On the 9th day of April Anno Domini 1750 Then Thomas Gray, Andrew Gray and Francis Henry the Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing Will being duly and Solemnly Sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God Depose and say that they saw the Testator Elizabeth Spencer, Sign & Seal the foregoing Will & heard her Publish & declare the same to be her last Will and Testament that at the time of her so doing she was to the best of their Apprehension of sound & disposing mind and memory and that they Subscribed their Respective names as Witnesses to the said Will in the presence of the Testator and at her Request Sworn to before Henry Thorpe Junr. Deputy Comr. of D. County

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Calvert County

In the name of God Amen I Benjamin Johns of Calvert County in the Province of Maryland being of sound mind and memory do make ordain constitute and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following Viz:

Imprimis My Will and mind is that all my Just Debts be well and truly paid by my Executors hereafter named

Item I give and bequeath to my dear Son Hensey Johns and his heirs or Assigns the several Tracts or parcels of Land following Viz all that Tract or parcel of Land whereon I now dwell being part of a Tract called Mears, and said to contain Two Hundred Acres, also Two Hundred Acres of Land adjoyning to my said Plantation being part of a Tract called Angelica as also one Lott of Land Scituate at Prince Frederick Town and laying to the Westward of the Court House to him and his heirs or Assigns forever

Item I give and bequeath to my dear Son Benjamin Johns and his heirs or Assigns the several Tracts or parcels of Land following Viz. Four hundred Acres of Land being part of Angelica (which I bought of Doctor Richard Johns) also One hundred and twelve Acres of Land adjoyning to the aforesaid Tract called Johns's Addition, as also one Lott of Land Scituate in the Town aforesaid and laying to the Eastward of the Court house to him my said Son and his heirs or Assigns forever

Item I give and bequeath to my dear Son Richard Johns and his heirs or

Assigns the several Tracts or parcels of Land following Viz all that Tract or parcel of Land called Whittles Rest, said to contain three Hundred and forty three Acres, also one hundred and Eighty Acres of Land called Parkers Cliffs also Seventy five Acres of Land called Deuce, also Two Hundred Acres of Land called Derby, also fifty Acres of Land called Chance, which said Several Tracts or parcels of Land be they more or less than the Quantity Specified I give to my said Son and his heirs or Assigns forever

Item My will and mind is that all that Tract or parcel of Land (lying in Queen Anns County on the Eastern Shore which I bought of Aquila Johns) called Cool Spring and said to contain Four hundred Acres, be Sold, and the Money arising from the Sale thereof to be added to the amount of my Personal Estate, Hereby giving my Brother Hensey Johns or my brother in Law William Harris or either of their heirs, full power and authority to Sell the same and make, Execute and acknowledge any Deed or Deeds that may be necessary in the Sale thereof

Item The Residue or remaining part of my Estate both Real and Personal I give and bequeath to my three Sons Hensey, Benjamin and Richard to be equally divided among them —

Lastly I Nominate Constitute and appoint my three Sons Hensey, Benjamin & Richard to be whole and Sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament but under the care direction and management of my Brother Hensey Johns and my Brother in Law William Harris, In Testimony hereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 6th Day May 1750 —

Signd Seal'd & Acknowledgd to be his last Will & Testament in the presence of us

John his B mark Beckett

Jn. Bond

Samd. Johns

Benja Johns (Seal)

On the back of the aforegoing Will was the following Probate thus written Viz.

Calvt. Cty 14th June 1750 John Beckett, John Bond & Samuel Johns Subscribing Witnesses to the within Will being duly & Solemnly Sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God Depose and say the saw the Testator, Benjn. Johns, Sign the within Will & heard him Publish & declare the same to be his last Will & Testament that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehension of sound disposing mind & memory & that they Signd their Respective Names as —