St Marys County. In the Name God Amen I Mary Samson being sick of Body, tho of Sound & perfect mind & Memory, thanks be to Almighty God for the same & all other his Mercys & Benefits bestowed on me, do make, ordain & Appoint this my Last Will & Testament, hereby revoking & making Void all other Wills & Testaments heretofore by me made —

1 In the first place I bequeath my Soul to the hands of Almighty God & my Body to the earth to be Decently Buried by my Executors hereafter mentioned most Humbly hoping through the Merits of my dear Redeemer to pass out of this Life into Eternall Bless. And for my Temporall Estate I give & bequeath as follows —

2dly I give & bequeath a peice of Land which I bought of Mr Benjamin Sally to my Son Thomas Barber & his Heirs forever —

3dly I give to my Grandson Bennett Taylor a Negro Girl called Monica —

4thly I give & bequeath all the Rest of my Estate of any Sort or Nature whatsoever to my two Sons Thomas & John Barber to be equally Devided between them after the Payment of all my Just Debts — Legacys & funerall Expenses are fully paid & Satisfyed, excepting a Legacy to each of my other Children of Ten Shillings Value or the Money to buy them, as to my Ex.rs hereafter mentioned shall seem Most & Convenient —

Lastly I do hereby Constitute & appoint my two Sons Thomas and John Barber my Executors of this my Last Will & Testament given under my hand & Seal this Seventeenth Day of February in the Year of Our Lord 1744 —

Signed Sealed & declared in the presence of
R. Floyd Doyne
Thomas Milton
Tho: a Price

her
Mary W Samson (Seal)
Mark

On the Back of the aforegoing Will is thus Written Viz.
June y.e 2. 1742. Then Edward Floyd Doyne Thomas Milton & Thomas Price the Subscribing Witnesses to the aforegoing Will being duly and Solemnly Sworn on the Holy Gangelis of Almighty God Depose & Say that they Saw the Testatrix Mary Samson Sign the foregoing Will & heard her publish and Declare the Same to be her Last Will & Testament that at the time of her so doing she was to the Best of their Apprehension of Sound & disposing mind & memory & that they Subscribed their Respective Names as Witnesses to the said Will in the Presence of the said Testatrix & at her Request. Sworn to before me The Aforesaid Day & Comfy of St Mary County

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In the Name of God Amen the Seventeenth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord Christ One Thousand Seven hundred & thirty Seven I John Ball of Kent County in the Province of Maryland being sick & weak in Body but of Sound and Disposing mind & Memory (praise be given to God for the Same) do make this my Last Will & Testament in manner & form following (that is to say) First & Principally I commend my Soul to Almighty God my Creator believing that I shall Receive Remission of all my Sins and be Saved by the Merits of my Blessed Saviour Jesus Christ and my Body to the Earth from whence it was taken to be Buried in a Christian & Decent Manner and as touching Such Estate as the Lord in Mercy hath Lent me my Will and meaning is the Same shall be Rendered & construed as hereafter in this my Will is expressed and first I do revoke renounce frustate & make Void all Wills by me formerly made and Declare and Appoint this my Last Will & Testament —

Item. I give to my Daughter Sarah the now Wife of William Flintham the Sum of One Shilling Sterling and no more —

Item I give & Devise my new Dwelling Plantation unto my Dearly beloved Wife Jane Ball during her Natural Life and also Liberty to make use of what Rail Timber & what other Timber shall be necessary to Support & Maintain the said Plantation during the time aforesaid and after the Decease of my Wife I give & Devise & bequeath my said Plantation unto my Daughter Mary the now Wife of Abraham Walton

to her and the Heirs of her Body Lawfully Begotten forever —

Item I give and Devise & bequeath unto my s.d Daughter Mary the now Wife of Abraham Walton aforesaid of my Land to her and the Heirs of her Body being Lawfully Begotten forever but in Case William Flintham the now Husband of my Daughter Sarah shall happen to die and my Daughter Sarah survive him then my Will is that a parcell of Land given & Devised to me by a Certain Daniel Norris and taken up by a certain Thomas Norris Uncle to the said Daniel and called Norris's Forest (except a part thereof which I sold to Doctor Richard Simmonds) shall Descend to my said Daughter Sarah & the Heirs of her Body Lawfully Begotten forever but not Begotten by the said William Flintham on the Body of the said Sarah —

Item I give Devise and bequeath all my Personal Estate to my Dearly Beloved Wife Jane Ball and my Daughter Mary the now Wife of Abraham Walton and the Heirs of her Body being Lawfully Begotten to be Equally Divided between them forever except my Riding Horse Bridle which I give & Devise to my Wife over and above her Part of my Estate. And my Will is that if I should happen to Die soon upon the making my Will that my said Wife shall have the Use of all the hands During the Ensuing Crop (except my Negro Boy Will) which my Son in Law Abraham Walton shall have the Use of till my Personal Estate is Divided between my said Wife and s.d Daughter Mary. and further my Will is that my said Wife & Son in Law Abraham Walton shall pay unto my said Daughter Sarah the Value of Six Hundred Pounds of Tobacco Yearly During the Space of Twelve Years after my Decease to buy her Cloaths and other Necessarys so as the said William Flintham shall have no power to Receive with or Receive the same —

Lastly I Nominate Constitute and Appoint my beloved Wife and my Son in Law Abraham Walton Joint Executors of this my Last Will & Testament In Confirmation whereof I have hereunto Set my hand & Seal the Day & Year above Written —

Signed Sealed & declared to be the Last Will & Testament of the Said John Ball in presence of us.
N. Pearce
William Hill
Elenor ⊤ Nowell
her
Mark

John Ball (Seal)

At the foot of the aforegoing Will is thus Written Viz.
August the 4th 1712 Came Nicholas Pearce and Elenor Nowell two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing Will being duely & Solemnly Sworn on the Holy Gangelists of Almighty God Do Depose and Say that they saw John Ball the Testator sign this Will & heard him Publish & Declare the Same to be his Last Will & Testament that at the time of his so doing to was to the best of their Apprehension of sound & Disposing mind & Memory that they Subscribed their Respective Names as Witnesses to the said Will in the Presence of John Ball the Testator and at his Request and that at the same time they saw William Hill the other Witness Sign the Same. Sworn Before

R. Bennett Dorch. County

In the Name of God Amen I John Young of St Pauls Parish in Kent County in the Province of Maryland Taylor being of Sound & perfect mind and Memory (praised be Almighty God) Doe for avoiding Controversies after my Decease make Publish & declare this my Last Will and Testament in manner & form following (that is to say) first and principally my Soul I Resigne into the hands of Almighty God my Creator hoping that by the merits of Only Merits & Intercession of my Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ to Obtain free Pardon and Remission of all my Sins my Body I Committ to the Earth from whence it was formed to be Decently Buried at the Discretion of my Executrix hereinafter named and as for such Temporal Estate as the Lord shall be pleased to Bless me with at my Decease I give Will & Dispose of the Same in the Manner following (that is to say) first I Will that all Such Just Debts as I Owe at my Death & my funerall Charges shall be fully Paid and Discharged and I give & bequeath unto my Loving Wife Elizabeth Young all my Goods Chattles Money Plate, Rings, Debts, Effects and Estate whatsoever as well real as Personal (excepting one Young Mare and