City of Annapolis May 27th 1713 Then came before me Jno: Johnson David Rablin & Thos: Graham Competent Evidences Subscribing to the wth in Will & made oath that they saw & wth in Testator Joshua Merriken signe & wth in Instrumt as his last Will & Testamt: And heard him publish & declare ye same as such And that at ye time of his so doing he was of sound mind & memory Jurat Cor: me die & anno sup: dicts

W Bladen Comr: Gen:

In the Name of God amen the Eleventh day of March in ye Year of our Lord 1715 I Joseph Dorington of Kent County in ye Province of Maryland Bricklaer being very Sick & weak in Body but of ye perfect mind & memory thanks be given unto God therefore calling unto mind the mortallitie of Body & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to dye doe make & ordain this my last Will & Testamt: That is to say principally & first of all I give & recomend my Soul into ye hands of God that gave it & for my body I recomend it to ye Earth to be buried in a Christian like & decent manner at ye discretion of my Exr nothing doubting but at ye Gen: Resurrection I shall receive ye same again by ye mighty Power of God & as touching such worldly Estate wherewth it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give devise & dispose of ye same in ye following manner & forme.

First I give & bequeath unto Mary my Dearly beloved wife whome I likewise constitute make & ordain my onlie & Sole Exr of this my last Will & Testam: the one half of my personall Estate & moveables.

Secondly I give & bequeath unto the Dorington & his Heirs my half of my personall Estate & moveables

Thirdly & lastly I ordain my Dearly beloved wife to make over unto Wilks Churn of ye County & Province afs: Sawyer his heirs or assigns a peccell of Land joyning on Swan Creek supposed to be fifty Acres to be made over according to ye Terms agreed on by me Joseph Dorington & Wilks Churn afs: in Bonds to each other ye eighth day of Feby 1714 and I doe hereby utterly disallow Revoke & disannull all & every other former Testamts Wills Legacys Requests & Exors by me in any ways before this time named Willed & bequeathed Ratifying & confirming this & no other to be my last Will & Testam: In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand & Seal ye day & Year above written

Joseph Dorington his mark

Signed, Sealed, published & pronounced & declared by ye s: Joseph Dorington as his last Will & Testam: In ye Presence of us the Subscribers

Thos: Sankey Wilks Churne his mark Wm: Gearley his mark

And on the Back was thus Endorsed

March ye 9th 1714 Thos: Sankey, Wilks Churn & Wm Gerley make oath that they saw & wth in Testator Joseph Dorington Sign, Seal, publish & declare ye wth in Instrumt of writing to be his last will & Testam: & that he was of perfect Sence & memory at ye time of his so doing to ye best of their knowledge before me

Thos: Smyth Dep: Com: Kent Co:

In the First & foremost I comitt my Soul to allmighty God my Heavenly Father that made it & to my Savour Jesus Christ who Redeemed it wth whome I hope shortly to be & receive pardon for all my Sins secondly I comitt my Body to ye Earth from whence it came & there to be buried in Christian like maner my worldly debts first being full satisfyed & pay'd thirdly I give & bequeath to my Eldest Son Richd Butt & half of my land wch is abt one hundred & three Acres to him & his heirs for Ever lawfully begotten of his Body or to be begotten forthly I give unto my Son Thos: Butt the other half of my Land to be equally devided between them both & to them & their heirs for Ever Lawfully begotten of their Bodys or to be begotten, my will & desire is thus that if either Richd Butt or Thos: Butt should die before they begett Issue than ye Land of ye deceed shall fall to the next heir & never to be sold nor changed nor imbasiled away on any acct but to goe from heir to heir during life after his dear & Loving Mothers decease fifthly I give ye Rest of my Goods & Money & all my personall Estate to be devided between ye other four Children Dinah Butt, Mary Butt, Sam: Butt, Nicho: Butt, Sixthly my will & Pleasure is that my Dear and Loving wife shall be ye whole & ~~sole~~ Exr of my whole personall Estate

Richd R his mark Butt Seal

Signed, Sealed & delivered in ye Presence of us

Jno: Banks
Jno: Child
Sam: Swearingen

And at ye foot was thus written Cora

April ye 28th 1715 Then came before me Jno: Banks, Jno: Child & Sam: Swearingen Subscribing Witnesses to ye above Instrum: & made oath on ye holy Evangelists of allmighty God that they saw & heard ye Testator Richd Butt Signe Seal publish & declare the above Instrum: as his last will & Testam: and that at ye time of his so doing he was of perfect mind & memory

Jurat Cor: me W Bladen Com: Gen:

32 Acres