Will & Testament I make my Freinds John Smoot & Thomas Gunnoin my Executors in Trust for y benefitt of my Wife Child or Children To whom I give Tenn Pounds a Peece & each a Young horse That I have at Patuxent Give Mr Carroll & his wife Each a Gold Ring alsoe to Mr John Tasker a Gold Ring & my Executors each the same

In Witness hereof I sett my hand & Seale this Seaventh day of Sept 1698

James Browne (Seale)

Sealed published & declared in the presence of — Willm Guyther, John Fisher, William Quarke marke

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On the back of y aforesaid Will was written these Endorsm follow Viz

No: 7th 1698

Then did William Quarke make Oath before me that he see James Browne Signe Seale & deliver the within writeing as his last Will & Testament & that at y time thereof to y best of his Skill & Judgmt he was of Sound disposing minde & memory — Henelm Chesseldyn Com. Gen.

At y same time appeared with Guyther another of y witnesses to y within writeing & did depose upon his Oath that he see the said James Browne Signe seale & Deliver the said within Writeing alsoe as his last will & Testament & that at y time thereof he was to y best of his Judgment of Sound disposing mind & memory — Henelm Chesseldyn Com. Gen.

4½ Sides

On the Thirteenth day of May Anno Dmni 1697 I John Belt the Elder of the County of Ann Arrundell in the Province of Maryland Planter being Sicke & Weak in Body but of sound & perfect minde & disposeing memory Praised be God for the Same doe Constitute ordeyne & Appoint this my last Will & Testament in Writeing & hereby revokeing and makeing Null & Void all Wills and Testaments heretofore by me at any time made & this to be Deemed Taken and Stand for my only last Will & Testament in manner & forme following (That is to Say) —

I Give grant and Devise unto my Eldest son John Belt all That my Two Hundred Acres of Land & plantacon Situate and being in the County of Ann Arrundell aforesaid Called or Knowne by the name of Elmead together with all the Edificys buildings & Appurtenances thereunto belonging To have and to hold the same unto him & his heires for ever (Except only as is hereafter Excepted) Alsoe I Give and Bequeath unto him my Son John one Cow & Calfe likewise the Gun I bought for him & the Flock Bed & furniture now alleady in his possession

I Give grant & Devise unto my Beloved Wife Eliz. Belt my Executrix hereinafter Named all That my now dwelling Plantacon & One hundred Acres of Land thereunto belonging to her & Enjoy the same with the appurtenances to her owne proper use benefitt and behoofe for Endureing out y Whole Term of her Naturall Life without Committing of Waste provided Non Condition That she my said Wife shall in Writeing Under her hand & Seale acquitt & Release all her Rt Title & Claime of Dower in of or out of my other Lands Devised by this my last Will when thereunto reasonably required And after y decease of my said wife Elizabeth my mind & Will is and

And I doe hereby Give & Devise the same my now dwelling Plantacon & One hundred Acres of Land with y Appurtenances unto my second Son Joseph Belt To have to hold the same from y time of y decease of his said Mother unto him & his heirs forever (Except only as is herein after Excepted) Alsoe I Give & Bequeath unto him my son Joseph one Cow & Calfe & my black horse called Sup & likewise my Swine Gun And further I give grant & devise unto him my said son Joseph Belt One hundred Acres of Land part of my three hundred Acres called Belts posterity Lying at y head of Gunpowder River in Baltimore County fairly to be dettached & laid out without manifest prejudice of y Residue To have & to hold the same to him & his heirs for Ever (Except only as is herein after Excepted) —

I Give grant and Devise unto my third son Benj. Belt all y residue & remainder of my said Land called Belts posterity Containing Two hundred Acres be y same more or less To have & to hold unto him & his heirs for Ever (Except only as is herein after Excepted) And alsoe I give unto him my son Benj. one Cow & Calfe & my Roane Mare hereby willing & requireing him my said son Benj. to give unto my Nephew Thom. Ramsey the first Male Colt that y said Mare shall bring & deliver the same to him when fitt to Wean —

I Give & bequeath unto my Eldest Daughter Eliz. Belt one Mallatto Boy named Jesop And alsoe the sume of Tenn Pounds Sterling money Each to be paid & delivered at y time the attaine to y age of Sixteen Years or Day of marriage (w) shall first happen —

I give & bequeath to my second daughter Charity Belt my Negroe Girle named Sarah & alsoe the sume of Ten pounds Sterling money Each to be paid & delivered her at y time she attaine y age of Sixteen Years or day of Marriage which shall first happen —

I give & bequeath unto my Youngest daughter Sarah One Cow and Calfe and alsoe the sume of Tenn pounds Sterling money Each to be paid & delivered to her at y time the attaine y age of Sixteen Years or day of marriage (w) shall first happen —

Provided allways if my minde and Will is hereby declared to be That if it soe happen That all or any of my said Sons (That is to Say) John, Joseph or Benj. shall dye before y Attaining of one & Twenty Years of age or Issue Lawfully begotten of their respective Bodies then the plantacons & Lands given & devised unto him or them as aforesaid shall so happen to dye shall goe & decent unto y Eldest of my Daughters before named to have & to hold the same to her & her heirs for Ever —

Provided alsoe Further my minde & will is That if any of my three daughters before Named Viz. Eliz. Charity & Sarah shall happen to die before she or they attaine y age of Sixteen Years or intermarried then her or their Legacys hereby before given or bequeathed shall goe & decend to y Survieuing Sisters equally divided or the Long Survivor of them —

And Lastly The residue & remaind of all & Singuler my Goods & Chattells Whatsoever & Wheresoever That after my Just Debts paid & Legacys before given with funeral Expences Satisfied shall remaine due unto me I give & bequeath y

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