set my hand and affixt my Seal this 20th day of Febr.y 1733 ——

Signed Sealed & Delivered
In the presence of us
Jno. Hamill
Wm. Chandler

his
Jno. I Taylor (Seal)
mark

On the back of the aforegoing Will was the following Probate thus written Viz.t

Cha Ct. Ts.t

April 2d. 1734

Then came John Hamill and Wm. Chandler two subscribing Witnesses and made Oath on the Holy Evangelists that they saw John Taylor Sign and Seal the within 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 Judgment Sworn before

S Hanson Comdy

3 Sides

In the name of God Amen I James Knot of Saint Mary's County in the Province of Maryland Planter being sick and weak of body but of sound and perfect memory and knowing the uncertainty of this Transitory Life I do think it meet and convenient to settle my affairs in order for a better, First and principallis I bequeath my Soul to Almighty God my Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ by whose meritorius Death and passion I hope to obtain everlasting Life and my body to the Earth from whence it came to be decently buried as my Executrix or Executor hereafter Nominated shall think fit and convenient and for what Wordly Estate the Lord of his Mercy hath lent me I dispose of as followeth and I do appoint and ordain this my last Will & Testament Revoking renouncing and making Void any other Will or Wills by me heretofore made or intended to be made and I do acknowledge this to be my last Will and Testament —

Item I give and bequeath unto Francis Knot my eldest Son a Tract of Land known by the name of Hazard and containing Sixty eight Acres to him and his Heirs forever

Item I give and bequeath unto my well beloved Wife a Negro Woman known by the name of Catharine and her two Children a boy and Girl during her life and after her decease to make good the said Negroe Woman and her two Children and increase to my Son Francis Knot, Susannah Knot Elizabeth Knot James Knot and Mary Ann Knot and as to all other moveables I give and bequeath

bequeath unto my five Children aforementioned all my other moveables whatsoever to be equally divided amongst them and Forty five pounds of Tobacco and four James Mattingly to me in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand the 21 day of December Anno Dom. 1733

Signed Sealed and delivered
In the presence of
William his Knot Senior
mark
Nathan Shepherd

his
James X Knot (Seal)
mark

March 9.th 1733/4

William Knot Senior and Nathan Shepherd the subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing Will being duely and solemnly Sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God depose and say that they saw the Testator James Knot Sign the foregoing Will and heard him publish and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehension of sound and disposing mind and memory and that they subscribed their Respective Names as witnesses to the said Will in the presence of the said Testator and at his Request sworn to before me

The Deceases Widow stands to the Will

Tho. Bisquith Deptg Comdy of St. Mary's County

3 Sides

In the name of God Amen I Mary Barron Widow of my Deceased Husband Richard Barron of St. Mary's County being sick and weak in body but of sound and perfect memory thanks be to God for the same do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner as follow the (Viz.t)

First I give and bequeath my Soul into the hands of Almighty God

2dly I do hereby appoint my loving Brother James Mills my whole and Sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament I also Will and desire that the aforesaid James Mills Administer upon my Husbands Estate as I was about to do before my departure I also will and desire my Brother James Mills may have my five Children to do with them whatsoever he the said Mills think best for the good my poor Children I also Will and appoint my three Sons to be free and discharged from any Service or Services and to be at their own disposal at the age of Twenty Years —

3dly I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Elenor Barron one feather bed