and their by my Executor Benja Sykes or whome he shall appoint be their Brother apprentices to some handy Craft Business (such as they shall Best Like) till they arrive to the full age of Twenty one years, and be their maintained and kept at the Expence of my Estate if they Can't be put out on other Terms.

5thly The Residue or Remaining Part of my Estate I give & Bequeath To my Nine children viz Abraham, Thomas, Joseph, Aquilla, Jessey Eliz. Margarett, Jane and Prisscilla to be equally Divided amongst them share & share alike to them & their heirs or assigns for ever.

Lastly I Nominate Constitute & appoint my Loving Wife Margt. Sykes sole Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament. In Testimony thereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 24th Day of November Anno Dom 1748

Signed Sealed & Published — Rich.d Sykes (Seal)

to be his Last Will & Testament in the Presents of

Ri Sykes
of Angelica
Nath.l Dare
Betty Speight

At the foot of the foregoing Will was thus written Viz. Balt. County Decr 24th 1748 Came Rich.d Sykes of Angelica one of the subscribing Witnesses to the within Will and made this solemn affirmation that Same Time came Nathaniel Dare and Betty Speight the other two subscribing Witnesses and made oath on the holy Evangelists of almighty God that they all saw the Testator Richard Sykes sign seal and Publish the within Instrument of writing as his Last Will and Testament and that at the time of his so doing he was to the Best of their Knowledge and apprehension of Sound and Perfect mind memory and understanding and that they the aforesd Rich.d Sykes Nathaniel Dare and Betty Speight as Witnesses subscribed the said Wills in the Presence and at the Request of the said Testator.

Sworn & affirmed To Before

Gabriel Parker Depty Comm.r Balt. County

Witnesses

In the Name of God Amen I William Blackburn Senior of the County of Baltimore in the Province of Maryland Planter Being of a very weak and Infirm Body but Thanks be to God of Sound mind and memory do make and ordain this my Last Will & Testament as follows.

First of all I do commit and Resign my Self both Soul and Body to the Disposed care of God who gave them and after my Decease my Body to be decently Buried

as my Executors shall think fitt and Research the Cost to have money upon my Grave also I do give and Bequeath to my Dear Son William Blackburn Two thirds that is to say Two Parts in three of all my real and Personal Estate and Effects what soever belonging and howsoever appertaining to me the said William Blackburn as also all Debts dues and Demands meaning Two thirds or two Parts in three thereof which immediately at the time of my Decease shall be found Belonging to me the said William Blackburn Senr. with all Profits Incomes and advantages thereof arising & Proceeding to him the said William Blackburn Senr. and for his own entire use and Behoof from the hour of my Death until the time that my Son Read arrives at the age of twenty one years which son is born to me of my wife Mary alias and then I do Grant and ordain that the said Two thirds of my Real Estate shall be divided among my Two Sons Namely William James Jeremiah Benjamin and Read to each of them an Equal Partnership thereof for ever.

I also give Bequeath and ordain that at the time of the arrival of my aforesaid Son Read at the aforesaid age of Twenty one years my Personal Estate and Effects that is to say Two thirds Parts thereof shall be Divided between my six children following Viz. William James Jane Jeremiah Benjamin & Read to each of them an Equal Portion and part thereof to Possess and Enjoy the same for ever and in case any of the said children shall die then the Part of the Deceased or Parts shall Belong and be Possess'd Equally of the Survivor or survivors of the Deceased and Likewise I do bind and oblige my said children by this my will that they nor either of them shall not sell or any way dispose of their Respective Part or Parts to any Person or Persons except it be to one or more of the Partners aforementioned.

Finally I do ordain and appoint my Sons Edward Blackburn and William Blackburn Executors and Joint administrators of this my Last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the Twenty third day of August 1740

The JB mark (Seal)
of William Blackburn

Signed Sealed in Presence of

Wm Holloway
John Mooney
Gideon Turner

At the foot of the foregoing Will was thus written Viz. Balt. County Jan. 26th 1744 Came Gideon Turner one of the subscribing Witnesses to this Will and made oath on the holy Evangelists of almighty God that he saw the Testator Wm Blackburn sign