affixed at New castle aforesaid this twenty fourth day of November in the twenty second year of his Majesty's Reign annoque Domini one thousand Seven hundred & forty Eight.

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John Curtis Register

Know all men by these Presents that I Abraham Hyatt of St Georges hundred in the County of New castle on Delaware Esq. to the last Will & Testament of my Brother Alexr Hyatt late deceased of the same place have made ordained & constituted and by these Presents do make ordain constitute and appoint & in my place and stead put and depute my Truly & loving Friends Samuel Allyne of Maryland in Cecil County & Matthews Bordley of annapolis in Maryland as aforesaid for me & in my name & for my use to ask demand Administer sue for Levy Recover & Receive all such Sum & Sums of money debts goods wares dues accounts & other demands whatsoever which are or shall be due owing Payable belonging or detained now in the hands of Mr John Tuttle of Annapolis aforesaid from the Estate & Executor of the aforesaid deceased by any manner of ways or means which is or shall appear giving & granting unto my said attorneys my full Power whole Strength & authority by virtue of my Executorship & Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of the said deceased jointly & severally by these Presents in & about the Premises to have use and take all lawful means in my name for the Recovery thereof and upon the receipt of any such debts dues accounts or Sums of Money as aforesaid acquittances or other sufficient discharges for me & in my name to make seal & deliver & generally all & every other act & deed thing & things device & devices in the Law whatsoever needfull & necessary to be done in & about the Premises for the Recovery of all and any such debts accounts or Sums of money aforesaid detained in the hands of the said Tuttle for me & in my name to do execute & perform as fully largely and amply to all Intents & Purposes as if I my self were Personally present or as if the matter required more special authority than is herein given & attorneys one or more under them for the Purposes aforesaid to make constitute & appoint & again at pleasure to Revoke Ratifying & allowing & holding for firm & effectual all whatsoever my said attorneys shall lawfully do in & about the Premises by Virtue thereof In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the 11th day of February anno Domini 1748/9 Abrm Hyatt (Seal)

Sealed & delivered in the Presence of Jno Witherspoon Richd Pennington

New Castle County ss. Abraham Hyatt Executor to the last Will & Testament of his Brother Alexr Hyatt came before me one of his Majesties Justices of peace for this County & did acknowledge the within Power of attorney to be his act

and deed for the uses within mentioned, Acknowledged before me February the 21st 1748/9. Jno Witherspoon

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In the Name of God Amen I Joseph Thomas of Baltimore County in the Province of Maryland Planter being weak in Body but of sound Disposing mind and memory do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner following that is to say first I Recommend my Soul into the hands of almighty God who gave it and my body I commit to the Earth to be Decently Buried at the Discretion of my Executrix hereafter mentioned and as to what Estate it hath pleased God to bless me in this World withal in manner following to wit I order all my lawful debts to be paid and my Funeral charges.

Item I give and Devise all that freehold Estate situate lying and being in Baltimore County and on a Creek called Saltpeter Creek called and known by the name of Thomas is Resurvey'd Purchase to my Daughter Ruth King to her and her heirs Lawfully begotten forever and likewise one other Tract of Land called Joseph's Bridge whereon there is a Resurvey Warrant my desire is that all the vacant Land adjacent should be included and the Property to be the above said Ruth Kings & her heirs Lawfully begotten forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Ruth King one negro boy called Jerry to her and her heirs forever.

and Lastly I give and bequeath unto my above said Daughter Ruth King all the Remainder of my Estate of what nature or kind soever to her and her heirs forever and I do hereby constitute and appoint my living Wife Darkis Thomas and my daughter Ruth King joint Executrixes of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former and other Wills by me made in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fourth Day of July 1748. Joseph Thomas (Seal)

Signed sealed and delivered in the Presence of us

Richard his mark Jones
William his mark Jones
W Bond

On the back of the within will was then written viz. Baltimore County Sept. 7th 1748 Came William Bond Richard Jones and William Jones three of the subscribing Witnesses to the within being duly and solemnly sworn on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God Declare that they saw the Testator Joseph Thomas sign the within Will and heard him Publish and Declare the same to be his last Will and Testament and at the time of his signing he was to the best of their apprehensions of sound and Disposing mind and memory and that they subscribed their Respective Names