Signed Sealed & Acknowledged this Last day of June in the Year of our Lord God One Thousand Seven hundred & Forty In the Presence of us

Sam[t] Brashears Jun[r]

Morris his M M mark Mills

Edw[d] Holmes

Ralph Kearton On the Back of the aforegoing Will is thus Written Vizt August 27th 1740 Then came Morris Mills & Edw[d] Holmes two Subscribing Evidences to the foregoing Will & being duly Sworn Declare and say they saw Mr Sam[l] Brashears late of Prince Georges County Deceased Sign the foregoing Will and heard him Publish and Declare the Same to be his Last Will and Testament & at the time of his so doing he was of Sound & Disposing memory to the Best of their Apprehension and in his Proceeds and at his Request they Subscribed the Same as Evidences & that the other Evidence Saw and heard the Same as they did

Before me Dan[l] Dent Dep[ty] Comis[y] of P[r] Georges County

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Maryland ss In the Name of God Amen I William Diggs of Prince Georges County Gent being in Perfect health and of Sound mind and Memory thanks be to almighty God do make and Ordain this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following Hereby Revoking and makeing Void all former Wills & Testaments by me made Committing my Soul into the Mercifull Arms of our Blessed Redeemer Jesus Christ by whom Merritts I hope for Eternall Life in Heaven

Imprimis I give and Devise unto my Dear and Loveing Wife Elinor Diggs my Dwelling Plantation Dwelling House Outhouses Orchards & Gardens thereunto belonging for and During her Natural Life I also give and bequeath unto my said Wife the Use of one fourth part of all my Personal Estate for and during her Natural Life upon Condition that she Claims no Title or Interest of Dower or thirds of in and to any other of my Lands or Personal Estate and after her Decease the said Fourth Part of my Personal Estate to Remain to and be Equally Divided between my Son Ignatius Nicholas and my Daughter Mary Diggs

Item I give and Devise unto my Son Edward Diggs his Heirs and Assigns for Ever all that Tract or Parcel of Land called Efford Adjoyning unto a Plantation of Francis Warbury binding Piscataway Run or Creek and also I give and bequeath unto my said Son Edward Diggs the following Negroes Viz[t] Anthony and Betty his Wife Peter and Maria his Wife and Boy the said Maria daughter and a Negro Woman named Hannah another Daughter of the said Maria's and a Young Country Born Negro Man Named Tom now at my Plantation on Collington called Pinas Grove and a Negro Boy named Dick now at my Plantation near Pipe Creek and I Likewise give and bequeath unto my said Son Edward Diggs all the Cattle Hoggs Sheep and Horses belonging to and being on the said Land called Efford at the time of my Death and if my Son Edward Diggs Claims and Demands any Sum of Money Negroes or any other thing out of my Estate besides what I have herein Given to him then my Will and intent is that the Devises and bequeaths herein made to him shall [illegible] said Tract of Land called Efford upon Such Claim

Claim and Demand being made by him I give and Devise unto my Son Ignatius Diggs his Heirs and Assigns for Ever and the Negroes & other Personal Estate that I have herein Given to him Likewise upon Such Claim & Demand as aforesaid I give and bequeath unto my Son Ignatius Diggs Nicholas Diggs and my Daughter Mary Diggs to be Equally Divided between them

Item I give and Devise unto my Son Ignatius Diggs his Heirs and Assigns for Ever after the Death of his Mother all that Tract of Land wherein I now Dwell called Wellwood Park which I Lately Bought of Mr Henry Darnall Containing five hundred Acres and Likewise give and Devise unto my said Son Ignatius Diggs his Heirs and Assigns forever a Tract of Land called Freeschool Farm Adjoyning to the said Land where I dwell Containing two hundred and Eighteen Acres which I Bought of Mr Thomas Holdsworth whose Bond I have for making it Over and I also give and Devise unto my said Son Ignatius Diggs his Heirs and Assigns forever a Tract of Land called Cobb Brigade containing two hundred & fifty Acres which I Lately Bought of Mr John Forbes which said Land it is my Will & intent that my said Son Ignatius shall have immediate Possession and use thereof and the same shall not be deemed any Part of my Estate to be kept together for the use hereafter by me Directed I give and Devise unto my said Son Ignatius Diggs his Heirs and Assigns for Ever Part of a Tract of Land called Crayerofts Purchase containing One hundred & thirty five Acres Part of a Tract of Land called Hatchett Containing one hundred & Eighty Nine Acres a Tract of Land called Little Addition Containing One hundred & Twenty two Acres and a Tract of Land called Aquasco alias Part of Brooke Court Containing two hundred and Twenty five Acres I give and bequeath unto my Son Ignatius Diggs his Executors and Administrators after my Just Debts and Legacys are Paid One third Part of all my Personal Estate including the Negroes I have Some time Lent him have the use of and which said Negroes shall deemed Part of my Estate

Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Nicholas Diggs his Heirs and Assigns forever all that Tract of Land I bought of Mr Charles Rye called Pynes Grove binding on Collington Branch containing One thousand Acres more or less Likewise give and bequeath unto my said Son Nicholas Diggs his Executors & Administrators after my Just Debts & Legacys are Paid One third Part of all my Personal Estate including the Negroes I have Sometime Lent him have the use of and which said Negroes shall be deemed Part of my Estate

Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary Diggs her Executors and Administrators after my Jus Debts and Legacys are Paid one other third Part of all my Personal Estate And Whereas I am now Concerned and Interested in Several Peices of Land some where of are in Partnership both in this Province & in Virginia where there are Prospects of Recovering of Valuable Dar my Will and Desire is therefore that after my Death as soon as Dar shall be recovered out of all or any of the said Lands belonging to me Sufficient to Clear two thousand Pounds Sterling then my Will is that the said Ignatius and Nicholas Diggs to whom I have given the said Lands shall Pay unto my Daughter Mary Two hundred Pounds Sterling thereof and in case they shall think fit after my Death to sell the said Lands or any Part thereof before the two thousand Pounds Sterling is Cleared by Dar Recovered out of the said Lands that then my said Daughter Mary shall have One third Part of the Money the said Lands or any Part thereof are Sold for