In the Name of God Amen I Joseph Wilkinson of Calvert County in the province of Maryland Merchant being in a bad State of health but of sound and disposing Mind and Memory Do make this my Will and Testament in manner & form following Viz —

Imprs. I recommend my Soul to its Creator Hoping for pardon & remission of all my Offences, My Body I desire may be Buried in a Decent manner at the Discretion of my Executrix hereafter Named —.

Item I Give to my Brother in Law Mr. John Skinner an handsome Suite of Mourning and a Mourning Ring of Twenty Shillings Sterling price —

Item I Give and Bequeath to my Dear and loving Wife one full third part of all my personall Estate Consisting of what Nature or kind soever to wit Money or Tobacco in England or Elsewhere. Goods in Store, Cash in hand Debts outstanding Slaves Servants Cattle. Plate Household Goods and every other thing Whatsoever —

Item I Give and Bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth one other full third part of my personall Estate as aforesaid —

Item I Give and Bequeath to my Son Joseph the remaining third part of my personall Estate as aforesaid But my Will is that if my Wife be now with Child or Children that than the two thirds of my personall Estate so given and Bequeathed to my Daughter and Son above Named be equally divided Share and Share alike — between such Child or Children to be born and those now in Being —

Item I do Nominate and appoint my Said Wife Executrix of this my Will & Testament but in Case of her Death I do then make my said Brother in Law John Skinner Executor thereof & I will that he be then Guardian to my Children not doubting his Utmost Care of their Persons Education & Fortune.

Lastly. I do hereby revoke & utterly make void all other or former Wills by me ever made & In Testimony that the Writing Contained in this half Sheet of Paper is my Last Will & Testament I have

signed sealed published & declared the same so to be in the presence of the Witnesses hereto Attesting & subscribing this twenty fifth day of April Anno Domini 1734

Signed Sealed Published & declared in presence of Us
John Smith
Pos.th: Thornton
Roger Boyce
Alex.d Lawson

Jo.s Wilkinson (seal)

Beneath & On the back of the foregoing Will was thus Written viz.

July the 15.th 1735.

Then came Pos.th: Thornton Roger Boyce & Alex.d Lawson & made Oath on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God that they saw Capt. Joseph Wilkinson sign Seal publish & declare this to be his last Will & Testament & that he appeared to them to be of a sound & disposing mind & memory & also that they saw each other sign their names as Evidences as above

Sworn before me John Smith

Calv.t County ss July the 17.th 1735

Came Roger Boyce & Alexander Lawson two of the Subscribing Evidences to the within Will & made Oath on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God that they saw the Testator Joseph Wilkinson sign & seale & heard him publish pronounce & declare the within Instrument of Writing as his last will & Testament & that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their Knowledge & Apprehension of sound & perfect mind Memory & Understanding

Sworn to before me Gabriel Parker
Dep. Cl. Calv.t Cty.

5 ½ sides

Maryland ss
Calvert Cty
&c.

In the name of God Amen I Martha Gardiner of the Province & County aforesd. Widow being weak of Body but of sound & perfect memory do make my last Will &