The last Will & Testam.t of Jn.o Durden made by him the 9.th day of Octob.r in the year of our Lord 1715 In the Name of God Amen In Gods Name I will & bequeath to my wife Eliz.a Durden one ffeell of Land containing one hundred Acres of Land called by the Name of Cheneys hazard one other ffeell joyning upon it containing fifty Acres called by the Name Clarkingswells To be intailed upon the s.d Eliz.a my wife & her heirs neither to be sold nor Morgaged. Item – If the s.d Eliz.a my wife has heirs by her own Body & the s.d heir lives to the Years of one & twenty to injoy the s.d Land otherwise the Son of Dorothy Callinsworth to injoy the s.d Land for him & his heirs – It.m I give unto my wife Eliz.a all my Goods & all other things belonging unto me & s.d Jn.o Durden her husband. It.m I would the Negro Boy to a Suit of Cloaths & two Shirts a pr. of french ffalls Shoes a pr. Yarn Stockins & one felt hatt & a Neckcloth. – It.m The Negro Girle to have a Serge Gowne & two Shiffts Shoes & Stockins & three Good Caps if the s.d Negro Children lives to the Years of one & twenty then to be free according to their mothers desire

Jn.o his mark ⊗ Seal the Durden

Signed Sealed & delivered in the ffence of us

Dorrity her mark ✗ Holbrook

Jos: Holbrook

Margar.t her mark ✗ Hatterwood

And on the back was thus Endorsed (viz.t)

March 9.th 1715 The came Joseph Holebrook & Dorothy Holebrook two of the subscribing Evidences to the w.ch in Will & made Oath upon the holy Evangelists of Almighty God that they saw the w.ch in Named Jn.o Durden Signe, Seal & declare the w.ch in Instrum.t in writing to be his last will & Testam.t and at the time of the doing thereof to the best of their apprehention he was of a Sound & ffect Mind & Memory

Jno. Cor. Rey.d Tasker Dep.ty Com.ry A:A: Co.

2 Sides

In the Name of God Amen I Frances Gardner the wife of Alexand.r of Annarrand.l County Carpenter being Sick & weak of Body but of ffect Sence & Memory thanks be unto God for the same & knowing the certainty of death do make & ordain this my last will & Testam.t in manner & forme following. – Imp.s first & principally I give my Soul to God Almighty who gave it me in hopes thro the death & passion of my blessed Saviour

Jesus Christ to receive Absolution & Remission of my Sins & my Body to the Ground to be decently buried according to the direction of my Loving Husband & as to my Goods w.ch is in my power I give as followeth – It.m I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Tebba Gardner one Moiety or half of all my land w.ch came by my ffather Rob.t Tyler it lying in three ffeells Viz.t Boush neck Bottom of forked point & Chance my Will is further that my Daughter Tebba take or have her part or Moiety on the Out Side. It.m I give & bequeath unto my Daughter ffrances Gardner the other half or Moiety of the three ffeells of Land above & hers to be the innermost part w.th all houses & orchard my Will is further that if either of them dye leaving no Issue that the Survivor have the whole three ffeells or Tracts of Land they & their hirs for Ever being hiers of their Bodys or of either of their Bodys and in Case they both die w.th out such heirs as above that then the s.d three tracts or ffeells of Land goe my Grandson Will.m Hawkins & his heirs for Ever & further my will is that none of the above Legatees shall sell or have any power to sell any of the above ~~[illegible]~~ Except it be one to the other & no otherways & further my will is that noe person whatsoever shall trouble or Molest my Loving Husband in or upon the s.d Land above.s during his naturale Life but that he shall have power to work & Occupy the above.s Lands notw.th Standing the above request during his naturall Life & receive the benefits of the same I do allow of all the above to be my Will & desire As witness my hand & Seale this 10.th March Anno Dom. 170 13/14

Frances her Gardner Seal

Signed, & Sealed in the ffence of

Jn.o Ingram

Sarah her mark Dawson

Mary Jingram

March 6. 1715

Then came Alexand.r Gardner & made Oath upon the holy Evangelists of Almighty God that he was Consenting & willing that his wife should make the above Will

Sworne before Rey.d Tasker Dep.t Com.r A:A: Co.

March 10: 1715

Then came before me Will.m Bladen Esq.r Com.r Gen.ll Mr.s Mary Ingram & Sarah Dawson Subscribing Evidences to the w.ch in Will & made Oath upon the holy Evangelists of Almighty God that they saw ffrances Gardner Signe & Seal pronounce & declare the w.ch in Instrum.t as her last will & Testam.t & that at the time of her so doing she was of Sound & ffect Memory to the best of their knowledge

Sworne before me W. Bladen Com.r Gen.