my Will is that he should have the remainder and in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affix my seal this 18th day of december 1747.

James his X mark Gray — Stephen Manlin (Seal)

Andrew his X mark McKenny — on the back of the foregoing Will was this written Viz:

Charles County fs. James Gray and Andrew McKenny subscribing Witnesses to the within Will being Sworn on the holy Evangelists do depose and say that saw the Testator Stephen Manlin sign the within Will 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 to the best of their apprehensions of Sound and disposing mind and memory. Sworn Jany 16th 1747.

Before — Walter Hanson Junr C

In the Name of God Amen — I John Courts of Charles County being at Present Surprized with sickness and not knowing how it will please God to dispose of me for Life or death, but wholly Submitting my self to his blessed Will and humbly with hearty Sorrow for my sins, recommending my soul to the hands of my gracious God, trusting for salvation by and through the merits of the death and Passion of my Dear and only saviour Jesus Christ as touching my worldly Estate do make this my last Will and Testament as followeth. First I give and Bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth Court, one Negro Girl called Amelia my large Bay chair horse one Bread faced bull and a horse called Cody, also one half of my house Hold Stuff and Kitchen Furniture of all kinds whatsoever which shall be in my Possession at the time of my death to her and her heirs forever and farther my Will is and I do give unto my said wife my Servant men named Thomas Dyer and a Servant woman named Sarah Baell to serve her from their arrival into this country five years and then to be set at their Liberty, my Will also is that my wife shall have and enjoy occupy and possess as much of my Land contiguous to where she now lives as she may occasion for or want during her widowhood without Let or hinderance of my daughters hereafter named and my Will farther is that my Carpenters named James and Jack shall do and perform all the Carpenters Work that my wife may have use for on the said Plantation and contiguous Land aforesaid during her widowhood

only and my Son William Courts and John Mantone and hereby desire and required to order and allow the said Carpenters to do and Perform the work as aforesaid and my Will also is that a Negro man called young Jemmy and a Negro Girl called Penn shall live and Serve my wife aforesaid during her Widowhood and after her Death or marriage to my Son John the said Negro Jemmy and Negro Penn with her Increase forever. I will and Bequeath.

Item, I give and Bequeath to my Son William Courts my Negro Carpenter called Jack and my Negro James Father to Carpenter Jemmy also my Negro Woman called Hannah the wife of the said Negro James last mentioned, as also Mulatto Nan, as also old Negro Sarah, also Chapley Negro Harry, and Negro Peggy at Nanjemy Quarter with her and the Negro Wenches aforesaid and their Increase and the Negro men afore said to him and his heirs forever

Item, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth Courts one third Part of all the hogs Cattle and sheep which I shall die possessed with or that shall be brought to appraisement to her and her heirs forever. —

Item, I give and Bequeath unto my son John Courts my Negro woman called young Hannah Daughter to old Negro James and Hannah and all her increase also negro Jemmy Mullatto Nans daughter and all her Increase and also one Negro Carpenter called Sam to him and his heirs forever

Item, I give and Bequeath to my Son Robert Hanly Courts my Negro Black Smith called Luke, Negro Bob, Negro Bess and all her Increase and likewise a Negro Boy called Nero and a Negro man called Lillipute to him and his heirs forever.

Item, I give and Bequeath to my daughter Ann Courts my Negro Sarah who work in the house and all her Increase as also great Negro Ned and Negro Hannah the said Ned wife and their Increase to her the said Ann Courts and her heirs forever. —

Item, I give and Bequeath unto my daughter Charity Adams ten thousand Pounds of Tobacco and no more of my Estate. —

Item, I give and Bequeath unto my daughter Mary Ann Martine a Negro Carpenter called Jemmy as also a Negro Boy at Matawoman Quarter called Ben.