In the Name of God Amen I Thomas Stone of Nanjemy Parish in Charles County Maryland being sick & Weak in Body but of perfect memory & sound Judgment Thanks to allmighty God therefore calling to Mind the uncertainty of all things in this World & the certainty of Death do make this my Last Will & Testament in Manner & form following in the first place I commend my Soul to God who gave it hoping that through the Merritts of my Saviour Jesus Christ it will be acceptable to him my Body I committ to the Earth from whence it was taken to be decently buried at the direction of my Executrix hereafter named there to remain till the day of the Restitution of all things when it shall be raised up & Joyne to my Soul & both Soul & Body shall enjoy the Happiness which my Saviour has purchased for me & all the faithfull & as touching what Temporal Estate God has been pleased to bestow upon me I dispose on it in Manner following —

Imp: I give & bequeath the One half or Moyety of the Land & plantation on which I now dwell to my loving Wife Katherine Stone during her natural life the said Land to be divided with a Line drawn from a Mulberry Tree standing at the Head of a Little Marsh near the Old Landing by the Corn field Fence & path side which runs from the said Landing with a Line drawn Seven Yards of the West Side of my Quarter house & she to have the East part on which the Dwelling house now stands The other part of the said Plantation & Land I give & bequeath to my Loving Son David Stone together With the Half or Moyety bequeathed to my Wife after her Decease to him & his Heirs for Ever

Item



Item I give & bequeath to my said Loving Wife Katherine Stone Negroe Fortune Negroe Jack & Negroe Falmouth to be disposed of at her pleasure the other Three I give her conditionally only that is to say Black Kate & Rainer & Mullatto Jemmy during her natural life & that after her Death they may return to & be equally divided among my Children —

Item I give unto my Son David Negro Robin & his Sister Pegg & Joe a little Boy of Black Kates & my Gun —

Item I give & bequeath to my Loving Daughter Mary a Negro Man called Great Jemmy Mullatto Bridgett & a Negro called crooked Ned —

Item I give unto my said Wife One half of my Personall Estate [redacted] that is to say Cattle Hoggs Horses Mares Sheep & Householdstuff of all sorts or Kinds whatsoever & the other Half of my personal Estate of what Nature or Kind soever I give to my Two Children David & Mary to be Equally divided between them —

It I give to my Grand son Gerrard Hooke a Mullatto Child called Charles to serve him as the Law Directs —

In the last place I make constitute & ordain my loving Wife Katherine Stone Exix of this my last Will & Testament hereby revoking & annulling all other Will or Wills Testament or Testaments by me heretofore made in Witness whereof I hereunto sett my Hand & Seale this 26th Day of May 1727 —

Thomas Stone (Seal)

Signed Sealed Published & Declared in presence of
Wil Maconchie
Henry Barnes
Derlinda Boughton

At the foot of the aforegoing Will was thus Written Viz. —
Charles Cty ss: Nov: 2d & 7th 1727
Then came the Revd Mr Wm Maconchie & Derlinda Boughton

And