Maryland ss. In the Name of God Amen I John Hobson of Charles County in the Province aforesaid being sick and weak in Body but of sound and perfect mind & memory do make and Ordain this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following Viz.

Imprimis In Order to Discharge all my Just Debts my Will and Desire is, and I do hereby Order my Executor hereafter Named to Dispose off and Sell as Soon as may be, after my decease (for the purpose aforesd) the severall Negroes hereafter named Viz. a Negro Woman named Lucy a Negro boy Name Tracy a Negro Girl Named Suckey and a Negro boy Named George and in Case the before Named Negroes should not Comply to the and fully Discharge my said Debts, then my Will & Desire further is that my Executor hereafter Named Shall Dispose of and Sell any of my personal Estate in Order to Comply with any Just demand any person or Persons may have against my said Estate

After all my Just Debts and Funeral Expences are discharged I give and bequeath to my Dear and Honoured Mother Sheabe Hobson the One half of all and Singular my Real & Personal Estate be it of what Nature or Kind soever for and during the Term of her Natural Life and after her decease I do hereby give and bequeath to and Order that John Hobson Son of my Brother Thomas Hobson may have all and Singular and every part and Parcel of the before bequeathed Real & Personal Estate which I do hereby Give to him & his Heirs forever

After my Just Debts and funerall Charges are paid as aforesd then I do hereby give and bequeath unto my Dearly beloved Wife Elizabeth Hobson the Other half of all and Singular my Real & Personal Estate be it of what Nature or Kind soever for and during her Natural Life and after her decease my Will and Desire is that the same shall go and belong to John Hobson Son of my Brother Thomas Hobson to him & his Heirs forever

Lastly I do hereby these Presents Nominate, Ordain Constitute and Appoint my said Loving Wife Elizabeth Hobson my Brother Thomas Hobson and William Throbalds to be Executors of this my Last Will and Testament Ratifying and Confirming this and no Other to be my Last Will & Testament and I do hereby Disannull Revoke and make Void all former Will or Wills by me heretofore made In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and affixed my Seal this Ninth day of September Anno Dominj 1741

Signed Sealed Published pronounced & declared to be his Last Will & Testament in the Presence of us — In. Hobson (Seal)

William Ansell
Sarah Hawk
Sam. Hanson Jun.

At the foot of the aforegoing Will is thus Written Viz.

Ch. Co. ss. On the 30th day of December 1741 Came William Ansell and Eliz. Hawk two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the above Will who being Solemnly Sworn on the holy Evangelists do Depose and Say that they saw John Hobson Sign 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 & Memory & that they together with Sam. Hanson Jun. Subscribed their Respective Names thereto in the Presence of the Testator & at his Request — Before Walter Hanson Dr. Comty

5½ Sides

In the Name of God Amen I John Briscoe of Charles County in the Province of Maryland Planter being very weak and Sick in Body, but of Sound & Perfect Memory do make this my Last Will & Testament in manner and form following Viz.

Imprimis It is my Will and desire that my Loving Wife Mary Briscoe, Enjoy and Enjoy the Plantation whereon I now dwell, and all my Personal Estate for her Support and Maintainance During her Widowhood but if it shall be her pleasure to Marry again then my Will is that my Estate as aforesaid both Real and Personal, be Divided amongst my Children as follows Viz. all my Land I bequeath to my Son Samuel his Heirs and Assigns forever and my Personal Estate to be Equally Divided between my three Children Namely, Samuel, Elimor, and Elizabeth and Provided my Wife Mary shall prove with child, then my Will is that that Child should have an Equall part of my Personal Estate with the Rest of my Children and Provided my Wife aforesaid should Marry

or Dower before my Children Arrive to the Age to take their Estates into their own Hands then I do hereby Nominate and Appoint my Brothers Samuel and Philip Briscoe, to be Guardians for my Children aforesaid and and to take their Estates Immediately into their Hands and Lastly I Constitute and Appoint my Wife aforesaid to be Whole and Sole Executor of this my Last Will & Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my Hand and affixed my Seal this thirteenth Day of December 1741

Signed Sealed and Acknowledged In. Briscoe (Seal)

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

Robert Gill
Mary Haw
Mary Gill

Charles County ss. On the 15th Day of February 1741 Came Robert Gill Mary Haw and Mary Gill Subscribing Witnesses within mentioned who being sworn on the Holy Evangelists do Depose and Say that they saw John Briscoe the Testator Sign the Within Instrument of Writing & heard him publish & declare the same to be his Last Will and Testament & that at the time of his so doing he was of sound and Disposing mind & Memory to the best of their Apprehension and that they severally Subscribed their Names to said Will in the Presence of the Testator & at his Request — Before Walter Hanson Dr. Comty

4½ Sides

Memd after probate to wit the Day & Year above said the Wido. & relict of the Testator aforesd made Choice of Devises rather than what the Law allows her Before Walter Hanson Dr. Comty

In the Name of God Amen the Ninth day of September in the Year of our Lord God One Thousand Seven Hundred & Sixty Richard Freeman of Calvert Cty in the Prov. of Maryld Planter being in health & Strength of Body & of perfect mind & Memory thanks be given unto Almighty God; but Calling to mind the Mortality of my Body & knowing it is appointed for all men Once to Die do make & Ordain this my Last Will & Testament revoking & Annulling by these Presents all & every Testament Will & Wills heretofore by me made & Declared either by word or Writing and this is to be taken only for my Last Will & Testament & none Other and first of all I give & Recommend my Soul into the Hand of God that gave it and for Body I recommend it to the Earth to be buried in Christian & Decent like manner at the Discretion of my Executor hereafter named Nothing Doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the Power of God, and as Touching such Worldly Goods it hath pleased God to Bless me with all in this life I give Devise & Dispose of the Same the Following Manner and Form Impri. I Will that all those Debts & Duties which I owe in Right Conscience to any manner of Person or Persons whatsoever shall be well truly Contented & paid or Ordained to be by my Executor in Some Convenient time after my decease Item I give and bequeath to three of my Sons Viz. Rich. William & John Freeman three Iron pots three Pewter Basons & three Pewter Dishes & three Pewter plates to be Equally Divided among them each and According to Birthright to have his choice

Item I give and bequeath to my Son James One Shilling Stg. Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Richard all my Wearing Apparell as at so of hand Wife as also one Gray Mare with her Increase Marked with an hook on the right Side except one bay Mare Colt about two Years Old which came of the Gray Mare I give to my Son Richard; I give and bequeath to my Son Wm.

Item I give and bequeath to my Well beloved Daughter Martha the first Mare Colt which shall come of my Son Wm Mare. Item I give and bequeath to my three Sons Richard William & John all that Tract or Parcel of Land whereon I now Live called Wolf Trap to be equally divided among them and if it please God one or more of them Die without Issue the said Land to be Equally Divided among the Survivors of them and if it please God they all die without Issue the said Land to go to the Next Heir then living & so from heir to heir Item my Will & Devise is that for & in Consideration I give to my Sons Richard William & John the said Land that each of them shall give to their Sister Martha five hundred pounds of Good Merchantable Tob. in Cask when She shall arrive to the Age of Sixteen or Day of Marriage which first happens

(Lastly)