In the Name of God Amen the Fifteenth day of October in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred & Thirty & seven I Joseph Hall of Somerset County in the Province of Maryland being very sick & weak in body but of perfect mind & memory thanks be given to God therefore calling unto mind the mortality of my body & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die Do make & ordain this my last Will & Testament that is to say Principally & first of all I give & Recommend my Soul into the hands of God that gave it and for my body I Recommend it to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like & decent manner at the discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God And as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give devise & dispose of the same in the following manner & form.

Imprimis I give & Bequeath to my Stepfather George Howard Senr. of the same County a certain tract of land called Halls Lott Containing four hundred & fifty Acres more or less to him & his Heirs for ever whom I likewise Constitute make & ordain my only & sole Executor of this my last Will & Testament all my moveable debts & demands whatsoever I have in Possession or by Accounts Except my Mare & one trunk which I give to my Mother & my Wearing Apparell to my Brother John Hall. I do hereby utterly disallow revoke & disannull all & every other Former Testaments Wills Legacies & Executors by me in any ways before this time named willed & bequeathed to be my last Will & Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto Sett my hand & seal the day & year abovewritten.

Joseph Hall his (Seal)

Robert Wood
Nehemiah Howard
George Howard

Signed Sealed Published Pronounced & declared by the said Joseph Hall as his last Will & Testament in the Presence of us the Subscribers Viz.t

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

November ye 12th 1737. Came Robert Wood Nehemiah Howard & George Howard Subscribing Witnesses to the within will & made oath on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God that they saw the Testator Joseph Hall sign & seal & heard him publish pronounce & declare the within Instrument of Writing to be his last Will & Testament & that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their Apprehension of sound disposing mind memory & understanding & that they the aforesaid Robert Wood Nehemiah Howard & George Howard Subscribd the within will in the Presence & at the request of the Testator Joseph Hall

Sworn before Nehemiah King Deputy Comry of Somerset County.

4½ Sides.

In the Name of God Amen the this Second day of February in the year of our Lord God One Thousand Seven Hundred & Thirty six I Gabrill Cooper of Barren creek in the County of Somerset being very sick & weak in body but of perfect mind & memory thanks be Giving unto God for it Therefore calling unto mind the mortality of my body & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die Doe make & ordain this my last Will & Testament that is to say Principally & first of all I give & Recommend my Soul into the hands of God that gave it & for my Body I Recommend it to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like manner at the discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty Power of God And as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give devise & dispose of the same in the following manner & form.

Imprimis I give & Bequeath unto my Son Gabrill Cooper one Hundred Acres of land lying on the Northside of the Mill Branch it being part of a tract of Land called Bedford to him & his Heirs.

Imprimis I give unto my Son Samuel Cooper one Hundred one Acres of Land being Being

part of the same Tract of Land called Bedford with his Improvement to him & his Heirs.

Item I give & Bequeath unto my Son Isaack Cooper one Hundred Acres of Land with his Improvement being part of the same Tract of Land called Bedford to him & his Heirs.

Item I give unto my Son Thomas Cooper two Hundred Acres of Land with the Plantation I now live on being part of the Land called Bedford to him & his Heirs after the Decease of my Wife Ann Cooper.

Item I give to my Son Thomas Cooper one Feather bed & Bolster & one Rug one pair of Blankets & one pair of Sheets & one Iron Pot which he think fit to chuse.

Item I give unto my Son Gabrill Cooper & Samuel Cooper & Isaack Cooper & Ann Ellman & Phillis Clarkson & Sarah Taylor one Shilling a peice Sterling to be raised & leered out of my Estate after my Decease.

Item I give unto my dearly beloved Wife Ann Cooper the third part of my Estate after the Legacies paid.

Item my Desire is that my Son James Cooper & Thomas Cooper & Betty Horsinton the Wife of Jonathan Horsinton to have the Personal Estate to be equally parted between these three after my Wife thirds.

Item I ordain my Son Thomas Cooper my only & sole Executor of this my last Will & Testament utterly disallow revoke & disannull all & every other former Wills Legacies & Executors by me in any wise before this time named willed & Bequeathed Ratifying & Confirming this & no other to be my last Will & Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto Sett my hand & seal the day & year abovewritten.

As witness my hand

Gabrill Cooper (Seal)

Signed Sealed Published Pronounced & declared by the said Gabrill Cooper as his last Will & Testament in the Presence of us the Subscribers Viz.t

James ✝ Tuley his mark
Thomas ✝ Gravenner his mark
William Shercoden his hand

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

July the 19th 1737. Came James Tuley & William Shercoden & made oath on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God that they saw the Testator Gabrill Cooper Sign & Seal & heard him Publish pronounce & declare the within Instrument of Writing to be his last Will & Testament & that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their understanding he was of sound & disposing mind memory & understanding & they the aforesaid James Tulley & William Shercoden Subscribed the within Will & further deposed that they saw the other Evidence Subscribe at the same time all in the Presence & at the request of the Testator Gabrill Cooper

Sworn before Nehemiah King Deputy Comry of Somerset County.

6½ Sides.

In the Name of God Amen I Richard Roycroft of Christ church parish in the Island of Barbados Esq.r being sick & weak of body but of sound & perfect memory knowing the uncertainty of life Do make & ordain this my last Will & Testament hereby revoking all former Wills be made & this only to stand and be my last Will & Testament.

I Resign my Soul to Almighty God that gave it in sure & certain hope of Resurrection to Eternal life at the last day through the merits of Jesus Christ my only Saviour & Redeemer & my Body I commit to the Earth to be decently Interred & as to such worldly Estate that God hath been pleased to bestow upon me I dispose thereof in manner & form following Viz.t

First It is my Will that my dear & loving Mother Sarah Hooper shall during her natural life have her living & full maintenance in my house in Barbados to all intents whatsoever.

2.dly I give unto my Daughter Elizabeth one Thousand Pounds Current money of Barbados to be paid to her by my Son Thomas when she arrives of full age.

3.dly I give unto my Daughter Sarah One Thousand Pounds Current money of Barbados to be paid to her by my Son Thomas when she arrives to full age.

4.thly I give unto my Son Thomas Roycroft all & singular my Lands & Tenements goods & Chattles in Barbados & to his Heirs & Assigns for ever. he Paying to each of his Sisters above.