and hereto fore made declaring this to be my last Will and Testament In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this fourth Day of November Anno Domini Seventeen Hundred and forty four

Signed Sealed Published pronounced & declared by Lewis Jones to be his last Will and Testament in Presence of

his
Lewis I Jones (Seal)
mark

Pr Lawes
Edward Roberts
Thomas Wallace
George Wallace

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

Septemb.r the 5th 1749 Came Panter Lawes Edward Roberts and Thomas Wallace Subscribing Evidences to this Will and made Oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God that they saw the Testator Lewis Jones sign and seal and heard him publish pronounce and declare the within 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 Panter Lawes Edward Roberts and Thomas Wallace Subscribed as Evidences to this Will in the presence and at the Request of the Testator Lewis Jones

Sworn to before — Nehemiah King
Deputy Comty of Somt Cty

q.r side

In the name of God Amen I Mitchel Jones of Somerset County in the province of Maryland being sick & weak of Body but of sound and perfect mind and memory thanks be to God for the same and considering the Transitoriness of this sinfull and troublesome Life do make ordain & Constitute this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following Viz

First I will that all my Debts and Funeral charges be paid and Honestly discharged

2ly I leave to my loving Wife Mary Jones my two Negro Men named Tom and Ladock during her Natural Life and after her Decease I give and bequeath them to be equally divided between all my Children and their Heirs forever

3ly I give and bequeath unto my Loving Wifes Children that she had by her former Husband (Viz.) William Jones, Levin Jones, Mathias Jones and Sarah Jones, Sixty Pounds after my Wifes Decease to be equally divided between them and their Heirs forever out of my moveable Estate

4thly I give and bequeath to my loving Son Benjamin Jones One hundred Pounds

in Gold and also I give and bequeath to my loving Son Mitchell Jones One hundred and fifty Pounds Current Money and I hereby appoint my Brothers Robert and William Jones to purchase Lands with the said Sums of Money afores.d for my said Sons and if any Vacant Land can be added to any Land they Purchase that the charges of taken it up be paid out of my Estate and that the said Land be divided between my two Sons afores.d as my afores.d brothers shall think fit allowing my Son Benjamin according to the Money left him and in case either of my Brothers afores.d should die before any Land is purchased that then I desire my Brother George and Benjamin Jones may Act in his behalf for my Sons afores.d and in case no Land is purchased for my Brothers afores.d paid for my Sons that then the said Sums of Money be left on Interest on Land Security till they come of Age and further it is my desire that all my Sons be bound out to a Trade till they are of Age as my brothers afores.d shall think proper —

5thly. I give and bequeath unto my loving Son Benjamin Jones after my Wifes decease my Negro Man named Jacob to him and his Heirs forever

6ly. I give and bequeath unto my loving Son Mitchel Jones, after my Wifes decease my Cooper Still and worm to him and his Heirs forever

7ly. I give and bequeath unto my loving Daughter Betty Jones and to the child my Wife now goes with, my Negro Girl called Nan and my Negro boy called Job and the said Negro Girls increase to be equally divided between them and their Heirs — forever but in case either of them die without issue the other to enjoy the said Negros forever

8ly. It is my desire that my Children should all have good Learning and paid for out of my Estate

Lastly all the remaining part of my Estate I leave to my loving Wife during her natural Life and after her Decease to be equally divided among all my Children and their Heirs forever. and I do hereby appoint my loving Wife whole and Sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament hereby Revoking all former Wills by me heretofore made In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 16th Day of February Anno Dom.: 1748/9

Mitchell Jones (Seal)

Signed Sealed & acknowledged in presence of
Wm Jones
John Leatherbury
Thos. Jones

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

Septemb.r y.e 31st 1749 Came William Jones and Thomas Jones two of the Subscribing Evidences to this Will and made Oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God that they saw the Testator Mitchell Jones Sign and Seal and heard

him