430 — Sick and Weak in Body but of Perfect mind and Memory thanks be to God therefore Calling unto Mind the Mortality of my Body & knowing that it is appointed for all once 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 unto 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 Nothing Doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall Receive the same again by the Mighty Power of God & Touching Such Worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to Bless me in this Life I give Devise and Dispose in the Manner and Form following —

Imprimis I give to my beloved Wife all my Land upon Third Haven Creek to be possessed with the Same as Long She Doth Live with the Houses & Priviledges thereunto belonging together with all my Household goods and Moveables —

Item I give unto my Son William all my Land in Dorchester County to him and the Heirs of his Body Lawfully Begotten forever and Dieing without Issue it shall fall to the Next Male Heir

Item it is my Will and Desire that my Son John & Thomas and my Daughter Elianor do Remain under the Jurisdiction of their Step Mother untill the come to Age provided that she Remains a Widow and that my Son John shall have all my Tools Riding Horse Saddle and Bridle my Chest and Wearing Apparel when he comes to Age —

Item it is also my Will and Desire that after the Decease of my Said Wife my Said Land upon Third Haven Creek shall be Equally Divided by two Discreet Indifferent Men between my Son Thomas & my Son James and the Heirs of their Body Lawfully Begotten forever and Dieing without Issue it shall fall to the Next in Kin & that the Value of all my other Goods be Equally Divided amongst my other Children unto whom I give no Land after the Decease of their Mother —

Item Likewise I Constitute make and Ordain Sarah my Dearly Beloved Wife my whole and Sole Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament and I do hereby utterly Disallow Revoke and Disanul all and every other former Testaments Wills and Legacies or Executors by my me in this time Any ways Named or Willed or bequeathed Ratifying this and no other to be my Last Will & Testament in Testimony Whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and affixed my Seal this Day and Year above Written —

John Leonard (Seal)

Sealed Signed Published Pronounced and Delivered in the Presence of us
Jonathan Hopkins —
C. Denny —
Samuel Hopkins —

Be it Remembered that the word Long in the Ninth Line was Interlined before the Sealing Signing and Delivering —

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

Talbot County Sct. Jonathan Hopkins Peter Denny and Samuel Hopkins the Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing Will being duely & Solemnly Sworn upon the Holy Evangels of Almighty God Depose and say that they saw the Testator John Leonard Sign and Seal the Said Will and heard him Publish & 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 the Subscriber this Nineteenth Day of January Anno Dom 1741 —

Tho: Bullen Dep.ty Comty of Talbot County —

Talbot County Sct. I Certify that the Widow and Relict of the within Mentioned John Leonard the Testator being Cautioned by me hath made her Election and Accepts of the bequests and Legacies Mentioned in the same with Jany 19th 1741 —

Tho: Bullen Dep.ty Comty of Talbot Cty —

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431 — Hugh Jones Clk & Bridget his Wife made Oath the Fourteenth Day of December 1739 that sometime Last Spring at the Glebe House of St Stephens Northside of Sasafras Parish in Cecil County Maryland — the Widow of James Husband of the Said County Planter Declared to them she intended to bequeath to Barr her Daughter all that should come to her Share for thirds out of her Said late Husbands Estate & that she would get the Said Hugh Jones to make a Will for her to the aforesaid Purpose —

And the Said Hugh Jones further maketh Oath that being Sent for to the Said Mrs Husband on on Tuesday the 11th Instant after Prayers she desired to Speak with him alone & Ordered her Children & Negroes then Present to go out of the Room after which she desired the Said Jones to Assist in Securing her Said thirds for her Said Daughter Barr which the Said Jones told her would be done best by a Written Will but Since there Wanted Evidences, then at her Request the Said Jones — Promised (if Possible) to come on the Morrow with Evidence & Write her Will in which She Said she would have it further Inserted, that she bequeathed to her son John the Hogs Child that was born after her Husbands Death. But the Morrow (Viz.t) Wednesday being rainy the Said Jones was Prevented going that Day & going on Part of the way on Thursday the 13th he was Informed that She Died on the Wednesday Night about 11 of the Clock —

Sworn before me the Day and Year above Written John Veazey —

March 1740 The Revd Hugh Jones Declared as above before me —

William Rumsey D. Comty —

In the Name of God Amen I James Horton of St Mary Anns Parish in Cecil County & Province of Maryland Planter being in Sound mind and Memory tho weak in Body do make this my Will and Testament in the Disposal of my Worldly Estate —

Imprimis after all my Just Debts are paid & Discharged I do then Leave and bequeath unto my Brother Daniel one Black Horse with my New Saddle and Bridle to him & his Heirs & Assigns —

2dly I leave and Bequeath unto my Brother Alexander one Sorrel Horse and one Black horse Colt to him & his Heirs —

3dly. I do Leave the Rest of my Estate of what Kind or Nature soever my Just Debts being first paid to be Equally Divided between my two Brothers Daniel & Alexander & my five Sisters Viz.t Margret Mary, Elizabeth, Ann, and Susanna to them and their Assigns —

4thly I do Constitute and appoint the Revd William Ways Mr Francis Maulding & my Sister Eliz.a Horton as Executors of this my Last Will and Testament Witness my hand and Seal this Seventh Day of October 1741 —

Signed Sealed & Delivered in the Presence of
Adam Lodge
Thomas Johns
William Cronachen

James his Mark Horton (Seal)

On the Back of the aforegoing Will is these written —

Cecil County Sct. November the 13th 1741 Adam Lodge & William Cronachen two of the Witnesses to the foregoing Will being Duly & Solemnly Sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God Depose and say that they saw the Testator James Horton Sign the foregoing Will and heard him Publish & 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 & Memory —

Sworn before me William Rumsey D. Comty —

Capt Rumsey 12 November 1741 as Mr Francis Maulding Will be Sufficient to Administer on James Hortons Will I do not Propose to Act & do Decline it Jan.y 6th W.m Ways —

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In the Name of God Amen I John Batman of Cecil County in the Province of Maryland Planter being Sick and weak in Body but of Perfect and Sound Mind & Memory and knowing that it is appointed once for all Men to Die do make and Ordain this to be my Last Will and Testament