Prince G. Co. Nov.r 19th 1740

The Will and Testament of Benjm.n Thresher being in his Perfect understanding and Sound ness of mind Doth Dispose as followeth that is to say I Leave my beloved Mary Thresher whole heir and Exec.x and Administrator of all my Goods Debts and Land and Sums of Money Horses Hogs Cattle Household Goods to have in her full Possession to sell buy Bargain and make over all Land and Moveables and all whatsoever pertaining to the said Benjm.n Thresher During the Natural Life of the said Mary his Wife Witness my hand

Signed Sealed in presents of these Witnesses

John his ‡ H Harding mark — Benj.a his T Thresher

Eliz. E Harding mark — Underneath the aforegoing Will is thus Written Viz.t — March

March 3. 1740 Then was the foregoing Will proved in common form by Mary Thresher the Exx. therein Named before me Dulany Comy

June 24th 1741 Then Came John Harding & Elizabeth Harding two Subscribing Evidences to the foregoing Will & being duely Sworn Declare & Say that Saw Benjamin Thresher Sign the foregoing Will and heard him Publish and Declare the Same to be his Last Will and Testament and the time of his so doing he was of Sound & disposing memory to the best of their Apprehension & in his Presence & in his Presence and at his Request they Subscribed the Same as Evidences Sworn before

Lot. Dent Dep.y Comty of Pr. Geo. Cor.ty

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In the Name of God Amen the Eleventh Day of December in the Year of our Lord Christ one thousand Seven hundred & forty I Edward Wright of Queen Anns County being very Sick and Weak in Body but of a Perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God therefore calling to mind the Mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to Die do make and Ordain this my Last Will and Testament that is to Say Principally and first of all I give and 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 and Decent manner at the discretion of my Executrix hereafter Named 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 with in this Life, I Give Devise and dispose of in the following Manner and form

Imprimis I Give and bequeath unto my Son Nathan Wright two Tracts of Land Viz.t Tully's Reserve being the Land I now live on, and Tully's Reserve Addition to him and his Heirs for Ever

Item I Give and bequeath unto my Son Edward Wright two Tracts of Land Viz.t Part of Pardoe's Hog Lying on Roystons brook Containing two hundred & fifty Acres, and Colonels Quarter lying in the Forrest to him and his Heirs forever

Item I Give and bequeath to my son Nathaniel Wright four Tracts of Land Viz.t Part of Content Containing one hundred Acres, and Content Outlet, Content Addition and Hazard to him and his Heirs for Ever

Item I Give and bequeath to my Son Edward Wright one Tract of Land more lying in Chaptanch, forrest called Bonadit Lancard Town him and his Heirs for Ever

Item I Give and bequeath unto my said Son Edward Wright my Lot of Ground in Eagle Town W.18 to him and his Heirs for Ever

28 Item I Give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary Ann Wrench one Negroe Girl Named Judy

Item I Give and bequeath to my Daughter Rachel Wright one Negroe Boy Named Cuffee

Item I Give and bequeath to my Daughter Dorothy Fairclough Wright one Negroe Girl Named Daphne

Item I Give and bequeath to my Son Nathaniel Wright one Negroe Girl Named Jane

Item my Will is that after my just Debts are paid Widows thirds and Legacies deducted that the remainder of my Personal Estate be Equally Divided between my Eight Children Viz.t Mary Ann Wrench, Nathan Edward, Nathaniel, Sarah, Ann, Rachel and Dorothy Fairclough

Item I Give and bequeath to my Daughter Ann Wright one Negroe Boy Named Compey

Item My Will is that my Executrix make over and convey to William Baily fifty Acres of Land Called Canaan whereon the said Bailey now Lives

Item I make ordain and constitute my Loving Wife Alice Wright my only and Sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament and I do hereby utterly disallow revoke and Disannul all and every former Wills Testaments Legacies and Executors by me in any Wise before this time Willed and bequeath Ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my Last Will and Testament In Witness Whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal the Day and Year above Written

Signed Sealed Published Pronounced and Declared by the Said Edward Wright as his Last Will and Testament in the Presence of us the Subscribers — Edward Wright (Seal)

Ambrose Wright

William his ‡ Wilkinson mark

N Wright

On the Back of the aforegoing Will is thus Written Viz.t

Queen Anns County ss. Ambrose Wright William Wilkinson and Nathaniel Wright the Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing

Jany the 11th 1740 Will being duely and Solemnly Sworn on the holy Evangels of Almighty God did depose and Say that they Saw the Testator Edward Wright Sign and Seale the Same Will and heard him Publish and Declare the Same to be his Last Will and Testament that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their Apprehension of Sound and Disposing mind and Memory and that they Subscribed their Respective Names as Witnesses to the said Will in the Presence of the said Testator and at his Request

Before me Wm. Tilghman Comty of Queen Anns County

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In the of God Amen I Elizabeth Lagit of Queen Anns County in the Province of Maryland being Sick and Weak in Body but of Sound & Disposing mind and memory thanks be to God for the Same do make this my Last Will and Testament in manner & form following

Imp.ts I Give my Soul to God who gave it me hoping for a Joyfull Resurrection thro the Merits & Mediation of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and my Body to the Earth to be Decently Buried according to the Discretion of my Ex.x hereafter Named

Item I Give one Cow to Samuel Dembey

Item I Give to Thomas Mauldanahan one Cow

Item my Will is that Marg.t Phenia Immediately in my Decease be Set at Liberty & Discharged

Item All the rest of my Worldly Estate of What Sort soever after my Just Debts Legacies & Funerall Charges are Paid I Give to James Wolson, whom I hereby Appoint Executor of this my Last Will & Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand & affixed my Seal this 29th

Day