In the Name of God Amen. the Twelfth day of
Jobly in the Year of Our Lord Christ One Thousand Seven Hundred &
One I Richard Holmes of Talbot County in the Province of Maryland
planter Being Sick in body but of good and perfect memory thanks be
Almighty God And Calling to remembrance the Uncertain Estate of this
Transitory Life And that all flesh must yield unto Death when it
pleases God to Call do make Constitute Ordain and declare this my last
Will and Testament in manner and form following revoking and Annulling
by these presents all and every Testament or Testaments Will and Wills
heretofore by me made and declared Either by word or writing And this to be
taken Only for my last Will and Testament and none other And first and
principally I Commend my Soul to Almighty God Hoping that I shall
receive full pardon and remission of all my Sins And be saved by the
precious Death and Merits of my blessed Saviour and Redeemer
Christ Jesus. And my Body to the Earth from whence it was taken to be
buried in such Decent and Christian manner as to my Executrix hereafter
named shall be thought Meet And as touching such worldly Estate as the
Lord in mercy hath Lent me my Will and meaning is the same shall be
Employed and bestowed as hereafter by this my Will is Expressed —

Item I give and bequeath to my Sons John Holmes and Richard Holmes and
my Grandson Richard Holmes and my Daughter Mary Mullikin (the Wife
of James Mullikin All my Lands Tenements and Hereditaments to have
I am at this time possest to be Equally devided between both for Quantity
and Quality (reserving Only to my Executrix hereafter named the use of
my now dwelling house and plantation and necessary Timber for the use
of the said plantation During her Natural Life to her Only use and benefit
for so long as she shall live And my Will is further If it shall so
happen that Either of my said Sons John or Richard or my Grandson
Richard or my Daughter Mary Mullikin should decease without lawful issue
that then the part or portion which belonged to them shall be and remain
to the Survivors or Survivor to be Equally parted and Devided Amongst
them Each a Like Portion both for Quantity and Quality —

(Item)

Item — I give and Bequeath to my Son in Law Thomas Delahay one Large Copper
Kettle —

Item — I give and Bequeath to my Son in Law James Delahay Black Walnut Chest

Item — I give and Bequeath to my Daughter Mary Mattikin my Share Pulley
after my just Debts is paid —

Item — I give and Bequeath unto my Dear and Loving wife Eve Holmes my
Sorrell mare named Flora Over and above her third —

Lastly I Ordain and appoint my Dear and Loving wife Eve Holmes
to be Sole Executrix of this my Last will and Testament Ordaining
according to the Reserve made in the Bequest Given to my before
named Sons Grandson and Daughter, that my said Executrix shall have
and Enjoy according as Mentioned, the use of my Dwelling
house and Other the Offices and Out houses as Tobacco houses Gardens
Orchards and all Other the Appurtenances appertaining to the said
plantation with Sufficient Allowance of Timber for the use of the said
plantation, & fire wood with all the pastures Meadows and Ground
which are on the said plantation to her only Benefit and Behoof
During her Natural Life Desiring my son John Holmes to
assist my Executrix both my advice and personal help as
Occasion may serve. In Witness whereof I have hereunto Subscribed
my name and affixed my seale the day and year Above Written —

Signed Sealed and Declared in the presence of us — his
Maurice M his mark Sick
X his mark Frommelier
Mary ||| his mark Sick
Sarah F her mark Glover

Richd R H Holmes his mark (Seal)

6 March 1724 The aforesaid Maurice Sick and
Mary Glover made Oath on the Holy Evangelist
of Almighty God that they saw the aforesaid Richd
Holmes Sign and Seale the aforesaid Testament as his
Last will and Testament and he published and Declared
the Same so to be that at the time of his so doing he was of sound
and perfect mind and Memory to the best of their Knowledge and
that they as Witnesses Subscribed the aforesaid Testament
in the presence of the said Testator. before me —

Tho. Bozman Deputy Commr of Talbot Cty
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