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In the name of God Amen Robert Gates his Will

Item I give and bequeath fifty Acres of Land to my eldest son Robert Gates and all the rest of my land to be equally to Divided amongst the rest of my Children and all my moveable Estate to be Equally Divided among my Children besides what pays my Debts and the worth of a hogshead of Tobacco to the Priest and I leave my son Joseph and my son Peter to my Brother Joseph Gates till they come to the age of Age of Eighteen if all my children cannot have a part of my land those that cannot have a part of Land they shall have all the rest of my Estate to be Equally Divided among st them besides what pays my Debts whereas I have set my hand and Seal January 4.th 16.th 1733/4

his
Robert Gates (Seal)
mark

Witnes
Joseph Gales
William his X mark White
Catherine her D mark Lang

At the foot of the aforegoing Will was the following Probate thus written st.

Ch: County ss. On the 4.th day of February 1733 Came Joseph Gales and Wm. White and made Oath on the Holy Evangelists that they saw Robert Gates Sign and Seal the above writing and heard him publish and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament and that at the time of his so doing he was of sound and perfect memory to the best of their knowledge and that Catherine Lang was present at the same time and Subscribed as a Witness Sworn before

S Hanson Rg

2 ½ Sides

Charles County 7.th february 1733

William Robinson and George Glass made Oath on the Holy Evangelists that on the 6.th Instant they were at the house of Mr. Dixon late of said County Deceasd the said Dixon being sick he desired the Deponents to take Notice that it was his Will & desire that his Sister Sarah should have all he had in the World except one bed and the furniture belonging thereto which he gave to his brother in law Robert Mastin and they farther declare that to the best of their knowledge the said Dixon at the time of his speaking the words afs: was of sound and perfell memory —

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal of office the day & Year first above written —

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In the name of God Amen I George Childs of Cecil County planter being weak in body but of sound mind and memory thanks be to God do hereby make this my last Will and Testament in manner following Viz.

Imprimis I bequeath my Soul to God that gave it and my Body to the Earth to be Interred Decently according to the discretion of my beloved Wife in hopes of a joyful Resurrection furthermore I give and bequeath unto my well beloved Wife the use and management of all my Personal Estate During her Natural Life if she lives sole but otherwise I will that at her Marriage the value of my said personal Estate shall be equally divided between my Children I also will that at her Death as well as marriage the said personal Estate be equally divided between my Children whom I leave still they shall be severally of Age) under the care of my well beloved Wife Margaret and if she dies or marries before any of them shall be of Age then I leave such of my Children as shall then be under age to the care of my Son Benjamin and whereas my said Wife is to take care of my said Children that be under age I further Will that my said Wife shall have the use and benefit of my Real as well as personal Estate as long as she lives unmarried —

Item I give my Suit of Broad Cloth cloaths or the value of the apprasement of them to my Son Nathaniel Item I give my white Duffel Coat to my Son Benjamin Item I give all my other wearing Apparel to my Son Henry In witness of which my last Will and Testament I have hereunto put my hand & Seal this third day of December in the Year of our Lord 1733

Signed Sealed and published
In the presence of
Jh Jones John Spalding Martha Bellus

his
George ||| Childs (Seal)
mark

On the back of the aforegoing Will was the following Codicil thus written

Whereas there is no mention made in the within Will of my Executors I by this Codicil appoint my well beloved Wife Margaret and my Son Benjamin Joynt Executors of the within Will in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this third day of December in the Year of our Lord 1733

Signed Sealed and published
In presence of us —
Jh Jones
John Spalding
Martha Bellus

his
George ||| Childs (Seal)
mark

At the foot of which was thus written st.

Cecil County Jan.y 18.th 1733 The Reverend Mr. Hugh Jones and John Spalding two of the Evidences to the forewritten Codicil appeared before me made Oath on the Holy