John Johnson Sotheron
Richard Sotheron
Robert his ✓ Parker
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On the Back of the Aforegoing Will was this Written, Viz

Feb.y ye 9th 1727 Then Came John Johnson Sotheron and Robert Parker two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the Aforegoing Will and made Oath on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God that they Saw the Testator John Clarke Signe and Seale and heard him publish and declare the Same as his last will & Testament and that at the time of his so doing he was to ye best of their knowledge and Apprehension of Sound and disposing mind and memory and that they the Aforesaid John Johnson Sotheron and Robert Parker as Witnesses did Subscribe the aforesaid Will in the presence of the said Testator and that they Saw Richard Sotheron Signe as a Witness at the Same time and in the presence of the Testator Sworn to Before me

Tho: Hisquith Dep.ty Com.ry
of S.t Mary's County

Item

In the Name of God Amen this 8th Day of October 1727 I Thomas Skinner of Charles County in the Province of Maryland being Sick and weak in Body but of perfect mind & memory & Calling to mind the Mortality of my Body & knowing it appointed for all men once to die do make & Ordaine this my last Will & Testament that is to Say first of all & principally I give and recommend my Soul into the hands of God that gave it me Nothing doubting but at ye Gen.l Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God as for my Body I recommend it to ye Earth to be buried in a Christian like & decent Manner at ye direction of my Executors and as for such Worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give devise & dispose in ye following Manner and form

Imprimis I give and Bequeath to my dearly beloved Wife Constance Skinner her own Riding Mare besides her part of my Estate

Item I give and Bequeath to my loving Son Thomas Skinner one hundred & Sixty Acres of Land out of a parcell of land called Milcrue Originally to him & his heirs for Ever but if the same Thomas should die without begotten Heirs of his Body then it shall be Equally divided between William & James Skinner his two Brothers & to them & their heirs for Ever.

Item I give and Bequeath to my loving Son William Skinner one hundred & Sixty Acres of land lying on the Eastmost Side of ye plantation whereon I now dwell being part of two parcells of land the one Called Doncaster and the Other Appinnally Chance he the said Williams part not to Come within my Fence Inclosures nor any part or parcell thereof and if his Complement cannot be had on ye Side mentioned then to be left to his Brother James's Pleasure where he pleases to give him whats wanting to Compleat the Afore mentioned Quantity of land and further if he the said William should happen to want Eighteen or fifteen Acres to rest Satisfyed and Contented & make no further demand left to ye said William to him and his heirs for Ever. and if ye said William die without Lawfull heirs begotten of his Body then ye said parcell of Land to be Equally divided between his two brothers Viz.t Thomas & James Skinner to them & their heirs for Ever as also I give unto ye said William one young Mare that is not broke being at this present at Picawaxon land to have the profitt of his labours after the Eighteenth Year of his Age but not to dispose of any part or parcell thereof without the Advice & Consent of my Executors & Others whom I shall appoint.

Item I give and bequeath to my loving Son James Skinner the plantation whereon I now Dwell together with all Edifices Buildings Houses & Inclosures being the Remaining part of the three parcells of land belonging and Appertaining unto me Called Milcrue Doncaster & Appinnally Chance Containing by one hundred & Sixty Acres more or less to him & his heirs for Ever and if the said James should die without Lawfull heirs lawfully Begotten then to be