In the Name of God Amen, the the thirteenth day of May in the year of our Lord 1747. I John Richards of somerset County being very sick and weak in Body but of Perfect mind and memory thanks be given to God therefore calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and Testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and Recommend my Soul into the hands of God that gave it and and for my Body I Recommend it to the Earth to be buried in a christian like and decent manner at the Discretion of my Executor not doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same by the mighty Power of God and as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath Pleased God to Bless me in this life I give demise and Dispose of the same in the following manner and form. Imprimis, I give and Bequeath unto Ann my dearly Beloved wife annelako Girl called Bealy hill and a peace of silk that is in the house whom I likewise constitute make and ordain my only and sole Executor of this my last will and Testament. Item, I give to my well Beloved son John Richards a part of a tract Land that I now Live on called Richards delig being in somerset County upon the south west side of a Branch called Susekey Branch ashing out of Broad Brich the lower part upon the watery Sunanah to hold all to twenty perches of Barren Brich Rode Right Square to the Branch called Susekey branch Item I give and Bequeath to my well Beloved son Isaias Richards my dwelling Plantation and all the Remaining Part of the tract upon the south side of the Branch called Richards delight likewise leave to my Child as yet unborn and my daughter Elizabeth Richards all the remaining part of the said tract of land called Richards delight lying on the North side of Susseco Branch. Item I give to my daughter Mary Richards a tract of land lying in Worcester County upon the branches of Broad Brich called Surhill Ridge Item I give to my daughter Sarah Richards ten acres of land in worchester County out of a tract of land called shippards crook and a negro girl called Grace. Item I give to my daughter Susan Richards a tract of land in worcester County upon a branch of Broad Brich beginning at a marked white oak standing on the north side of an old mill dam called Lawfully containing seventy five acres Item I give to my Brother Thomas Richards ten acres of land out of a tract of land called Goodluck being

upon Reconakin to be laid of at the Beginning and Item I give to Thomas Ballaway a tract of land being in Dorchester County near the head of nanticoke River seventy five acres of land called Johnventer that is if the said Ballaway discharges the rents and payes for the land other wises fall to my heirs and successors and the money Brought into the Estate to be divided amongst them all Item I do likewise leave in the care of my Beloved wife two peaces of land joining together the one will to me Big Phillip barter one hundred acres out of tract of land called wheatstones the other to thirty acres of a tract called Goodluck I do impower her the said Ann Richards to sell to pay to raise money to pay such charges and the remainder to be brought into the Estate likeways I impower her to make it over to any Body that buys it and I hereby utterly disanul revoke all and every other former Testaments wills legacies and executors by me in any ways before this named willed and Bequeathed Ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written may the thirteen day of may one thousand seven hundred and forty seven sign sealed and Published and declared by the said as his last will and Testament in the Presents of us the subscribers.

Joseph Ballaway
Thomas Ralph
Solomon Right

John Richards (seal)

} Leaving my son John Richards free at Eighteen years old and my wife her thirds of my moveable estate.

At the foot of the aforegoing will was thus written Sept August the 18th 1747 came Joseph Ballaway Thomas Ralph and Solomon Right subscribing witnesses to the within will and made oath on the holy Evangelist of almighty God that they saw the Testator John Richards sign and seal and heard him Publish Pronounce and declare this Instrument of writing as his last will and Testament as also the two lines apart of his will and that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehension of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding and that they the said Joseph Ballaway Thomas Ralph and Solomon Right subscribed as witnesses to the said will in the Presence and at the Request of the Testator John Richards. sworn to before Nehemiah King Deputy

Comty of somerset County