God Depose & say that they saw the Testator Edward Offutt Sign the above Will and heard him Publish & declare the same to be his last Will & 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 at the same time William Pritchett and Charles Allison declared that they saw James Edmonston and Richard Gerton Subscribe their names as Evidences to the above Will Sworn this 10th day of Novr 1749 before me

John Darnall Dep Commy
of Fredk County

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Exam^d In the name of God Amen. Oct the twentieth Seven hundred & forty nine I William Forster of Frederick County & Province of Maryland farmer being sick & weak in body but of sound & perfect memory (praise be to God for the same) and knowing the uncertainty of this Life on Earth & being desirous to settle things in order do make this my last Will & Testement in manner & form following, that is to say first & principally I commend my Soul to Allmighty God my Creator, assuredly believing that I shall receive full pardon & free remission of all my Sins and be saved by the precious Death & Merrits of my blessed Saviour and Redeemer Christ Jesus & my body to the Earth from whence it was taken to be buried in such Decent & Christian like manor as to my Ext hereafter nam'd shall be thought most & Convenient & touching such Worldly Estate as the Lord in Mercy hath lent me. my will & meaning is, the same shall be Employed & bestowed as hereafter by this my Will is expressed & first do revoke Renounce frustrate & make void all Wills by me formely made & declare & apoint this my last Will & Testement

Item I give & bequeath to my well beloved Wife Margrett all my Personal Estate after my just Debts is paid during her natural Life to use at her discretion provided she give all the unmarried children Skooling & other Christain like Education & the use & bennifit of the Plantation till my Sons Thomas & Nathannal come to age

Item I give & bequeath to my eldest Son Thomas Forster that part of the plantation where I now live with the House & orchards & half the Tract of Land belonging to it called Spragons Purchas containing fifty Acres to be Equely divided between him & his Brother Nathanal fronting the River provided the said Thomas shall purchas fifty

Acres of the Land next joyning that part of the aforesaid fifty that shall fall to him & clear it from all Cost & charge & make Good Right to it

Item I give & bequeath to my Youngest Son Nathannal forster the other Half of the Tract of Land call^d Spragons Purchas being the Lower part on the River side containing Twenty five Acres ——

Item I give & bequeath to my Daughter Rebaca Mercer alias forster ten shillings to be Levied out of my Estate

Item I give & bequeath to my Daughters Mary, Sarah, Margarett & Ann all my Personal Estate to be equely Devided at the Direction of my Executors after the Decease of my Wife Margrett but if the Executors think proper to permitt Thomas Nathanal & Rebeca to have an equal share of the Estate with the aforesd Mary, Sarah, Margrett & Ann it is my Will & pleasure it may be done

Item I leave my well beloved Wife Margrett forster & John Shepard my whole & Sole Executors of all my Estate Ratifeing & confirming this & no other to be my last Will & Testemant In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the Day & Year first abovewritten ——

Signd Sealed Published Pronounced & declared by the said William Forster as his last Will & Testament In the presents of us the Subscribers —

Joseph Chapline
gabriel wilkins
William his G F mark Forster Jnr

William Forster (Seal)
his mark

On the back of the aforegoing Will was thus written Viz^t

Novemb^r 22^d 1749 came before me Joseph Chapline Gabriel Wilkins and William Forster Subscribing Evidences to the within Will & being duly Sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God declared that they saw the within named William Forster Sign the within Will & at the time of his so doing he was of sound disposing mind & memory and declared and published it to be his last Will and Testament

John Darnall Dep^t Com^y
Frederick County

b^k side

Exam^d In the name of God Amen I John Nuell of Kent County in the province of Maryland Planter being weak in Body but of sound & disposing mind & memory thanks be given to Almighty God therefore do make & ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form as followeth And first of all I give and bequeath

(my)