On the 21st Day of February 1742/3 Isaac Adams James Edgar & Thomas Clark the Evidences to the within will and made Oath on the Holy Evangells of Almighty God that they saw the Testator Thomas Clark Senr. signe seal publish 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 apprehension of sound and Disposing mind and Memory and that they Subscribed their Names as Witnesses to the said Will in the presence of the said Testator and at his Request — Certified by Henry Trippe Deputy Commissary of Dor. County —

Maryland ss. In the Name of God Amen.

Being the Twenty Seventh day July 1742

James Staton of Dorchester County in the province aforesaid Being Sick of Body but of good and perfect mind and memory thanks bee to God for the same therefore Calling to mind the mortallity of my Body I do make & Ordain this my Last will and Testament in manner & forme following

Imprimis I Constitute my well Beloved wife Ester Staton my Sole Executor of all my moveables —

Item — I give and Bequeath unto my Eldest son Joseph Staton one Tract of Land Called Hazard Containing Sixty acres Likewise one Tract Called good will — Containing Fifty acres Lickways one Tract Called Statons folly Containing Twenty four acres and Lickways one Tract Called Addition to Hazard Containing Twenty Three acres to him & his heirs forever.

Item — I give and Bequeath unto my Second son James Staton one Tract of Land Called Statons Lott Containing one hundred and Fifty Seven acres to him and his heirs for Ever —

Item — I give and Bequeath unto my third son Thomas Staton one Tract of Land Called Clamer Containing ninety acres to him & his heirs forever. but it is my will and Desire that if the said Thomas Dies without Issue that my first son John should have the aforesaid ninety acres of Land to him and his heirs forever —

Item — I give and Bequeath to my fourth son Nehemiah one Tract of Land Called Lott Containing forty one acres and Lickways one Tract Called Boggrade Containing Sixty Seven acres to him & his heirs forever

Item — I give and Bequeath to my son John one Negro Girl Called Sud and her Increase to him and his heirs forever —

Item — I give and Bequeath unto my Sixt son Charles Staton one Negro Girl Called Vivant and her Increase to him & his heirs forever

Item — I give give my well Beloved wife Ester Staton her full Dowery that is to say the third — of all my Lands & moveables the remainder to be Equally Divided amongst my sons and Daughters Constituting my —

my aforesaid wife Ester Staton my whole and Sole Executrix of this my Last will and Testament Revoking Renouncing and Disannulling all other former wills or Testaments heretofore by me made 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 Staton (Seal)

Testes
William Owens
James Smith —
Wm Owens Junr.

On the Back of the foregoing will was thus — Written Vizt.

On the 7th Day of march 1742/3 William Owens & James Smith Two of the Evidences to the within will & made Oath on the holy Evangels of Almighty God that they saw the Testator James Staton signe seal publish & 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 apprehension of sound and Disposing mind and memory and that they Together with the Other Witness William Owens Junr. Subscribed their Names as Witnesses to the said will in presence of the said Testator & at his Request. —

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Certified by Henry Trippe Deputy Commy of Dorchester County —

In The Name of God Amen I Mary Mooney of Dorchester County in the province of Maryland being weak & Low of Body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given to Almighty God for the same and Calling to mind the Mortallity of my Body & knowing that it is appointed of God for all people Ones to Die I do make and Ordain this my Last will and Testament

That is to say first of all and principally I Recommend my soul into the Power of Almighty God that gave it and my Body I Bequeath to the Earth to be Decently Buried at the Discretion of my Executor hereafter named.

and as Touching what Worldly Estate it hath pleased God to Bless me with in this Life I Devise and Dispose of in manner and forme following Vizt.

Item — I give and Bequeath unto my Loving daughter Mary Hooper my new dwelling Plantation it being part of a Tract of Land Called Author and Hope containing Sixty three acres Together with all the Houses fencing and Orchards and all the appurtenances thereunto Belonging to her the said Mary Hooper and her heirs and assigns for Ever