In the Name of God Amen this Ninth day of June Anno Domini One Thousand Seven Hundred & Thirty nine I Henry Evans of Kent County in the Province of Maryland being sick & weak in Body but of sound & perfect Sense of mind & memory thanks be to Almighty for the same & not knowing how Soon it may please God to call me hence Doe make & ordain this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following Viz.t First & Principally I Recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God my Creator in sure & certain Hope of a joyfull Resurrection through the merits of my dyeing Redeemer Jesus Christ And my body to the Earth to be decently buried at the Discretion of my Executor hereafter named And as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with I dispose of as follows Viz.t

Item I give & Bequeath to my Son Henry & his Heirs for ever All that half Lott of Land Number Ninety three in Chester Town which I bought of Jno. Onnall with all the Buildings & Improvements thereon As also all the Utensils & Conveniences in the said House & on the same half belonging & used for the brewing Business

Item I give & Bequeath to my two Daughters Jemima & Keziah & their Heirs for ever All that Lott of Land lying & being in Chester Town aforesaid known by Number Ninety six And also All that half of Land in the Town aforesaid Number Ninety five which I Purchased of William Dicas & by this last Will & Confirmed to me with all the Buildings & Improvements thereon, to be equally devided between them when my Eldest Daughter shall arrive to the Age of Sixteen years or day of Marriage the Division I ordain shall be made by two of the Justices first named in the Commission of the Peace for Kent County who are desired to have regard to Improvements as well as Quality of Land & to Allot & Assign to each Their per part which shall be Conclusive & binding on them

Item I give & Bequeath unto my Son Curtis Evans & his Heirs for ever All that Lott of Land lying & being in Chester Town aforesaid known by the name of Ninety four Together with all Buildings & Improvements thereon.

My Will & desire is that all my just debts be duly & faithfully paid & Satisfied And all the Residue & Remainder of my Personal Estate be equally devided among my four Children.

Lastly I Nominate Constitute ordain & Appoint my good friend Hugh Onnall to be my whole & sole Executor of this my last Will & Testament so far as to see my Estate fully administred on, & to take care of my Children till my good & loving friends Charles Hynson & James Calder shall think proper to put & place them out And that when they shall be so Put & placed out the Rents & Profits of my Estate Houses & Lotts shall go & be applyed by them towards Supporting Maintaining & Educating my said Children And that my said Executor shall have Power with the advice & consent of my said friends Charles Hynson & James Calder to Lett Lease or Rent all or any part of my Lotts or Houses for the benefit of my said Children as they shall See Convenient Ratifying & Confirming this & none other to be my last Will & Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto Sett my hand & affixed my Seal the day & year first abovewritten

Signed Sealed Published & Declared in the Presents of us
Alex.r Williamson
John Stevenson
James Hammans

Henry Evans (Seal)

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

June 25. 1739 Came the Rev.d Alex.r Williamson & John Stevenson two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing Will being duly solemnly Sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God Do depose & Say that they Saw the Testator Henry Evans Sign the foregoing Will & heard him Publish & declare the same 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 & that they Subscribed their respective names as Witnesses to the said Will in the Presence of the Testator & at his request & at the same time they Saw James Hammond the other Witness to the same

Sworn before me Cl. Hynson Dep.y Com.r Kent County

7½ Sides.

Maryland ss. In the Name of God Amen I Martha Duvall of Prince Georges County being sick & weakly to depart this life but of sound understanding & memory Doe make & ordain this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following Viz.t Imprimis I Commit my Soul to God through Jesus Christ my Lord & Saviour & my Body to the Earth to be buried in decent manner as my Executor hereafter named shall think proper & fit.

Item I give to my Cozen Mary Whitehead my Saddle & furniture to the same, To my Cozen Ann Carrick my Brown Holland Gown & white Chince Gown, a Cotton Gown & a Callico wrapper & an old red Cloke, To my Cozen Elizabeth Deniane five Pound Sterl.g & Mrs. Martha Wells Wife of Mr. Thomas Wells one Pistole to buy her a Ring & to my Sister Ann Way in South Carolina all the remainder of my wearing Apparell & a Sail skin Trunk. Item after my debts Legacies & funeral charges paid I give & Bequeath all the remainder of my Estate whatever to my said Sister Ann Way or to her Heirs or Administrators And of this my last Will & Testament I make ordain & appoint the Rev.d Mr. Jacob Henderson of Prince Georges County Clk. my whole & sole Executor Revoking all former Wills by me made I likewise ordain That my said Executor shall have my Negro's Household Goods & Stock at the Appraisement if he thinks fit to take them otherwise that they shall be disposed of by him at publick Sale to the highest Bidder & the Ballance of my Estate be by him Remitted to my said Sister or Heirs Executors or Administrators with all convenient speed In Witness whereof I have hereunto Sett my hand & affixed my Seal this Second day of May Anno Domini 1739

Signed Sealed Published & Declared to be the last Will & Testament of Martha Duvall in Presence of
Benj.a Jacob
John his mark Thomson
Mord.a Jacob

Martha Duvall (Seal)

At the foot of the aforegoing Will was thus written Viz.t

Nov.r 5.th 1739 Mordecai Jacob one of the above Witnesses being duly Sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God deposeth & saith that he saw the Testatrix Martha Duvall Sign & Seal & heard her

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Publish & declare it to be her last Will & Testament That at the time of her so doing she was of sound & disposing mind to the best of his Judgment & Apprehension

Sworn to before me. D. Dulany Comy

4½ Sides.

In the Name of God Amen On the 25.th day of September 1739 I William Robeson of Ann Arundl County being sick & weak of body but of sound & perfect memory thanks be to Almighty God for the same but knowing the Uncertainty of this life & that all flesh must yeild to Death when it shall please God to call Do make & declare this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following First I Commend my Soul to Almighty God my Creator & Redeemer in whom & by whose merits I trust & believe assuredly to be saved & to have full Remission & forgiveness of all my Sins & to Inherit the Kingdom of Heaven & as my body I Commit to the Earth to be buried in such decent manner as my Executors hereafter named shall think fitting & for the Settling of Temporal Estate such goods & Lands as hath pleased God to bestow on me I Do give & Dispose of the same in manner and and form following

Item I give unto my Daughter Mary one Shilling & no other part of my Estate.
Item I give unto my Daughter Ann one Shilling & no other part of my Estate.
Item I give unto my Daughter Hannah one Shilling & no other part of my Estate.
Item I give unto my Daughter Comfort one Shilling & no other part of my Estate.
Item I give unto my Daughter Jemima one Shilling & no other part of my Estate.
Item I give unto my Son Peter Robeson a tract of Land called the Narrows Containing one Hundred Acres.
Item I give unto my Son Peter Robeson a tract of Land called Robesons Addition Containing Thirty eight Acres. And as to all the rest of my Estate be it of what nature or kind soever I give it unto my Son Peter Robeson after all my just Debts are all paid And I Do hereby make ordain Constitute & appoint my said Son Peter Robeson to be whole & sole Executor of this my last Will & Testament Revoking all former Wills by me made & declaring this only to be my last Will & Testament In Testimony hereof I have set my hand & Seal in Presents of

William his mark W R Robeson (Seal)

Signed Sealed Published & Declared in the Presence of
Philip Jones
Robert Carter
Joseph ‡ Crouch his mark

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

April 11.th 1730 Then came Philip Jones Robert Carter & Joseph Crouch the Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing Will & being duly & solemnly Sworn on the Holy Evangel of Almighty God depose & Say that they Saw the Testator William Robeson Sign the foregoing Will & heard him Publish & declare the same 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 & that they severally Subscribed their names as Witnesses to the said Will in Presence of the said Testator & at his request Sworn the day & year aforesaid before me

W Macnemara D. Com.y to the Coty

5½ Sides.

Robert Hood of Ann Arundell County in Saints James Parish being sick & weak but of sound & perfect memory Praise to the Almighty God for the same And calling to mind the Uncertainty of humane life & that all flesh must Submit when it shall please the Almighty to call upon them Do make Constitute & ordain this my last Will & Testament

Item I Do give & Bequeath unto my well beloved Wife Catherian Hood all & every particular part of my Estate after my just Debts are paid

Item I Do hereby Constitute & ordain my well beloved Wife Catherian Hood my whole & sole Executor & Do hereby Disannull all other Wills by me made by me Doe ordain this to be my last Will & Testament Signed & Sealed in the Presence of us.

Testes John his mark Atwell
Jacob Franklin

Robert his mark R Hood (Seal)

At the foot of the aforegoing Will was thus written Viz.t

November the 15 1737

May 1.st 1738 Then Came John Atwell & made oath on the Holy Evangells of Almighty God & Jacob Franklin the other Subscribing Witness to the foregoing Will being one of the people called Quakers & solemnly affirmed testified & declared that they Saw the Testator Robert Hood Sign Seal Publish & declare the above Instrument in Writing to be his last Will & Testament that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their Apprehension of a sound & disposing mind & memory & that they severally Subscribed their names as Witnesses to the said Will in presence of the said Testator & at his request Sworn to before me the day & year aforesaid

W Macnemara D. Com.y to the Coty

2½ Sides.

In the Name of God Amen the tenth day of February 1738 in the Fifty first year of this Reign I Thomas Kelley of Anne Arundel County Planter being sick & weak in body but of sound & perfect memory Praise be given to God for the same & Knowing the Uncertainty of this life on Earth & being desirous to Settle things in order Do make this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following that is to say First & Principally I Commend my Soul to Almighty God my Creator Assuredly believing that I shall receive full pardon & free Remission of all my Sins & be saved by the precious death & merits of my Blessed Saviour & Redeemer Christ Jesus & my Body to the Earth from whence it was taken to be buried in such decent & Christian manner as to my Executors hereafter named shall be thought meet & convenient And as touching such worldly Estate as the Lord in mercy hath lent me my Will & meaning is the same shall be Imployed & Bestowed as hereafter Viz.t this my Will as aforesaid And first I Do Revoke Renounce frustrate & make void all Wills by me formerly made Declare & Appoint this my last Will & Testament Item I give & Bequeath all my Land & the