In the Name of God Amen. the the Tenth Day of April Anno Domini One thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty One I Elizabeth Gaither of Ann Arundel County being Sick in Body but of Good and perfect mind and Memory thanks be to Almighty God and calling to Remembrance the uncertain Estate of this Transitory Life that all Flesh must yield unto Death when it shall pleas God to call Do make Constitute and Ordain this to be my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following. Revoking and Adnulling by these presents all and every Testament and Testaments. Will and Wills heretofore by me made and Declared either by Word or Writing and this to be taken for my Last Will and Testament and none other. First I bequeath my Soul to Almighty God that gave it me and my Body to the Earth from whence it was taken to be Buried in such decent manner as it shall please my Executor hereafter named to think fit and appoint. And now for the settling my Temporal Estate and such Goods as it hath pleased God to bestow on me, I do Ordain give and Dispose of the same in manner and form following that is to say First I will that all those Debts that I justly owe in Right or Conscience to any manner of person or persons whatsoever shall be well and truly Contented and paid within convenient Time after my decease by my Executor hereafter named

Imprimis. I Constitute Ordain and Appoint Joshua Hall the young Man who now lives with me, to be my whole and Sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament.

Item. I give and bequeath unto Joshua Hall aforesaid and Elie Gaither (son of Rachel Gaither deceased, all my dwelling plantation to be equaly Divided between them, and to be their Right and property, to them and their heirs, and Asigns forever. And my Will and desire is that all my personal Estate shall be equaly Divided between Joshua Hall Elie Gaither aforesaid, Rachel Gaither and Mary Gaither (all whom now lives with me) to them and their Heirs and Asigns for ever. In Witness where of I have hereunto set my Hand and affixed my Seal the day and Year first above Written

Signed Sealed Published Pronounced and Declared in Presence of

John Linstid
Joseph Warfield
Wm Woodward Jr.
Amos Gaither

Elizabeth her E mark Gaither (Seal)

Jeane her mark Woodward

On the back of the aforegoing Will was the following endorsment to wit

Ann Arundel County ss. The 10th August 1781 — Then came Joseph Warfield, William Woodward Junr. and Amos Gaither three of the subscribing Witnesses to the within Will and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they did see the Testatrix Elizabeth Gaither Sign and Seal this Will, and that they heard her publish 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 together with John Linstid and Jeane Woodward 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

Examined } Sworn before Tho. Gassaway Regr. Wills for A A Co.

In the Name of God Amen. I Thomas Rutland of Ann Arundel County, being Sick and Weak of Body, but of sound, Perfect and disposing Mind, and Memory, thanks be to God, calling to Mind the uncertainty of Life, do make this my last Will, and Testament, in manner and form following — Imprimis, I recommend my Soul to that Almighty being that made me, hoping for his Mercy, and forgiveness of all my Sins my Body I desire may be decently Buried, at the Discretion of my Executor hereafter Named, and after my Debts, and Funeral Charges are paid, I devise, and bequeath as Follows

Item. My Will and desire is that my Dear Wife Comfort Rutland (should be decently Supported) at the discretion of my Executor hereafter mentioned) dureing her Life, or Widowhood, and no longer

Item. I give and devise my Dwelling Plantation, and all the Lands, thereunto belonging and likewise a Tract of Land lying, and being in Prince Georges County, and all the rest, and Residue of my Estate of what Nature, or kind soever, both Real, and Personal to my Son Thomas Rutland, to him and the Heirs of his Body Lawfully begotten forever, and for the want of such Issue, then the whole of my Estate, both Real, and Personal to Remain to Margaret Howard, Elizabeth Howard, and Eleanor Howard Daughters of Joseph Howard Junr. to be equelly Divided between them, and their Heirs, or the Heirs of the Survivors of them for ever