Negro man named Harry and one Negro Woman name Sarah and my best Bed & Furniture with Curtains one Table Cloth and Six Chairs rush Bottoms and 1 large Iron Kettle and two Iron Pots two Pewter Dishes and Six Plates and what Wooden ware and Earthen Ware I have at the old Plantation for his use during his Natural Life and to the heirs of his Body after his Death, but in Case my Son Should decease without Lawful Issue then my Will and desire is that the above things be equally divided between my three Grand Children Robert Stokes and Cordellia Stokes and Francis Stokes

Secondly I give and Bequeath to my grand Son John Saca one young Horse of Four Pounds Current Price

3dly I give and Bequeath to my Grand Son Robert Stokes one young Negro Boy called Northampton and one Negro Boy called Emmanuel and one Large looking Glass and Six large Silver Spoons

4thly I give and Bequeath to my Granddaughter Cordellia Stokes one Negro Girl named Hagar and one Negro Boy named Jupiter my Chest and Six Silver Tea Spoons and all my wearing apparell

5thly I give and bequeath to my Granddaughter Frances Stokes one Negro Boy named Cato and one Negro Girl named Sarah and my best Side Saddle and Bridle

6thly my Will and desire is that Wm. Peregrine Frisby give up to my Son John Stokes the Lease that was assigned over to me by M. Samuel Howell and my Son

7thly and Lastly I constitute and appoint my Kinsman M. Peregrine Frisby Ex.r of this my Last Will In Witness whereof I have hereto Set my hand and Seal this Twenty fifth day of August 1745 Susannah her Stokes (Seal) mark

Testes Rachel Saca
Peregeine Browne
Mary Clerk

At the foot of the foregoing Will was thus written Viz.t

On the 26th day of March 1746 Peregrine Browne and Mary Clerk Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing Will being duly and Solemnly sworn on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God depose and say, that they saw the Testator Susanna Stokes sign the foregoing Will and heard her Publish and declare the same to be her Last Will and Testament and that at the time of her so doing She was to the best of their Apprehension of Sound & Disposing mind and memory which Oath was taken by the Said Witnesses before me, Tho.s White Dep.y Reg.r Balt.r County

12 Sides

In the Name of God Amen

I Henry Butler of Baltimore County in the Province of Maryland being in my (ordinary)

ordinary health of Body and disposition of mind and being Certain that I must Die not knowing when nor where but hoping to die in the Favour of God through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ the Redeemer recommending my Soul to God and my Body to be quietly Buried do make Constitute and appoint this my last Will and Testament

Imp.s I give and Bequeath my whole Estate Real and Personal to my Loving Wife to be possessed and enjoyed by her so Long as She Continueth a Widow

2. I give and Bequeath my Dwelling Plantation and Tract of Land called the Hope to my Son Absolam to him his heirs and Assigns for ever but not to be Possest therewith till after the Death or marriage of his mother

3. I give and Bequeath to my said Son Absolam the Sum of Twelve Pounds Current money to be Paid him as soon as he arrives to the age of twenty one or day of his marriage any thing here before expressed to the Contrary Notwithstanding

4thly I give and Bequeath to my Son Haman the Sum of Twenty Pounds Current money to be Paid as the above mentioned Twelve Pounds to his Brother Absalom Provided Nevertheless that in Case it happens that I Procure for my said Son Haman a piece of Land then this devise of the Twenty Pounds Current to be void

5thly I give and Bequeath all the Remainder of my Personal Estate at the Death or marriage of my Wife to be equally divided between my Sons Haman, and Absalom, and my Daughters Elizabeth, Susannah Keith, Sophia and Temperance

6thly I make Constitute and appoint my Loving Wife the Sole Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament hereby Revoking and making Null and void all other and former Will or Wills any manner of ways made or declared by me before this Date and declare this to be my only last Will and Testament

It my desire is the my Son Absolam my Peaceable and quietly Possess and enjoy a certain Cow and a young Mare with her future increase which I now in now the Property of the said Absolam In Witness whereof I have hereunto Subscribed my Name and affixed my Seal this Eighth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred forty and five Henry HB Butler (Seal) his mark

Signed Sealed and declared by the within mentioned Henry Butler to be his Last Will and Testament in Presence of

Thos Sherredine
Robert North
William Hammond

On the Back of the foregoing Will was thus written Viz.t

Thomas Sherredine and William Hammond two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing Will being duly and Solemnly Sworn on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God depose and Say that they Saw the Testator Henry Butler sign the foregoing Will and heard him Publish and Declare the same to be his (Last