Charles County ss. On the 16th Day of April 1735 Fran: Goodrich Charles Goodrich and Mary Goodrich subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing Will & being duly and solemnly Sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God do depose and say that they saw John Dodson the Testator Sign the said Will and heard him publish and declare the same to be his last Will & Testament that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehensions 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 Testator and at his request Which Oath was taken by the said Witnesses in the & presence of Walter Dodson heir at Law to the Testator which same Walter Dodson did not object to the Probate of said Will Sworn before

S Hanson Homly

5½ Sides

In the name of God Amen the Twentieth Day of September in the Year of our Lord Christ 1734 I Richard Hodgson being sick at this time but of sound and perfect memory but knowing that it is appointed for all Men once to die do make this my last Will and Testament and as for such Worldly Estate where with it hath pleased God to bless me with I give and dispose in the following manner

Item I give and bequeath unto my eldest Son Richard Hodgson one Negro Woman called Lucia her and her Increase

Item I give and bequeath unto my second Son Philip one Negro Man called Brick

Item I give and bequeath unto my youngest Son William an Negro boy called Esquire

I leave my well beloved Wife Elizabeth and Johana my eldest Daughter Executors of this my last Will and Testament and if my Wife should live to deliver them Negroes to the boys as she thinks fit but if my Wife should die let them be delivered to them at the age of Eighteen and to be free at the age of Eighteen Signed Sealed and delivered in the presence of us

Richard (Seal) Hodgson

J. Baker

Elizabeth her E. Hodgson mark

Elinor her Hodgson mark

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

(Charles)

Charles County ss. On the 16th Day of April 1735 John Baker Elizabeth Hodgson and Eleanor Hodgson subscribing Witnesses to the within Will being duly and solemnly Sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God do depose and say that they saw Richard Hodgson the Testator Sign the within 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 Testator and at his request Sworn before

S Hanson Homly

3½ Sides

In the name of God Amen I Absalom Thorne of Charles County in the Province of Maryland being sick and weak of body but of sound and perfect mind and memory thanks be to God do make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament in manner and form following Viz.

First I give and bequeath my Soul to Almighty God hopeing that through the Merits of Jesus Christ my Saviour he will receive it and as touching my Worldly Estate which God hath been pleased to bless me with I dispose of it as follows

Imprs. I give and bequeath to my well beloved Wife Elizabeth Thorne and her Heirs forever all and singular my Estate which I die possest of consisting of what Kind Nature or quality soever

Item I do hereby constitute and appoint my said Wife Elizabeth Thorne to be my Sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament Revoking and making Void all former Will or Wills Testam.t or Testaments by me heretofore made In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this Ninth day of Jan.y Anno Dom. 1735

Signed Sealed published & declared in the presence of

Absalom Thorne (Seal)

Rich.d Harrison

Richard Price

George Clark

On the back of the aforegoing Will was the following Probate ff.

Charles County ss. On the 7th Day of May 1735 Richard Price and George Clark two of the subscribing Witnesses to the within Will being duly & solemnly Sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God depose & say that they saw Absalom Thorn the Testator Sign the within Will 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 to the best of their apprehension of sound and disposing mind and memory and that they (together with Richard Harrison the other subscribing Witness who is since Deceased) Subscribed their Respective Names as Witnesses to the said Will in the presence of the Testator and at his request — Sworn before

S Hanson Homly

3½ Sides