on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that they saw the Testator James Knowles Signe & Seale & heard him publish & declare ye Same as his last Will & Testament and that at the Time of his so doing he was to the best of their Knowledge and Apprehension of Sound & disposing Mind & Memory & that they thereupon Rich.d Dawson & James Dawson with the above named John Neill as Witnesses Subscribed the said Will in the presence of the Testator

Sworn to before me W. Hemsley Deputy Com.ry

The Will proved at the Request of the Ex.rs who live in Talbot County

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Maryland ss. In the Name of God Amen

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The fifth Day of May In the Year of our Lord God 1727 I Samuel Sheafield of Queen Anns County Planter being very Sick & weak in Body but of Perfect Mind & Memory Thanks be Given unto Almighty God therefore Calling unto Mind the Mortality of my Body & Knowing that it is appointed for all Men once to Dye do make & ordain this my last Will & Testament, that is to Say Principaly & first of all I give & recommend my Soul into the Hands of God who gave it, and for my Body I recommend it to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like & decent Manner at the Direction of my Executors nothing doubting but at the resurrection I shall receive it again by the Mighty power of God & as touching what Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me w.th in this Life I dispose & dispose of the same in the following Manner & Form

Imprimis I give & bequeath to Mary my dearly beloved Wife whom I likewise Constitute make & ordain my Only & Sole Executrix of this my last Will & Testament all & singular my Lands Messuages & Tenements by her freely to be possessed & enjoyed and Likewise all the Rest of My moveable Estate only what shall be hereafter mentioned

Item I give & bequeath to my kinsman James Cockett a Legacy that is to say One Horse known by the Name of Jacky & one Brown Cow known by the Name of Brouny One Heifer Three year old to be

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immediately thereuith possessed after my decease. And I hereby utterly disallow revoke & disannull all & every other Former Wills or Testaments by me heretofore Made ratifying & confirming this & no Other to be my last Will & Testament in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand & Seale the Day & Year above written Signed Seald published & pronounced & declared to be the Last Will and Testament of Sam.l Sheafield In the presence of Us

Sam.l Beck

Vincent his Mark Hinds

William M Tanton his Mark

Sam.l his Mark Sheafield

On the Back of the foregoing Will was thus Written ss.t

April y.e 20.th 1730 Then Came Samuel Beck, Vincent Hinds & William Thanton the Subscribing Witnesses to the Within Will and made Oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that they saw the Testator Samuel Sheafield Sign Seale & heard him publish & declare the same as his Last Will & that at the Time of his so doing he was to the best of their Knowledge & Apprehension of Sound & disposing Mind & Memory and y.t they the aforesaid Samuel Beck Vincent Hinds & William Thanton as Witnesses Subscribed the Same in the Presence of ye Testator

Sworn to before me W. Hemsley D. Com.ry

The Probat of this Will taken at the request of Mary Sheafield

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In the Name of God Amen The Twenty Third Day of March in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven hundred & Thirty, I Joan Clayton of Queen Anns County Widow being very Sick & weak in Body but of perfect Mind & Memory Thanks be given unto God therefore calling unto Mind the Mortallity of my Body & knowing that it is appointed for all Once to die do make & ordain this my Last Will & Testament, that is to say I recommend my Soul to God that gave it & my Body to be buried in a decent Manner at the Discretion of my Executor & as touching my my Worldly Estate I give

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