of each other and [illegible] See John Tomkins the other Witness sign his name thereto as a Witness in the presence [illegible]

(5 Sides) Sworn before and certified by

J. A. Thomas Dt. Commt of St. Marys County

In the name of God amen I Isaias

Edwards of St. Marys County in the province of Maryland, being sick and weak of Body but of sound and perfect memory disposing mind and Understanding, 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 hereinafter named and after my debts and Funeral Charges are paid I devise and bequeath as follows.—

Item I give and devise unto my Brother John my Plantation, known by the name of Claurton dean (in the County of St. Marys Province Maryland) Containing by Resurvey one hundred and sixty four acres of Land more or less to him the said John Edwards and his heirs in Fee simple.—

Item I give and bequeath unto the said John two Hogs of Tobacco now in his possession and likewise my bay mare with Saddle and Bridle.—

Item I give unto my Kinsman Thomas Edwards son of Joseph Edwards my Chest with my Bed and Furniture belong thereunto.—

Item I devise and bequeath All the rest and residue of my Estate both real and personal to the said John Edwards my Brother.—

And Lastly I do hereby Constitute and appoint my dear beloved Brother John Edwards to be the Sole Executor 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 Testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my Seal this 15th day of Sept.r 1774 of our Lord.—

Isaias Edwards (Seal)

Signed Sealed Published and Declared by Isaias Edwards the above named Testator as for his Last Will & Testament in the presence of us, and in his presence have subscribed our names as Witnesses thereunto

John N. Briscoe
Thomas Nicholls
Mary her mark ✝ Edwards

In the back of the aforegoing Will was thus written, Viz.—

Saint Marys County to wit)

On the tenth day of November Seventeen hundred and Seventy Four came John Hanson Briscoe and Thomas Nicholls two of the Subscribing witnesses to the within last Will Testament of Isaias Edwards deceased and made oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they did see Isaias Edwards the Testator therein named sign and seal this Will & heard him Publish and declare the same to be his Last Will and Testament and that at the time of his

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his so doing he was to the best of their and each of their Apprehensions of perfect sense and of sound disposing mind memory and understanding and that they respectively subscribed their names as witnesses to this Will in his Presence and at his Request and in the Presence of each other and that they did see Mary Edwards the other Subscribing Witness subscribe her name thereto as a witness in the Presence of the Testator.—

(5 Sides) Sworn before and certified by

J. A. Thomas Dt. Commt St. Marys County.—

Maryland to wit)

In the name of God amen I William

Stone of Saint Marys County being sick and weak of Body but of sound and perfect mind memory and Understanding considering the Uncertainty of this Life have thought proper to make this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following. And first I will my Soul to God and my Body to the Earth to be Buryed as to my Executors shall seem fit and my Worldly Goods to be divided as follows, my just debts being first pay'd.—

Item Imprimis I give and bequeath to my loving wife Brayden Anne Stone the Use of my Plantation whereon I now dwell called Gayden or part of Brayden to be by her peaceably possessed for and during her natural Life.—

Item I will that after the death of my loving wife aforesaid that the Land and Plantation aforesaid shall descend by a Right Line to my true Heir at Law.—

Item I give and bequeath to my Son William Stone the use of the Land and Plantation whereon he now lives for and during the natural Life of my loving wife Brayden Anne Stone to a Fence now known and called the Division fence between him and me.—

Item I will that the above Land and Plantation whereon my Son William now lives shall after the death of my loving wife Brayden Anne Stone descend to my Son George and his heirs for ever. So that the said Heir be of the Children or Decendants of his Mother my present wife Brayden Anne Stone.—

Item I give and bequeath to my loving wife Brayden Anne Stone the use of my Negro man Jack and my Horse for and during her natural Life, in order to enable her to maintain and Rear my Children

Item I give and bequeath to my Loving Wife Brayden Anne Stone one third part of the Residue of my Estate.—

Item I give and bequeath the Residue and Remainder over of my whole Estate to my Seven Children which I had by my present wife to be equally devided amongst them Viz Susanna, Anne, Ellianor, Rebecca Margret, George & Mary or the Survivers of them.—

And to the true Performance of this my Last Will and Testament I hereby nominate and Appoint my loving wife Brayden Anne Stone my whole and sole Executrix hereby revoking all wills or Wills by me heretofore made or said to be made and do hereby Ordain and Appoint this and no other to be my Last Will and Testament Witness my hand Seale this second day of July Anno Dom. 1774.—

Signed Sealed Published and Declared to be his Last Will and Testament in the presents of us who signed our names as witnesses in his Presents and at his Request and we in the presents of each other.

Monica Goldsberry
Jonathan his mark ✝ Goldsberry
Sam.l Abell Jun.r

William his mark Stone (Seal)

In the back of the aforegoing Will was thus Written Viz.—

Saint Marys County (to wit)

On the first day of November Seventeen hundred and Seventy Four came Monica Goldsberry Jonathan Goldsberry and Samuel Abell Jun.r

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