(at the decease of my honoured Father Benjamin Belt) one Negro Boy called Phill, to him and his heirs for ever but if my aforesaid Nephew Middleton Boreshem should depart this Life before my said Father, then I give and bequeath the said Negro Boy Phill, unto my aforesaid Father Benjamin Belt to him and his heirs for ever,

Lastly I do give and bequeath unto my honoured Father Benjamin Belt above mentioned all the Remaining Part of my Estate what soever to him and his heirs and Assigns for ever in Consideration that he shall pay all my just and Lawful Debts and do make constitute and Appoint him my said Father Executor of this my last Will and Testament, In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 25th Day of February Anno Dom: Seventeen Hundred and forty five

Signed Sealed Published Pronounced & Declared by the said Middleton Belt the Testator in the Presence of us who at the Request and in the Presence of the said Testator and in the Presence of each other subscribed our Names as Witnesses thereto

Middleton Belt (Seal)

George Wells
John Brashears

On the Back of the foregoing Will was thus written Viz: May the 21st 1746 Then came George Wells and John Brashers the 3: two subscribing Evidences to the foregoing Will and being duly sworn on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God declare and say they saw Middleton Bell the deceased Testator sign the foregoing Will and heard him Publish and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament and at the time of so doing he was of sound and disposing memory to the best of their Apprehension and in his Presence and at his Request they subscribed the same as Evidences, Sworn before,

Peter Dent D Com Pl
of Prince Geo: County

1 Sides

In the Name of God Amen

I Samuel Burgess being Sick and weak of Body but in my Perfect senses and memory Praised be God for the same do make this my last Will and Testament as Followeth

after Commending my Soul into the hands of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and my Body to the Earth to be buried According to the discretion of my Executors with what worldly Goods it hath Pleased God to endow me I give as Followeth

Imp: I give to my Son John Burgess one New Saddle and Bridle and one Shilling Ster:

Item, I give to my Son Thomas Burgess one Horse of three Years old and a New Saddle & Bridle

(Item)

Item, I give to my two sons John and Thomas one years Schooling and also that they may be at age at the age of Eighteen Years to inherit their Estate;

Item, I give to my well beloved Wife one third Part of my Estate after my Debts is Paid and Legacys and the other two thirds to be equally divided amongst my three Children Viz: Thomas and Jane and that which is not yet born and I do nominate and appoint my well beloved Wife Executrix of this my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand affixed my Seal this Twentieth day of February in the Year of our Lord 1745/6

Sealed signed Published and Delivered in the Presence of us

John Jones his I I mark
Matthew Breeding

Samuel Burges his CB mark (Seal)

On the back of the foregoing Will was thus written Viz:

Charles County ss: On the 7th day of May 1746 Came John Jones and Matthew Breeding Subscribing Witnesses to the within Will and made Oath on the holy Evangelists that they saw Samuel Burgess the Testator sign the same Will and heard him Publish and declare it to be his last Will and Testament and that he was at the time of his so doing of sound and disposing mind and memory to the best of their Judgments

Before
Walter Hanson D Com

3 Sides

In the Name of God Amen

I Trustram Thomas of Queen Anns County being sick and weak but of Perfect mind and memory (Blessed be God) therefore do this Twenty fourth Day of April Anno Domini one thousand Seven hundred and forty six make and Publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and following (that is to say) Imprimis I commend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it me, and my Body to the Earth from whence it came in hopes of a joyful Resurrection through the merits of my Blessed Saviour Jesus Christ And for what worldly Estate wherewith it has Pleased God to bless me with I do dispose thereof as follows (that is to say) first I will that all those debts as I owe in Right or Conscience to any manner of Person or Persons whatsever shall be well and truly contented and paid or ordained to be paid within Convenient time after my Decease by my Executrix hereafter named,

Item, My Will and Pleasure is that my beloved Wife Ann Thomas shall have the House and dwelling Plantation whereon I now dwell during her Widowhood She making no waste or Distruction thereupon Nor suffer any to be made and if She should alter or change her Condition that then She shall be contented with the one third Part of my Land.

(Item)