(147) In the Name of God Amen I Cornelius Brooksby of the City of Annapolis Butcher being by Gods permission designed on a Voyage to London in Great Brittain and knowing tis appointed for all Man once to Dye; and being minded to Settle what Estate the Lord hath been pleasd to bestow on me do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following — First and Principally I commend my Soul into the hands of Allmighty God my Creator trusting assuredly that I shall receive pardon and remission of all my Sins and be Saved through the meritorious Death and passion of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and my Body to the Earth to be buryed in a decent and Christian like Manner —

Item: I give and bequeath unto my two Children Mary Brooksby and John Brooksby my Land and premisses lying in the City of Annapolis Joyning to the State House Creek to be equally divided between them, to them and their Heirs for ever (that is to Say my) Son John's part of the Ground to be laid out so as to include my Dwelling House, and my Daughters part to be laid out so as to include my Butchers Shop. But my Will is that when my Son John shall enjoy his part of the Land hereby given him he shall cause his, and my Daughters part of the Land and premisses hereby given them to be appraised by two Men of good Repute upon their Oaths, and what my Said Sons part shall be appraised to more than my Daughters, my Said Son shall pay that part of the value according to appraisement to my Said Daughter Mary Brooksby —

Item: I give and bequeath all my personal Estate to be equally divided between my Dear and Loving Wife Ann Brooksby and my afd two Children Mary and John Brooksby But in Case my Said Son John should refuse or delay (when required) to pay the overplus of what his part of the afd Lot and premisses so as afd bequeathed shall be appraised to more than my Daughters, to my Said Daughter Mary Brooksby according to the (intent)

(148) intent of this my Will that then so much as the overplus afd shall be appraised to, my Said Son John shall pay to my Said Daughter Mary Brooksby out of his part of my personal Estate by him to be received, and that before he receives his p.t of my personall Estate he give a Bond to comply with the intent of this my Will —

And further it is my Will that in case my Wife Anne Brooksby should happen to dye before my Said Children Mary and John Brooksby should arrive to lawfull Age, that they my Said Children should not be brought up or taken care of by Peter Overard nor Mary his Wife, the Said Mary being a profest papist —

And lastly I do Constitute ordain and appoint my Dear and Loving Wife Anne Brooksby whole and Sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament And In Testimony thereof I have hereunto Set my hand and affixed my Seal this 15th Day of December Anno 1722

Sealed and Delivered published and Declared by the Said Cornelius Brooksby as his last Will and Testament in presence of

Cornelius Brooksby (Seal)

Joh Beale
John Merriken
Nicholson

At the foot of the aforegoing Will was thus written (viz.)

July the 19th 1723

Then came John Beale and John Merriken two of y.e Subscribing Evidences to the aforegoing Will who make Oath upon the Holy Evangelists of Allmighty God that they See the abovenamed Cornelius Brooksby, the Testator Sign and Seal the foregoing Instrument as his last Will and Testament and at the Same time heard him publish and declare the Same so to be and that at the time of his so doing he was of Sound disposing Mind and Memory to the best of their knowledge and that they and the other Evidence Jo Nicholson subscribed the S.d Will as Witnesses in y.e Presence of the S.d Testator —

Sworn to before me the Day & year above

D Dulany Com Gen.l