other Side of this Sheet of Paper & made oath on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God that they saw the Testator William Polth Sign & Seal & heard him Publish Pronounce & declare the Instrument of Writing on the other side of this Sheet of Paper 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 said Abraham Haith, Matthew Heath & Charles King Subscribed their several names to the aforesaid Will in the Presents & at the request of the Testator William Polth

Sworn before Nehemiah King Deputy Com^ty of Som^set Cty

In the Name of God Amen I Samuel Melson of Somerset County in the Province of Maryland being in my proper Senses Blessed be God for it Calling to mind that it is appointed once for all men to die therefore Remembring the Frailty of my body Do here Appoint this my last Will & Testament First I Recommend my Soul into the hands of him that gave it & my Body to be buried in a decent manner according to the Discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but I shall receive the same again at the general Resurrection Viz. & as touching those worldly Goods as has been pleased God to bless me with Viz. I Give & Bequeath to Jobel my beloved Wife one Feather bed & Furniture belonging to it & the choice of my Horses or Mares with her Saddle & Bridle & her Lomb & Years thereto belonging to her & her Heirs for ever Likewise I leave my Wife Jobell Melson the thirds of my Dwelling Plantation with the third part of Housing & Orchards Enduring her natural or Transitory life. Viz I Give & Bequeath to my Eldest Son Joseph Melson all that he hath in Possession with one half of a Track of Land called Poplar Ridge which he is now Possessed with to him & his Heirs for ever. Viz. I Give & Bequeath unto my Son Benjn Melson the other half of ye aforesd track of Land called Poplar Ridge with all that he hath in Possession to him & his Heirs for ever. Viz I Give & Bequeath to my Son Samuel Melson my dwelling Plantation called Partners Choice with all the Lower part of that Track of Land y^t lieth below a Gut called ye Town Gutt to him & his Heirs for ever with a Gun called his But if the said Samuel should die without Heirs of his body lawfully begotten then the aforesd Joseph Melson my Eldest Son shall Inherit the af^d track of Land as abovementioned called Partners Choice & my Son Benjn Melson to have his Choice of the one half of that Patten of Land called Popeler Ridge. Viz: And then I Give & Bequeath to my Daughter Ann Melson the other part of that Track of Land called Poplar Ridge to her & her & Heirs for ever Also I Give & Bequeath to my Daugh^r Ann Melson one Feather bed & Furniture & one choice Cow & Calf & one box Iron & Heaters to her & her Heirs for ever. Viz. I Give & Bequeath to Isabel Melson Daugh^r of my Son Benjn Melson fifty Shillings to be Levied out of my Estate & Forty seven Shillings which I stand Indebted to her to be paid to her when she comes to the years of Discretion & the rest of my moveable Estate to be devided according to Law amongst my Wife & Childrens & I Do hereby Disallow & deny of any other Will or Wills Testaments or Deeds but doth Appoint this my last Will & Testament As Witness hereunto I have Sett my hand & fixt my Seal this 23 day of June Anno 1730.

Testes Wm Brown
Shusana (her mark) Brown
John Cirmichael

Samuel Melson (Seal)

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

February ye 26th 1739/40 Came William Brown & Susanna his Wife two of the Subscribing Evidences to the within Will & made oath on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God that they saw the Testator Samuel Melson Sign & Seal & heard him Publish Pronounce & declare the within Instrument of Writing to be his last Will & Testament & that the time of his so doing he was to the best of their Apprehension of sound & disposing mind memory & understanding & that they the aforesaid William Brown & Susanna his Wife Subscribed this Will & further Deposed that they saw the other Evidence John Cirmichael Subscribe at the same time all in the Presence & at the request of the Testator Samuell Melson

Sworn before Nehemiah King Dep^ty Com^ty of Som^set County

And also the following Widows Election Viz^t

February ye 26th 1739/40 Came Jobell Melson Relict of the Testator Samuel Melson before me the Subscriber & made her Election to the within Will & desires to be Concluded by the Provision made her therein & relinquishes any Claim by Law

Nehemiah King J.C.

In the Name of God Amen January 17 Seventeenth day in the year of our Lord God One Thousand Seven Hundred & Twenty Eight nine I Johnson Hill of Somerset County in the Province of Maryland Planter being very sick & weak of body but of perfect mind & memory thanks be to God Therefore calling unto mind the mortality of my body & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die I Do make & ordain this to be my last Will & Testament that is to say Principall & first of all I Give & Recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty 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 as it hath pleased God to Bestow upon me I give order & dispose of the same in manner & form following Revoking & making Null & void all other Wills & Testaments heretofore by me made either in Word or Writing & this to be taken for my last Will & Testament & no other.

Imprimis I Give & Bequeath unto my Eldest Son Hutton Hill all my right & title in & unto my part of the Neck of Land called Robersons Inheritance with my Plantation & Housing therewith belonging as far as is Contained or lyeth on the North & Eastside of the Road leadeth from John Stringers Senr House or Plantation to Snows Hill to him the said Hutton Hill his Heirs & Assigns for ever.

Item the Remaining part of my Land called Robersons Inheritance Lying on the South & West of aforesaid Road leading from John

Stringers as aforesaid to Snows Hill I Give & Bequeath also to my Son Hutton Hill with Housing & all Appurtenances thereunto belonging to him his Heirs & Assigns for ever.

Item I Give & Bequeath unto my Eldest Son Hutton Hill my Cupboard great table, Hand mill & great Pot & Couch.

Item I Give & Bequeath the aforesaid Fifty Acres of Land lying & being a part of an Island of Marsh & Land called Popes Island unto my two Sons Hutton & Robert Hill to them & their Heirs & Assigns in common for ever.

Item I Give & Bequeath also unto my Daughter in Law Elizabeth Hill my Sons Huttons Wife, the Bay Mare that belonged to my Son Elisha Hill, her Heirs & Assigns for ever.

Item Also Give & Bequeath all the rest of my personable Estate unto my two Sons Hutton & Robert Hill that shall be Remaining after my debts being Discharged & funeral Charges shall be defrayed. Appointing my Son Hutton Hill sole Executor of this my last Will & Testament & in Confirmation of this my my last Will & Testament I have Hereto Sett my hand & Seal the day & date abovewritten. Signed Sealed Delivered & Pronounced to be my last Will & Testament in Presence of Sealed & Delivered in the Presence of

Jonathan Neaton
Sterling Newton
Thomas Sherwill

Johnson (his mark) Hill (this mark) (Seal)

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

March the 20th 1739/40 Came Jonathan Neaton & Sterling Newton two of the Subscribing Evidences to the within Will & made Oath on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God that they saw the Testator Johnson Hill Sign & Seal & heard him publish Pronounce & declare this Instrument of Writing to be his last Will & Testament & that at the time of this so doing he was to the best of their Apprehension of sound & disposing mind memory & understanding & that they the said Jonathan Neaton & Sterling Newton Subscribed this Will & further Deposed that they saw the other Evidence which is now dead Subscribe at the same time all in the Presence & at the request of the Testor Johnson Hill Sworn to before Nehemiah King Deputy Com^ty of Som^set Cty

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In the Name of God Amen the fifth day of February in the year of our Lord Seventeen Hundred & Thirty nine I Benjamin Holland being sick & weak of body but of sound & perfect memory & calling to mind the mortality of my body Do make & appoint this my last Will & Testament Principally & first of all I Recommend my Soul to God that gave it hoping that at the general Resurrection to receive the same again by the mighty Power of God & as touching what worldly Estate it hath pleased God to bless me with I give & dispose of in the manner & form following.

Item I give & Bequeath to my two Sons Samuel Holland & William Holland all my Land & Marsh lying on Teader Creeke containing by Estimation Seven Hundred & fifty Acres to wit four hundred Acres called Teader Neck & three hundred & fifty Acres called Tenichoes choice which I bought of Edward Clark but never yett Conveyd to be equally divided between them Which said Land aforesd I give & Bequeath to my two Sons aforesd & their Heirs & Assigns for ever.

Item I give & Bequeath to my two Sons aforesd Samuel Holland & William Holland & their Heirs & Assigns for ever One Hundred & Twenty one Acres of Land I bought of Thomas Lydolitt being part of a Tract called Fair fields adjoyning on a Swamp called the Gum Swamp being partly paid for as will appear by my book.

Item I give & Bequeath to my two Sons aforesd Samuel Holland & William Holland & their Heirs & Assigns Fifty Acres of Land lying on the Beach being part of a Tract called Sandy keep which said Land I bought of Thomas Lydolott & have his bond for the Conveyance.

Item I give & Bequeath to my four Daughters namely Sophia Hall & Betty Holland Tabitha Holland & Abigall Holland & to each of them one good Featherbed & Furniture & to each of them two Cows & Calves & also to each of them one Horse to the Value of five Pounds & also to each one Iron Pott weighing Twenty five Pounds each Likewise one frying pan weighing Six Pounds to each of them also one gold Ring weighing Eleven Shill^s to each of them as also Twelve Pounds of Pewter to each of them Which said Legacies aforenamed I desire may be paid to my Children aforesd when they arrive to the Age of Eighteen or days of Marriage by my Exec^rs

Item I give & Bequeath to my loving Wife all the rest of my Estate that is undisposed of to her & her Disposal & my desire is that my loving Wife educate my Children as farr as is Convenient that is to say the Boys to Read & Write & Cypher as far as the rule of three & my Daughters to Read Item my desire is That Thomas Lydolott make over that one Hundred Acres of Land to desd Clarke according to my Bargain with the said Clarke being part of Fair fields.

I Do hereby Constitute & appoint my loving Wife my whole & sole Executrix of this my last Will & Testament Revoking & making void all other Testaments in Writing or otherways heretofore by me made acknowledging & Pronouncing this & no other to be his Will In Testimoney whereof I have hereunto affixed my hand & Seal the day & year first abovewritten.

Signed Sealed & Pronounced by the said Benjamin Holland as his last Will & Testament in Presence of us.

Parker Selby
Neh Holland
Joseph Merrill

Benj^a Holland (Seal)

I further appoint my well beloved Friend Joseph Miller as a Trustee to See that my Will is performed according to the true intent & meaning of the same & to Oversee my Children & their Interests in the Lands Secured

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

March the 20th 1739/40 Came Parker Selby Nehemiah Holland & Joseph Merrill Subscribing Evidences to this Will &