thanks be to God knowing the sudden Approaches of Death and the mortality of my body and my duty before hand to set my house in Order do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament concerning such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life which I give Demise and dispose in the following manner and form (Viz.t) —

Imprimis I will & order that my funeral Charges and all other Just [illegible] — Debts be paid and discharged by my Executrix hereafter mentioned and Appointed as soon as Conveniently may be after my Decease being levyed and raised out of my Estate —

Item — I give and bequeath unto my well beloved son and only heir Evan James — all my Real Estate together with all my Books to be freely possessed — when he arrives to the Age of twenty one Years by him and his heirs forever — And further my will and meaning concerning him is that he be maintained by my Executrix hereafter specifyed til he is of the Age of fourteen Years — or there ab.t & dureing which time that he be put to School & educated — to Read English distinctly and to write a Legable hand as also to be — Instructed in Arithmetick til he be well Versed in the Rule of — Double fellowship and that at the Expiration of the said Term of Years — my said Executrix shall have full power to Bind him my said son an — Apprentice to be Instructed in a Trade that he shall be most Inclined to — She in this Consulting with and Acting by the Advice of my Trustees — after mentioned but in case my said son Evan James dh.t Dye before — he arrive to the full age of twenty one Years that then I will and — Bequeath my Plantation called Elk Plaines to my well beloved — wife Rachel James to be freely possessed by her & her heirs forever —

It — I give and bequeath unto my dearly beloved wife Rachel James — whom I hereby likewise Constitute and appoint sole Executrix of — this my Last Testament, my Whole personal Estate Debts Credits — and moveable Effects whatsoever to be to her own proper use & behoof — in as large and ample a manner as I my self am possessed of the same — as also all the rents Issues and profits of my Real Estate til my said — son arrives to the full age of twenty One Years to be to her use & behoof — towards the maintenance and education of my said son as above said which — said Estate she shall have full power to Rent out or Lease by and with the — consent of my Trustees after named and in Case she my said Executrix — continue unmarried after that my said son arrives to the Age of twenty one — Years that then she shall enjoy my said Plantation called Elk Plains — Dureing the State of her widowhood Notwithstanding what is before mentioned — to the Contrary —

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It — I do hereby Constitute and Appoint my trusty friends Thomas Jacobs of this County and Joseph Thomas of the County of New Castle to be Guardians of my said son dureing his Nonage as also to be Trustees of this my last Will and Testament to see it Executed performed and fullfilled according to the true Intent & meaning thereof — And I do hereby Ratifie and Confirm this and no Other to be my — Last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and Year first above written —

Signed sealed published — pronounced and declared by the said Isaac James as his Last Will & Testament in the presence of us the subscribers — as also that the words (of my Trustees) were Interlined before the sealing & [illegible] declareing hereof —

John William
Tho.s T Thomas
Thomas Evans —

Isaac James — (Seal)

At the foot of the aforegoing — Will was thus written Viz.t — Cecil County ss. May the 27.th Day Anno Domi 1729 Then personally Appeared John William Thomas — Thomas, & Thomas Evans the three — Subscribing Witnesses to the above written — Will before me Stephen Knight Commissary for Cecil County and on their Corporal Oaths solemnly did declare that they saw and heard Isaac James the Testator sign Seal — Publish and Declare the same to be his last Will and Testament and that at the time of doing thereof he was of sound & disposeing mind Memory and — Understanding to the best of their knowledge —

Sworn before me —

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X.d In the name of God amen I Thomas Harvey of Calvert County — being in Good health of Body and of sound and perfect mind and memory — praise be therefore given to Almighty God do make and ordain this my present — Last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say — — First and principally I commend my soul into the hand of Almighty God — hoping through the merrits Death and Passion of my Saviour Jesus Christ to have full and free pardon and forgiveness of all my sins and to Inherit everlasting life — and my body I commit to the Earth to be decently buried at the discretion of — my Executor hereafter named and as touching the Disposition of all such — Temporal Estate as it hath pleased Almighty God to bestow upon me I — Give and Dispose thereof as followeth —

First I will that my Debts and funeral Charges shall be paid & Discharged

Item — I give to my three Grand Children Each one Ewe Lamb —

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