being Sick and weak in Body but of perfect Mind and memory thanks be given unto God therefore 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 & testament yt 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 commend it to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like and decent manner at the discretion of my Exr not doubting but at the Generall Resurrection I shall receive the same by the mighty power of God and as touching such Worldly Estates wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

Imprimis I give and bequeath to my Sons Francis Rucknell and Henry Rucknell a tract of land lying on Swan Creek in Baltimore County called contest containing one hundred acres to be Equally divided between them and their heires Lawfull begott but if it shall please God yt my said Sons Should die without lawfull issue then my Will is that it fall to my Daughter Mary Rucknell and her heires.

Item I give to my Son Francis Rucknell beside his part of land and to my Son Henry and my Daughter Mary Rucknell as followeth. To my Son Francis Rucknell a Gold [illegible] to my Son Henry a Gold [illegible] to my Daughter Mary Rucknell a Gold [illegible] to be paid [illegible]

Item I have [illegible] and to my wife Mary her third part after my Debts & yr above named Legacies are paid.

Whereof I constitute and ordain Mary Rucknell my Wife Sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament but if my wife Mary Rucknell will not yt I ordain and Constitute John Hall Esqr my Sole Exr Ratifying and Confirming this to be my last Will and Testament revoking all other by

heretofore made in witness whereof I have put to my hand and Seal ye day and Year above written

Signed Seald published pronounced Thomas Rucknell Seal
and declared by ye sd Thos Rucknell
as his last will & testament in ye
presence of us ye Subscribers.

Law: his Taylor.
Mark
Wm Wm Cook John Clark
his Mark

Proved Back of the aforegoing Will with the seal (Seal)
Augst ye 20th 1720

Then came John Clark & made Oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that he saw the within named Thomas Rucknell Sign Seal publish & declare the within instrument of writing to be his last will and testament and at the time of doing it he was of perfect sense and memory to the best of his apprehension and at the same time he saw Wm Cook and Lawrence Taylor subscribe to the within Will as Witnesses the same as Witnesses

Coram me

Francis Hollar Deputy
Commissary

Augst ye 20th 1720

Then came Lawrence Taylor & William Cook and made Oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that they saw the same Thomas Rucknell sign the within will in the presence of the Testator

Coram me

Francis Hollar Deputy
Commissary

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[illegible] Inventory of the Estate of Thomas Rucknell late of Annarundell County being at the time of his death in perfect health of Body and of sound memory and understanding but taking into serious Consideration