Charles County ss: On the 20th of June 1748. came Doctor James Ferguson and made oath on the holy Evangelists that he was with Edward Pellet when he lay sick of the sickness whereof he died that the said Edward Pellet desired him this Deponant to make his Will in writing and told him that if he died after his just debts were satisfied the remainder of his Estate should go to and be possessed by a child called Sarah Beckness daughter of Mary Beckness that some business called this Deponent away & before his return the said Pellet died at the same time came David Banter who being also sworn declares that he was with him also when he lay sick of the sickness whereof he died & asked the said Pellet what should go with his Estate in case he should die who answered that many People knew he intended it for the aforesaid Sarah Beckness for that he had declared himself to that Purpose to several and this deponant further declares that at the same time the said Pellet told him that the said Sheed was to have all his Estate after his debts were Paid. Given before the day and year above written. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto put my hand and seal of office.

Walter Hanson Deputy

Dexices

In the Name of God Amen, I John Maddox of Charles County being sick and weak in Body but of sound & perfect mind and memory thanks be to God for the same do make and Publish this my last Will & Testament in writing in manner and form following.

First I bequeath my soul to almighty God who gave it and my Body to be Buried decently at the discretion of my beloved Wife. Item. I give to my beloved Wife Sarah Maddox all my Lands and Tenements to her and her heirs forever.

Item, I give and bequeath to my beloved Wife the use of all my Negroes during her natural Life. Item, my Will is that in case the following Negroes Viz: Rose and Nicolla Pulley and Ann should not come to the age of thirty one years before the decease of my said Wife they shall be at her disposal by Will till they arrive to that age.

Item. I give and bequeath to my said Wife all my horses battle heggs & stock of all sorts with all my moveables & household Furniture with all my tobacco.

Item, my desire is that in case my beloved Wife should depart this Life before the following Negroes arrive to the age of thirty one years that the said Negroes be disposed of till they arrive to the said age of thirty one years in manner following that is to say the use of Negro Jem born in December 1736 and the

use of Negroe Peter born in Jany 1747 to John Maddox son of Nolly Maddox till the aforesaid Negroes arrive to the age of Thirty one years. Item to Nolly Maddox son of said Nolly Maddox the use of Negro Judith born in the year 1734 till the said Negroe arrives to Thirty one years of age. Item to William Maddox son of Nolly Maddox the use of Negroe Jane born in April 1737 till she arrives to the age of thirty one years.

Item, To Charles Maddox son of the said Nolly Maddox the use of Negroe Robert born in May 1739 till he arrives to the age of Thirty one years.

Item, To Cromley Maddox son of the said Nolly the use of Negroe Elizabeth born in January 1745 till she arrives to the age of Thirty one years.

Item, To Samuel Maddox son of John Maddox the use of Negroe Susanna born in April 1734 till she arrives to the age of thirty one years.

Item, To John Maddox son of John Maddox the use of Negroe Galla born in June 1739 till she arrives to the age of thirty one years.

Item, To Nolly Maddox son of John Maddox the use of Lydia born in October 1741 till she arrives to the age of thirty one years.

Item, To Thomas Maddox son of John Maddox Negroe Mary born in 1743 till she arrives to the age of thirty one years. Item to John Maddox son of Nolly Maddox the use of Negroe Ned born in February 1733 till he arrives to the age of thirty one years of age. Item to Nolly Maddox son of Nolly the use of Negroe James born in 1735 till he arrives to the age of thirty one years.

Item. I give and bequeath to William Maddox son of Samuel Maddox deceased all my wearing apparell. Item I give and bequeath to my said beloved wife Negroe Tom to her and her assigns for ever. Item it is my Will that the use of all the Negroes above mentioned shall belong to my beloved wife during her Natural Life. Lastly I make and ordain my said beloved Wife Sarah Maddox sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all other Wills by me at any time heretofore made. In Witness my hand and seal this 8th month of May in the year of our Lord 1748.

Signed sealed & Published & made before the Testator in presence of -

John his mark Maddox (Seal)

Theop Swift, John Harris, James Lord, Benjamin his mark Walton

On the back of the foregoing Will was thus written Viz:

Charles County ss: on the 28th day of June 1748 came Theophilus Swift