devise to my son Samuel and his heirs & Assigns forever all my other lands not herein before devised, & I also give to my said son the three following Negroes to wit Stephen Patty & Bill the children of Beck

I order and direct that all the Costs and Charges which now are or hereafter may be incurred by means of my suit in Chancery against Alexander Baird and also whatever sum of Money may be decreed by the Chancellor to be paid by me or my Representatives to the said Baird be paid and discharged out of my personal Estate and whatever lands the Chancellor my decree the said Baird to convey to me or my Representatives in Consernance of any Bill now depending in the Chancery Court against the said Baird I Give and Devise the said lands to my son Samuel & my Daughter Tabitha & their heirs & assigns forever as Tennants in Common — I Give to my Daughter Tabitha and Frances all my personal Estate except what is before given to my son Samuel — I hereby consitute and appoint my Wife Hannah & my son in law Nathan Norvest Wright Executrix & Executor of this my last Will & Testament revoking all former Wills by me heretofore made In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this twenty second day of August Seventeen hundred and Ninety

Signed Sealed published & Declared by the testator as & for his last will & testament in the presence of us who have Subscribed our names as Witness in the presence of the testator & at his Request

Sam[l] Davis (Seal)

Surbutt Wright — John Heath Junr — Jesse Heath

Novem[r] 11th 1790 Then came Hannah Davis and Nathan Norvest Wright and made oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that the within Instrument of writing is the true and whole will & Testament of Samuel Davis late of this County deceased that hath come to their hands or possession and that they do not know of any other — Before In[o] Nicholson Reg[r] Wills for

State of Mary[d] } Nov[r] 11th 1790 Then came John Heath Junr and for
Kent County to wit } Mr. Heath two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within
Will and Testament of Samuel Davis late of Kent County deced and Severally
made oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they did see the
herein 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
the time of his so doing he was to the best of their Apprehensions of sound
and disposing mind Memory and Understanding & that Surbutt Wright
the other Subscribing Witness was present at the same time Together with
these deponants & Signed his Name as a Witness to this will in the Presence, and at the Request of the Testator & in the Presence of each

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In the Name of God amen I Samuel Beck of Kent County & State of Maryland Being Very Sick & weake in body but of sound mind & Memo Thanks be to god for the same to Settle my afairs which please god to grant me I make this my last will and Testament as follows that is to say first

I Give and Bequeath unto my son John Curtet Beck a Child of Mary Curtets all my Lands or Tail Estate Lying & Being in Kent County to him his Airs forever but in Case he should die with heirs then my will is that it should desend to his brother Joseph Curtet Beck & in case Joseph should die without I Shoul my will & desire is that my land should desend to my son William Curtet Beck to hiers & his heirs forever the Later be both Childr of the said Mary Curtet - Item I Give and Bequeath unto Joshua marl Beck son of Marthey marley fifty pounds to be paid heirs at the age of t ty one Years & all the Residue of my personel Estate - I Give & bequeath unto my two sons Joseph Curtet Beck & William Curtet Beck to be Equally vided between them but if anything should happen so that my first Men ned son John Curtet Beck Child by the afore said Mary Curtet Should no old & maintain good write in my Land in Such Case my will and Desire that he Should have an Equil share of my personal Estate in Division with the Two Later Joseph & William Curtet Beck. & I Give & bequeath unto my Brother John Beck one Shilling Sterling and no more of my Estate I Likewise give unto Samuel & Lambert Beck one Shilling Sterling & no more Likewise I Give unto John Whittenton abraham & James Whittenton one Shilling Sterling Sterling Each & no more of my Estate - I now do hereby apoint my well Beloved friend Ebenezer Turner my hole and sole Executor of this my last will and Testament Revoking all other Wills heretofore signed by me witness my hand & seal this fifth day of September one thousand seven hundred & Ninety 1790

Samuel Beck Esea

Signed Sealed & Delvered in the presence of

William Meredith Lewis Blackeston Thomas Rawlings

Nov. 13th 1790 Then came Ebenezer Turner & made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that the aforegoing Instrument of writing is the true and whole Will & Testament of Samuel Beck late of Kt County deced that hath come to his hands or possession & that he doth not know of any other

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State of Mary.d Novem.r 13th 1790 Then came Lewis Blackeston &
County to wit Thomas Rawlings two of the Subscribing Witnesses
the aforegoing last Will & testament of Samuel Beck late of Ken County
severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they did see

the Testator herein Named sign and seal this will and that they heard him Publish Pronounce and Declare the same to be his last will & testam and that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their Apprehens of sound & Disposing mind Memory & Understanding, & that Wille Merritt the other Subscribing Witness was Present at the same tim together with these Deponants and signed his Name as a Witness to this will in the presence and at the Request of the testator & the Presence of Each other Before

In.o Nicholson Reg.r Wills for K.t Co.

In the Name of God Amen I Daniel Conningham of K.t Cou in the State of Maryland being sick and weak of body but of sound mind & Memory thanks be given to God for the same and calling to mind the uncertai of this transitory life do make publish & Declare this my last Will & testamen in Manner and form following (to wit) first I Give and bequeath to my brother in law Matthew Dwyer My Pedler and wairing Apparal & last I Give and bequeath to my beloved Wife Ann Conningham all the rema part of my Estate after paying my debts funeral Expences & Charges administration to her & her disposeal also I do Anominate and Ap my said Wife Ann Cunningham My Executrix of this my last Will testament Revoaking all other Will or Wills by me heretofore made i Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal twenty ninth day of June in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven -dred and Ninety 1790

Signed Sealed & Achnowledged in presence of

John Howard Aquila his peacock mark Ann Howard Daniel Conningha

Kent County State of Maryland — Novem.r 16.th 1790 Then came Ann -ingham and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that th Instrument of writing is the true & whole will and Testament of Daniel -gham late of Kent County deceased that hath come to his hands or Posses and that she doth not Know of any other Sworn before me

Kent County ss.t Nov.r 16.th 1790 In.o Nicholson Reg.r wills for K

Then came John Howard & Aquila Peacock two of the Subscribing Wi tnesses to the within last will & Testament of Daniel Conningham late of Kent County deceased & Severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God the they did see the testator therein Named Sign 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 sod
he was to the best of their apprehension of sound and disposing mind Memory an
standing and that they respectively subscribed their names as Witnesses
his will in the presence and at the request of the testator & in the presence of ea
ther and that Ann Howard the other subscribing witness did the same

Sworn before me

In^{o} Nicholson Reg^{r} Wills for Kent County

In the Name of God Amen I Joseph Youngar of Kent County be
sick and weak of body but of sound mind & perfect memory thanks be to Almighty God
for the same and calling to mind the certainty of death do make and ordain this my la
will and Testament in Manner and form following Viz^{t} First and principally
I leave and recommend my soul to God who gave it & touching what Worldly goods it
hath pleased God to bless me with I Give & bequeath Unto my Beloved son Isaac Young
all the land that is now in dispute betwixt John Hennard & me to and his heirs forever
Also for him said Isaac Youngar to take my beloved son James Youngar & give
him sufficient Schooling and likewise said Isaac Youngar if he recovers the said
suit of J. Hennard to pay Unto my beloved Children, Viz^{t} Sarah, Samuel, Daniel
Jones and Ann Youngars Ten pounds without Intrust when they aforesd Children
arrives of Age. It being in full for their parts of my Estate & I leave my son Joseph Youn
and my beloved wife Mary Youngar joint Executors of this my last Will &
Testament If said wife choses if not I leave my son Joseph Youngar Sole Executor
this my last will and testament and all the remainder of my Estate both
real and personal forever after my Just debts and funeral Charges are paid
Signed Sealed & Delivered in this fourteenth day of September Anno Domini
one thousand seven hundred and Ninety

In the Presence of Us

Joseph Youngar Seal

William Beck Wm Hamor Rich^{d} Peacock jun^{r}

Kent County to Wit November 29th 1790 Then came Joseph Youngar and
made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that the within Instrum
of writing is the true and whole will and Testament of Joseph Youngar lat
Kent County deceased that hath come to his hands or possession and that he
not know of any other

Before

In^{o} Nicholson Reg^{r} wills for Kent County

State of Mary^{d}
County to Wit November 29th 1790 Then came William Beck William
Hamor and Richard Peacock Jun^{r} the three Subscribing Witnesses
to the aforegoing last will and testament of Joseph Youngar late of Kent
County deced and Severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almig
ty God that they did see the testator therein named sign & seal
this will and that they heard him publish pronounce

the same to be his last will and Testament that at the time of his s
ine was to the best of their Apprehensions of sound and Disposing Me
ory and Understanding, and that they Subscribed their Respective
mes as Witnesses to this will in the presence & at the Request of the
tator and in the presence of Each other Before

In.o Nicholson Reg.r Willsgn.th

In the Name of God Amen I Ann Worrell of Kent Cou
State of Maryland being of sound body & disposing mind & Memory beh
ing the uncertainty of life and that it is appointed for all once to die d
he and publish this as and for my last will and Testament
Imprimis, I commit my soul into the hands that gave it & my body to
buried with a deacent Christian burial, at the discretion of my executors
Item I Give to my daughter Mary Pearce half a dozen pewter plates
Item I Give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Hyland half a do
pewter Plates Item I Give & bequeath, to my daughters Susanna an
Sarah, my Negroe man Chester to be sold and the money to be divided betwe
them, also my Carriage jointly between them, to be Disposed off at their
discretion Item I Give and bequeath to my daughter Ann Worrell
my Seal Skin trunk Item I Give and bequeath to my son Doct.r
Edward Worrell my Desk and book case the large family bible and
a China bowl Item I Give and bequeath to my grand son Edwa
Worrell half a dozen silver tea spoons Item I Give and bequeath th
residue of my estate, after all my just debts are paid to be disposed off
the manner following Imprimis I give and bequeath to my Dau
Mary Pearce's Children one childs part to be equally divided among t
Item I Give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Hyland's chil
one childs part to be equally divided between them Item I Give and
bequeath to my other four children each an equal part, I do hereby
constitute and appoint my son Doct.r Edward Worrell sole Executor to
this my last will and testament to which I have put my hand and s
this of Seventeen hundred and ninety
Signed Seald Published and declared by the testatrix Ann Worrell Test
as and for her last Will and testament before us who at the Request &
her Presence and in presence of each other, have hereunto subscr
our names as Witnesses thereto

ovember 29th 1790 Then came Kinvin Wroth Junr and Declares that this
s Signed by the deced Ann Worrell sometime between the 27th & 29th of
aydate Before Jno Nicholson Regr Wills for Kent County

Kent County to Wit. Novr 29th 1790 Then came Doctor Edwd Worrell
d made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almeghty God that the afores
Instrument of writing is the true & whole will and Testament of
Ann Worrell late of Kent County deced, that hath come to his Hands or
Possession and that he doth not know of any other Before

State of Maryd } Jno Nicholson Regr wills for Kent Cty
Kent County to wit } Novemr 29th 1790 Then came Kinvin Wroth
ne of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament
Ann Worrell late of Kent County deced and made Oath on the Holy
Evangels of Almighty God, that he did see the Testator herein Named
sign and seal this Will and that he heard her publish pronounce &
Declare the same to be her last Will and Testament, that at the time of
her so doing she was to the best of his Apprehension of sound and
disposing mind memory and Understanding and that Edward Worr
Esqr the other Subscribing Witness was present at the same time
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onant in the Presence and at the Request of the Testator and in the
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