August 9. 1740 Came Thomas Gould and Mary Boyer two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing Will being duly and Solemnly Sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God do depose & Say that they Saw Richard Price the Testator Signe the foregoing Write 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 of Sound & Disposing mind and Memory to the Best of their Apprehension and that they Subscribed their Respective Names as Witnesses to the Said Will the Presence of the Testator and at his Request and that at the Same time they Saw Hester Norman the Other Witness Signe the Same —— Sworn Before me C. Bynson D. Clk. County ——

In the Name of God Amen I Alexander Beck of Kent County in the Province of Maryland Planter being of Perfect Sound & disposing mind and Memory thanks be to Almighty God but being Sick in Body & Calling to remembrance the Uncertain State of Human Life do make Publish and Declare this my Last Will and Testament in the Manner and form following, that is to Say first I do give and bequeath my Soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it hoping for Remission of my Sins through the Alone Merits of Jesus Christ my Saiour and my Body to be buried in Such Man and in Such Place as my Executors herein after Named Shall think Proper & as for my Worldly Goods & Effects which it hath Pleased God Far above my Deserts to bestow upon me I do give & dispose of them in Manner and form following ——

Imprimis I do give & Bequeath unto my Dear and Loving Wife one half Part of my Moveable Estate

Item I do give and bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth Beck one half of my Movable Estate

Item I do give and bequeath unto my Said Daughter Elizabeth Beck all that Tract or Parcell of Land lying & being in Kent County aforesaid Called or Known by the Name of Neeves Choice Containing by Estimation fifty Acres ——

Item I do hereby Nominate Constitute and Appoint William Yearly Junr. of the County afores. and Susannah Beck my Dear and Loving Wife to be Joynt Executors of this my last Will and Testament ——

Lastley Revoking Disannulling and making Void all former and other Wills I do declare this to be my Last Will & Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this fifth day of April in the Year of our Lord God 1740 —

Signed Sealed Published and Declared in the Presence of us — Alexander Beck (Seal)

John Beck
William Yearly
Jno. Durey

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

August 29. 1740 Came John Beck William Yearly Junr. and John Durey the Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing Will being duly and Solemnly Sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God do Depose and Say that they Saw the Testator Alexander Beck Signe the foregoing Will and heard him Publish and 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 and Memory and that they Subscribed their Respective Names as Witnesses to the Said Will

Will in the Presence of the Testator and at his Request —

Sworn before me C. Bynson D. Clk. County ——

In the Name of God Amen I Edward Beck of the Parish of Saint Pauls in Kent County in the Province of Maryland Planter being of Perfect Sound and Disposing mind and Memory thanks be to Almighty God but being Sick in Body and Calling to remembrance the Uncertain State of Human Life and that knowing it is appointed for all men Once to die do make Publish and Declare this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to Say) first I give and bequeath my Soul into the Hands of Almighty God who gave it hoping for remission of my Sins through the alone Merits of Jesus Christ my Saiour and my Body to be buried in Such manner and in Such Place as my Executor hereafter Named shall think Proper and as for my Worldly Goods and Effects which it hath Pleased God Far above my Deserts to bestow upon me I do give and Dispose of them in Manner and form following ——

Imprimis It is my Will and Desire that all and every of my Just Debts be fully Satisfied and Paid Out of my Estate as Soon as Possible after my Decease ——

Item I do give and bequeath unto my Son John Beck all that Tract or Parcell of Land Called or Known by the Name of Becks Addition lying and being in Kent County aforesaid ——

Item I do give and bequeath unto my Said Son John Beck fifty and four Acres of Land to be a Part of the Tract of Land Called or Known by the Name of Neeves Choice lying & being in Kent County aforesaid —

Item I do give and bequeath unto my Grand Daughter Elizabeth Beck Daughter of my Son Alexander Beck Deceased fifty Acres of Land to be the remaining Part of the aforesaid tract or Parcell of Land Called Neeves Choice ——

Item I do give unto my aforesaid Son John Beck all the rest and Residue of my Goods Chattels and Effects Except Fourty and Eight Pounds Current money of this Province of Maryland which said Forty and Eight Pounds I do give and bequeath in Manner and form following that is to Say unto the Son and Daughter of my Son Edward Beck Deceased and Martha his Wife to Each of them Twelve Pounds and unto Elizabeth the Daughter of my Son Alexander Beck and Susanah his Wife Twelve Pounds and unto the Infant which is Yet unborn of my said Son Alexander Beck and Susannah his Wife twelve Pounds to be paid unto them the said Legatees by my said Son John Beck so soon as they Shall Arrive at Lawfull Age to claim the same Provided always and it is my Will that my said Son John Beck Shall not be Obliged to pay the said Legacies in money but onely to the Value thereof in Stock or household Goods or Money as to him shall seem Most according to the Appraisement of the Same ——

Item I do hereby Nominate Constitute and Appoint my said Son John Beck to be Sole Executor of this my Last Will & Testament ——

Lastly Revoking Disannulling and making Void all former and other Wills I do declare this to be my Last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand & Seal this fifteenth day of April in the Year of our Lord God one Thousand Seven hundred & Forty

Signed Sealed Published and Declared in the Presence of us Morgan Hart — E. Beck. (Seal)

John Hart
Jno. Durey

On the Back of the foregoing Will is thus Written Viz. ——