Almighty God that they saw ye Testator Nathaniel Cooper Sign and Seal 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 the best of their Knowledge and Apprehension of Sound and Disposing Mind & Memory And that they the aforesaid John Binks James Egerton Richard Barnhouse & Owen Smithson as Witnesses did Subscribe the aforesaid Will in the Presence of the Said Testator, Sworn to before me

Tho: Airquith Deptyy Comtyy of St. Marys County

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The Deceased's Widow Stands to the Will

Exam:

In the Name of God Amen, Joseph Stratford of St. Marys County in the Province of Maryland Being Sick and Weak of Body, But of Sound and perfect Memory And Knowing the Uncertainty of this Transitory Life Do think it meet & Convenient to Settle things in Order for a better, First & Principally I Give my Soul to Almighty God my Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ By whose Meritorious Death & Passion I hope to have Everlasting Life, & my body to the Earth from whence it Came to be buried in Such Decent Order as my Exr hereafter Shall think fitt And for what worldly Estate the Lord of his Goodness has lent me I Give & Dispose of in Manner & forme following And Do ordain This to be my Last Will and Testament Renouncing Revoaking & making void all other Will or Wills heretofore by me made Either Verball or in Writing, & Do Appoint this my Last Will and Testament

Imp^s Item I Give & Bequeath unto my Daughter Frances Stratford One fourth part of my Land & at the Eastermost End thereof to her and her Lawfull Ishew for Ever, & to be Devided a Cross the Land And if in Case the S^d Frances Should Dye without Lawfull Ishew Then her part to fall to her Sister Monica Stratford & her Lawfull Ishew for Ever & if She Dyes without Ishew to next heir

Item I Give & Bequeath unto my Daughter Ann Stratford One fourth part of my Land next Adjoyning to her Sisters to her and her Lawfull Ishew for Ever But if in Case She Dyes without Lawfull Ishew then to fall to her Sister Monica Stratford and her Lawfull Ishew for Ever & for want of Such Ishew then to the next Heir & their Ishew for Ever

Item

Item I give & bequeath unto my Son Clement Stratford one fourth part of my land Being the Plantation whereon I live and So adjoining to his Sisters Land to him & his Lawfull Ishew for Ever & for want of Such Ishew to his Sister Mary Stratford and her Lawfull Ishew for Ever & for Want of Such Ishew to the next heir & their Lawfull Ishew for Ever.

Item I Give & Bequeath unto my Son Joseph Stratford one fourth part of my Land being next the Marsh to him & his Lawfull Ishew for Ever, & for want of Such Ishew to his Sister Elizabeth Stratford & her Ishew for Ever & for want of Such Ishew to the next heir & their Lawfull Ishew for Ever So that the true intent of my will is that none of my Children Shall Sell any of their land out of their own proper Line which they do the Sale Shall be void & fall to ye next heir & their Ishew for Ever

And for the fulfilling of this my last Will & Testament I nominate & Appoint my loving Wife my whole & Sole Exr^x of this my last Will Witness my hand & Seale this first Day of Febry One Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty & two (Three.

Joseph Stratford (Seal)

Sign'd Seald & Delivered in presence of

Thompson
John Bailye
Mildred her mark Horrill

At the back of ye foregoing Will was ye following Probate thereon Written p^r

March ye 16th 1732/3 Then Came James Thompson John Bailye and Mildred Horrill The Three Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing Will and made Oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that they saw the Testator Joseph Stratford Sign and Seal and heard him Publish & Declare the Same as his Last Will & Testament and that at ye 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 ye aforesaid James Thompson John Bailye and Mildred Horrill as Witnesses did Subscribe the aforesaid Will in the Presence of the Said Testator, Sworn to before me

Thos Airquith Deputy Comtyy of St. Marys County

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