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Said Thomas fford Deliver this as his Last will and Testamt Taken by me — Jn Whittington

July 18th 1709 Then Came Nicholas Clouds & Elbd Hall & made Oath on the Holly Evangelist that the Saw Tho: fford Deliver the Codicell Annexat unto the Will Taken by me — Jn Whittington

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In The Name of God Amen &c This fifth Day of July in the year of our Lord Christ 1704 I Hugh Paxton of wey in Talbot County Province of Maryland being in Perfect health and of Sound Memory Will and understanding but Considering the uncertainty of Life & that Man is Mortall and must pass hence Do make This my Last will & Testamt in manner & form following Revoking and Disanulling all wills heretofore made by me first & principally I resigne my Soul into the hands of Allmighty God my powerfull Creator & most mercifull Redeemer Assuredly Trusting In the all sufficent Merits of my blessed Saviour to be forgiven my many and Great Sins Comitted against his Divine Majesty and my body to the Earth from whence it was Taken to be Decently buried in a cristian Manner according to the Discreation of my Executrix hereafter mentioned & as to wt earthly Substance which Allmighty God hath blest me withall I Dispose of as Followeth &c

Item — I Give and bequeath unto my Son John Paxton my Now Dwelling Plantation Containing (300 Acres as is specifyed in the patton for the Pd Land as also that he the Pd John Paxton shall when he is at age have a mare And one Yearling heifer out of my stock & he the Said John to Live with his mother untill he is one & (Twenty)

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Twenty Years old. & That when the Said John Shall Come to age to Possess the Pd Land he Shall in noeways Molest hinder or Disturbe his Mother from ~~Acquit~~ A Quiet and Peaceable Enjoymt of my now Dwelling house and Other houses and Conveniencies that are upon the Said Plantation Dureing her Life Neither Shall his Mother hinder him the Pd Jn Paxton for to Seat upon any other part of the Pd Land And upon her Deccase The whole to Decend to the Only use of the Said John Paxton & his heirs begotten of his body, and for want of Such heirs to Decend to my two Daughters Ann & Elizabeth & the Same to be Equally Devided between them both and to Continue to them and Their heirs forever. & whereas there hath been a gift Given unto my Daughter Elizd Namely (3. cows my Will is that the Said three head of Cattle with the female Increase are to be & Continue to the only Proper Use of the Said Elizd Paxton And her heirs (and to be at Age & free at the years of Eighteen, unless Married before, and Likewise her Sister Ann to have one heiffer with the female Increase & be to her use when at the age of Eighteen if not Married before the Pd Ann & Elizd to live & ~~remain~~ remain with their said Mother Martha Paxton untill yd Years of Eighteen be accomplished unless Married before And all and Singular the residue of my Effects withall Debts Due unto me I Leave and bequeath unto my Dearly beloved Wife Martha Paxton whom I Constitute & appoint my Sole Exdx of this my last will and Testamt If it Shall please Allmighty God that She the Said Martha Paxton my beloved wife Do Survive me: In Wittness hereunto I have set my hand & fixed

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