198) solemnly sworn on the holy Evangels of almighty God depose and say that they saw the Testator John Powell signe and seal the within will and heard him publish and declare the same to be his last will and Testament that at the Time of his so doing he was to the best of their Judgment and Apprehension of sound and disposing mind and memory and that the said James Pratt made his mark and the said Abraham Tanqueray subscribed his Name as Witnesses to the said will in the presence of the said Testator and at his request and they further depose and say that they saw William Stone the other Witness make his mark as a Witness to the said Will in the presence of the said Testator and at his request — Sworne to before me —

Wm. Ross Comy
Somt. County.

5 1/2 Sides

In the Name of God Amen —

I Christopher Piper of Somerset County and province of Maryland planter being at present very weak in Body yet through the Blessing of God of a sound and perfect memory and Understanding and calling to mind that it is appointed for men Once to die do make this my last will and Testament and desire it may be received by all as such hereby revoking and Disannulling any former Will or wills by me heretofore made. Imprimis — I commit my soul to God that gave it and my Body to be Decently Interred at the Discretion of my Executors hereafter mentioned and Touching my Worldly Estate I give and bequeath in Manner and forme following —

Impts I give and bequeath to my son Christopher my Dwelling plantation where I now live with all houses out houses Barn and Orchards and any way belonging and Appertaining thereto to him and his heirs for Ever —

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Matthew the plantation I Bought of William Mears lying on the head of Quantico Creek with all other land belonging or Owned by me adjoyning or appertaining to it with all the houses and Orchards on it to him and his heirs for ever.

Item — I give and bequeath to my Daughter Anne Piper a Negro Girl Named Peg she and the Issue arising from her to her and her heirs for Ever —

Item. I give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary Piper a Negro Girl named Patience she & the Issue arising from her to her and her heirs for Ever —

Item — I give and bequeath to my Daughter Elenor Piper one Negro Girl named Phillis she and the Issue arising from her to her and heirs for Ever —

(Item) —

199) Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Giles one Negro man Named Toby and one feather Bed and furniture to her and her heirs —

Item I give and bequeath to my dear and loving Wife Rachel Piper the choice of any one of the other Negroes (I leave those mentioned above excepted) and also my riding roan Horse besides what the law allows her to her and her heirs heirs for ever —

Item. To my son Christopher as a Legacy his riding Horse and Saddle and Bridle — all the rest of my Estate Goods and Chattles I give and bequeath Jointly among and between my dear and loving sons and daughters Christopher Matthews, Anne, Mary and Eleanor to them and their heirs Except in case any of them dies before they arrive at age or dies without Issue in such Case I leave that part Jointly Amongst the surviving Children and I do appoint my Dear and loving Wife Rachel Piper and my son Christopher to be my Executors my friends Henry Lowes and Hewit Nutter as Trustees of this my last will and Testament. In Witness to which I have hereto set my hand and affixed my seal this Twenty fourth day of March Anno Dom 1744

Chris.r Piper (seal)

Signed sealed published and declared to be his last will and Testament in presence of us the word [and] first Interlined —

John Gosle
Robt Hardy
Joanna X Goslee
mark

On the back of the aforegoing will was thus Written Viz.t

May the 28.th 1745. Came John Goslee Joanna Goslee and Robert Hardy — subscribing Evidences to the within will and made Oath on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God that they saw the Testator Christopher Piper signe and seal and heard him publish pronounce and Declare this Instrument of writing as his last will and Testament and that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their Apprehensions of sound and Disposing mind memory and Understanding and that they the said John Goslee Joanna Goslee and Robert Hardy subscribed their Names as Evidences to this Will in the presence and at the request of the Testator —

Sworne to before — Nehemiah King Deputy
Comy of Somt. County —

7 1/2 Dos

On the name of God Amen I Thomas — Winder of the Parish of Stepney and County of Somerset planter do make this my Last Will and Testament in Manner & following —

Imprimis I recommend my soul to Almighty God in hopes of a joyfull — Resurrection my Body to be Interd according to Direction of my Executrix.

(Item)