that they See Joseph Keller the Testator Sign & Seale the within In: strument of Writing as his Last Will & Testament & at the same Time heard him publish & declare the same so to be & that at the Time of his so doing he was of sound disposeing Mind & Memory to the Best of their knowledge & that they Signd as Evidences thereto in the presence of the s.d Testator. Affirmed to before me

Wm. Gresham Dep.t Com.r Kent Co.ty

3½ Sides -

In the Name of God Amen. I Benjamin Blackledge of Kent County in the Province of Maryland being Sick & weake of Body but of Sound & disposeing Mind & perfect Memory. do make this my last Will & Testament in Manner & form following that is to say. First & principally I Recommend my Soul to God who gave it in hopes of being Saved through the Merits of my Blessed Saviour Jesus Christ & my Body to the Earth from whence it was taken to be buried in Such decent Manner as my Executor hereafter named shall think fit and as to such worldly Estate as it hath pleased God to bestow on me I give as hereafter Exprest

Exam.

Imprim.s I give & devise unto my loving Daughter Hannah & her Heirs or assigns for Ever my Two Tracts of Land one called Orchards Neck the other Gallaways Fancy containing about Three Hundred acres being the Land where my Father in Law & Mother now dwells Scituate lying & being at the Head of Tarloe Cook in the a.d K.t Co.ty and if in Case my said Daughter should decease without lawful Issue then to my Sister Rebecca and her Heirs and assigns for Ever. and if in Case she should decease without Lawful Issue then to Blackledge Woodland and his Heirs & assigns for Ever and if in Case he should decease without Lawful Issue then I do give the same to the Use of the Parrish where the same shall lye and other Half for the Use of a Free Schoole in the Co.ty where the same Land shall lye

Secondly I give & bequeath to Rebecca Skidmore one young Mare ab.t three years old Dunnish Coulor Three Sheep & one Sow

Thirdly I give & bequeath to Judith Skidmore five Sheep and one young Sow

fourthly

Fourthly I give & bequeath all the rest of my personal Estate after my Debts paid & funeral Charges satisfied to my s.d loving Daughter Hannah -

Lastly I leave my said Daughter under the Care of said loving Friend & Father in Law John Cloves & my loving Mother the s.d John Cloves Wife to be by them brought up until She comes to the Age of Sixteen Years, and also do make my said loving Friend John Clove Executor of this my last Will & Testament in Manner & form as afores.d And do also make void and null all former Wills by me heretofore made; In confirmation whereof I have hereunto set my Hand & Seale this Tenth Day of Novemb.r 1729 -

Signed Sealed published & Declared the aforegoing to be his Last Will & Testament in Presence of

Benjamin his Mark Blackledge (seale)

Hez.r Williamson Sam.l Smith William his Mark Munck

At the foot of the aforegoing Will was thus Written Sc.t

Jan.y y.e 10.th 1729 Came William Munck one of the Subscribing Evidences to y.e aforegoing Will & made Oath upon the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that he saw Benjamin Blackledge the Testator Signe & Seal the aforegoing Instrument of W.t as his Last Will & Testament and at the same Time heard him Sub.d declare the same so to be and at the Time of his so doing he was of s.d sound disposeing Mind & Memory to the best of his Knowledge & that he Signd as an Evidence thereto in the Presence of the Testator and further he declares upon Oath that he saw James Smith the other subscribing Evidence Signe as an Evidence thereto in his presence and in the presence of the said Testator

Sworn to before me Wm. Gresham Dep.t Com.r Kent Co.ty

Ap.r 2.d 1730 Came the Rev.d Mr. Alex.r Williamson & made Oath upon the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God (being one of the subscribing Evidences to the aforegoing Will) in the same Manner that the aforesaid William Munck hath made Oath before me Wm. Gresham Dep.t Com.r Kent County

6 Sides -

Exam:

In the Name of God Amen This fifth Day of [illegible] in the Year of our Lord Christ One Thousand Seven hundred [illegible] Thirty I John [illegible] of Kent County in the Pro.ce of Maryland Taylor being very Sick & weak of Body but of perfect Mind & Memory Thanks be given to God for the same