Evangels of Almighty God Deposed and Declared that they Severally saw the same Dead John Gwarding the Testator Sign and Seal the same Will written Written and Read him publick and Declare the same to be his last Will and Testament, That at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their Apprehension of Sound and Disposing Mind and Memory And that they the Deponents Signed their Respective Names as Evidences thereto in the presence of the same Testator and at his Request. This done in presence of the Widow and Exor. Mary who made no Objection thereto, there being as is said, no Nuncial Representative of the Testator

Sworn before Ja Calder Dpty County Rt. Coty.

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The Deposition

of Daniel Bryan of Georges Town Merchant aged about fifty Years being Sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God Deposes as follows, Viz.

That being frequently at the House of Mr. John Webb of Georges Town Attorney at Law as well before as until the time the said John lay Ill, and was Intimate with the said John.

That this Deponent about four Days before the said John Died had some Conversation with the said John Concerning his Will of him the said John. That the said John then told this Deponent that he had made a Will some time before, but not knowing made it so Advantageous to his Wife as he desired had Burnt it.

That thereupon this Deponent asked the said John if he had otherways Settled his Estate since he had Burnt his Will, or how he intended to dispose of it. That the said John then told this Deponent that he thought no person so proper to Enjoy his Estate as his Wife Martha Webb and that his Desire and Will was that she should Enjoy whole Ever Estate he had of what kind soever, and thereupon Desired this Deponent to Deliver unto her the said Martha Webb Sundry Debum Notes, and Cash which the said John had some time before Delivered to this Deponent to be kept till he the said John should Call for them. That during the said Conversation the the same John was (as this Deponent thought of Sound and perfect Mind and Memory, And that the said John Dyed at Georges Town on Tuesday the Twenty Eighth of August last about four of the Clock in the afternoon, And further Saith not

Dl. Bryan.

Sworn and Sign'd to before me this 2d. Day of Sept. 1750. Jno. Williamson.

The Deposition

of Mary Boyd of Chester Town aged about Eighteen Years being Sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God Deposes as follows, Viz.

That attending on Mr. John Webb late of Georges Town Attorney at Law in his Illness, heard Mr. Daniel Bryan about four Days before the said John Dyed ask the said John to whom he intended to leave his Estate as what he had Settled it. That the said John Answered the said Daniel in these Words' There is no person so proper to Enjoy my Estate as my Wife Martha Webb and my Desire and Will is that she Enjoy whatever Estate I have. That he the said John was in the perfect Senses when he mentioned the same Words; And that the said John Dyed at George Town on Tuesday the Twenty Eighth Day of August last, And further Saith not

Mary Boyd

Sworn and Sign'd to this 2d. Day of Sept. 1750, before me Jno. Williamson.

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In the Name of God Amen,

the Twelfth Day of February One Thousand Seven Hundred fifty and Three, I Hans Hanson of Kent County in the province of Maryland being very Sick but of Sound Disposing Memory thanks be to God, therefore Calling to Mind the uncertain Estate of this Transitory Life and that all those must Yield unto Death when it shall please God to Call do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament, that is to say, first and principally I Recommend my Soul to almighty God who Gave it me first, and my Body I Recommend to the Earth to Buried in a Christian like manner at the Discretion of my Executors hereafter mentioned nothing Doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall Receive the same again by the almighty power of God and as touching such Worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to Bless me with I give Bequeath and Dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

Impr mis. I Give and Bequeath unto my Beloved Wife Margrett Hanson One Best Feather Bed with Bedstead and all other Furniture appertaining to Her and Her Heirs for Ever, As also my Young Horse Called Byard with the Saddle and

Bridle to her and her Heirs for Ever.

Item. I Give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Mary Hanson Twenty pounds Current Money of Maryland to be paid to the said Mary by my Executors when she Arrives at the age of Sixteen or the Day of Marriage which shall first happen to her and her Heirs for Ever.

Item. I Give and Bequeath unto my Son Hans Hanson my Trading Gun Provided with the Locks H. H. to him and his Heirs for Ever, which said Son Hans it is my Will and Desire and I likewise leave him the said Hans in the Care of Mr. John Fields of Kent County until he Arrives at the age of Twenty one Years.

Item. Lastly it is my Will that after my just Debts and Legacies are paid that the Remaining part of my personal Estate shall be Equally Divided by my Beloved Wife Margrett Hanson and Mr. John Fields Between my five Children Mary, Martha, Hans, George, and Ann Hanson to them and their Heirs for Ever, Which said Wife Margrett Hanson and Mr. John Fields I do by this these presents Constitute and Appoint my Executors to Execute this my last Will and Testament thereby Revoking all other Wills at any time by me made In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my Hand and Seal the Day and Year first written Written

Hans Hanson (Seal)

Signed Sealed and Delivered by the Testator in the presence of us

Thomas his T mark Dawes
William his 3 mark Grace
Alex Glen

On the Back of the aforegoing Will was then Written, Viz.

Kent County ss. on the 25th Day of July Anno Dom 1753, Thomas Dawes, William Grace and Alexander Glen the Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing Will of Hanse Hanson being duly and Solemnly Sworn on the Holy Evangels Depose and Declare that they saw the same Hanse the Testator Sign and Seal the same Will and heard him publish and Declare the same to be his last Will and Testament, That at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their A[illegible]prehension of Sound and Disposing Mind and Memory And that they the said Deponents did Subscribe their [illegible]eral Names as Witnesses to the same Will in the presence of the Testator and at his Request. This done in presence of Margaret Hanson and John Fields Executors in the same Will named who made no Objection thereto; Hanse Hanson Son and Heir at Law of the Testator being an Infant of about Nine years of Age

Sworn before Ja Calder Deputy County Rt. Coty.

6 Sides. Exd

In the Name of God Amen,

This Twenty Seventh Day of April in the Year of Our Lord Seventeen Hundred fifty and Three I Thomas Blackston being Sick and Weak in Body but of perfect Mind and Memory, And Calling to Mind the Mortality of my Body and knowing it is appointed for all Men once to Die Do Constitute appoint and Ordain this to be my last Will and Testament in manner and form following after all my Lawful Debts are fully Satisfied and paid.

Imps. I Give leave and Bequeath to my Son Elijah Blackston One Negro Boy Called Prince to him and his Heirs for Ever.

Item. I Give leave and Bequeath to my Son Thomas One Negro Boy Called Prince to him and his Heirs for Ever. Nevertheless it is my true Intent and meaning that my personal Estate shall be Divided Equally among my Children Except my Daughter Hannah, And to her I Give leave and Bequeath One Cow and Calf and one Warming pan, to her and her Heirs for Ever, over and above what she hath already Received.

And all the Remaining part of my personal Estate I Give leave and Bequeath to my other Children Share and Share alike, Viz. To my Son Elijah my Son Thomas my Son John my Daughter Mary my Daughter Rebecca and my Daughter Lettice. In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my Hand and affixed my Seal the Day and Year above Written.

Thos. (T) Blackston (Seal)

Sign'd Sealed and Delivered by Thomas Blackston to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us

Ch. Comegys
J. Watson
Thos. Watson.

On the Back of the aforegoing Will was then Written, Viz.

Kent County ss. On the Seventh Day of September Anno Dom 1753, Cornelius Comegys and John Watson Two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within Written Will of Thomas Blackston Dated within Named being duly Sworn on the Holy Evangels Depose and Declare that they the same Thomas the Testator Sign and Seal the same within Written Will and heard him publish and Declare the same to be his last Will and Testament