October the 4th 1796 Edmon Boling and John William Two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing Will being Duly and Solemnly Sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God Deposes and Say that They Saw The Testator John Roadman 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 doeing he was to the best of their Apprehension of Sound and Disposing mind and Memory and that they Subscribed their respective names as Witness to the Said Will in the presence of the Said Testator and at his Request and that they Saw Hugh Maguire Sign at the Same Time as a Witness to the Will in the presence of the Said Testator Sworn to before me

Thos Nicquillin Comd Dep of St Marys County

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Maryland ss In the Name of God Amen I Sam[l] Harper of Dorchester County in the Province of Maryland being in perfect Sense and memory thanks be given to Almighty God for it and Calling to mind the Mortality of my Body and knowing y[t] it is appointed to all men once to Dye do make and ordain this my last Will and Testam[t] in manner and form following viz[t] — Imprimis First of all and Principally I recommend my Soul into the powers of Almighty God that gave it hoping through y[e] Merits Death and passion of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to have full Pardon and remission for all my Sinnes and offences which I have Committed in this world — And as Touching what Temporall Estate it hath pleased Almighty God to bless me with in this life I Devise and Dispose of the same in manner and form following.

Item I Give and bequeath unto my Young Son Wm Harper my Dwelling plantation called Morefields all the Appurtenances thereunto belonging to him and his heirs or assigns forever

Item I Give and Bequeath unto my Son William Harper a Tract of Land Called Willinglow Folly Containing fifty acres to him and his heirs and assigns forever

Item I Give and Bequeath unto my Loving wife Sarah Harper my Dwelling Plantation During her Natural life or widdowhood but if she should Marry then the Said Land to fall into the

Hand and possession of my Said Son — — —

Item I Give and bequeath unto my wife Sarah Harper and my Son William Harper all my personall Estate to be Equally Divided between them after my Debts be paid — — —

Item I Give and bequeath unto my four Grand Children Eliz[th] Stanford William Stanford Sam[l] Stanford and Margaretta Stanford one Shilling Ster Each of them and no more

Item I make my wife Sarah Harper and my Son William Harper Joint Ex[rs] of this my Last Will and Testament I do hereby Acknowledge this within Instrument of Writing to be my Last Will and Testament revoking all other Wills and Testam[ts] before mentioned in Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this 5th Day of December 1795 —

Signed Sealed and Delivered in the presence of us

Zebiah Keene
Jacob Gray
Lewis his mark Griffin

September the 14th 1796 Came Zebiah Keene and Lewis Griffin Sen[r] two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing Will being duly and Solemnly Sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God do Depose and Say that They Saw the within named Sam[l] Harper 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 doeing he was to the best of their Apprehension of Sound and Disposing mind and memory and that the Subscribed their respective names as Witnesses to the Said Will in the presence of the Said Testator and at his request and that there was present with them the Other Witness Viz[t] Jacob Gray and Signed with them as an Evidence to the Same

Jno Pitt Comd Dep of Dorset County

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In The Name of God Amen I John Turpin of Somerset County in Maryland Planter being sick and weak of Body but of Sound and perfect mind and memory and knowing that all men ought to Dye do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament revoking all other Wills or before by me made and as Touching what Worldly Estate it hath pleased God to bless me with I Bequeath in Manner and form following —

Imprimis I First leave and bequeath to my loving wife Hannah Turpin

Item — I the use and Benefitt of one half of my Dwelling and Plantation