Maryland Sct. In the Name of God Amen, I Richard Blake of Calvert County being in Perfect health and Sound memory do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner following. —

Item, I give unto my daughter Mary Blake Four Negroes named, Charles, Sarah Hannah and a Boy Jerry also one Bed and Furniture one Chest and Cloth now called her own and twenty Pounds sterling money and an equal Part of all the Remaining Part of my Personal Estate my Negroes not given excepted: as also a tract or Parcel of Land lying on the Eastern shore in Dorchester County called Bummell Hill or Short ditch and one Morgan a Glen Smith has all the papers relating to it. —

Item, I give unto my Son Thomas Blake all the Southermost Part of my Land which I now divide according to the bounds as is here expressed, that is, to begin at a Hickory Standing near the Bank or bliff to Northward of my Landing and from thence with a streight Line to a Branch called the Quarter Branch and with the said Branch to the head and from thence with a streight Line to the main Road as now leads to all Saints Church and with the said Road & to the head of my Land and farther my Will is that if my Son Thomas should die without Issue that then the Land may be equally divided between my Sons Richard and Joseph. —

Item, I give unto my Son Joseph one tract or Parcel of Land formerly belonging unto Richard Dallam being part of upper Bennett also Fifty acres of Land Bought of Thomas Benton called his Lordships Favour and a tract or Parcel of Land Bought of Richard Dallam called his Lordships Favour next adjoining unto Jeremiah Johnson and a Parcel of Land lying on the Eastern shore called the Tuscarora Plains as also two Negroes named Mutter and James: and farther my will is that if my Son Joseph should die without Issue that then the Land may be equally divided between my Sons Thomas & Richard & farther my Will is that part of the Land called upper Bennett be not but down nor workt until my son Joseph arrives to age hereafter mentioned.

Item, I give unto my Son Richard all the Remaining part of Land not heretofore given but in case he should die without Issue then my Will is that the Land be Equally divided between my Sons Thomas & Joseph. —

Item, I Will that my Son Joseph Blake have his Estate both Real and Personal delivered to him at Nineteen years of age, and lastly I make ordain and appoint

my Loving wife whole & sole Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament hereby revoking all other Will or Wills by me heretofore made. —

Item, Further to shew my Natural love and love unto my Sons Joseph and Richard I do Will and appoint my Son Thomas Blake and my Friends Joseph Wilson Senr. & James Heighe as Trustees to Look after and take care of my Sons Joseph and Richards Estates until they come to age and also to take it into their Possession in case of any Danger of Waste either of the Lands or Personal Estate and my desire is that my Sons Joseph and Richard be and Remain under the care & directions of my d. Trustees. Immediately after the decease of my Loving wife Susannah Blake until they come to their ages to Possess and enjoy their Estates themselves and this Desire may be deem'd as part of my Last Will and Testament bearing date this Seventeenth day of November Anno Domini one thousand seven hund.d Forty and Six. In Witness whereof I set my hand and seal the day and date above written

Richard Blake (Seal)
mark

Signed sealed and delivered in the Presence of us.

Priscilla Rhodes
Jacob Deale
Hilliary Wilson

At the foot of the Foregoing Will was this written Viz.t Calvert County Mar. 31. 1747. Came Priscilla Rhodes one of the Subscribing Witnesses to this Will and being one of the People called Quakers made her Solemn affirmation that she saw the Testator Richard Blake sign seal and deliver the within Instrument of writing as his Last Will and Testament and at the time of his ordering he was of Sound and perfect mind memory and understanding to the best of her apprehension & knowledge.

Gabriel Parker D. Commy
Calvt. County

Calvert County April 23rd 1747.

Came Jacob Deale and Hilliary Wilson two of the Subscribing Witnesses to this Will and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of almighty God that they saw Richard Blake the Testator sign seal and deliver the within Instrument of writing as his Last Will & Testament

Gabriel Parker D. Commy Calvt. County

Calvert County May 23d 1747 Came Susannah Blake Executrix of Richard Blake decd. & made oath on the holy Evangelists of almighty God that she verily Believes the Will thereunto annexed to be the Last Will and Testament of the d. Richard Blake.

Sworn before Gabriel Parker D. Commy
Calvt. County.