her Presence and at her Request they Subscribed the Same as Evidences and that the other Subscribing Evidence Thomas Philips Was present and Subscribed as an Evidence to the Said Will At the Request of the Testator in their Presence Sworn before

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In The Name of God Amen I John Merrikin of Annaundale County in the Prov.ce of Maryland Planter knowing the Certainty of Death and the Uncertainty of the Hour thereof do make and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and Form following Viz: first I Commend my Soule to God Who gave it and my Body to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like manner by my Executors hereafter named shall think proper And as for my Worldly Goods As God of his great Mercy has been pleased to bestow Upon me I give and bequeath as followeth. Item I give and bequeath unto my Son John Merrikin and Joshua Merrikin my Plantation Whereon I now live being part of a Tract of Land Called Scotland Originally Surveyed for Six Hundred Acres of Land I Say I give unto my Sons John Merrikin and Joshua Merrikin four Hundred Acres of Land Called Scotland including That land Called Cole's Quarter may be taken into the Survey of Scotland to them my Sons John Merrikin and Joshua Merrikin and to there Heirs as following I do devest to be the ~~the~~ Division Viz: Beginning at Shoal Creek on the North Side of a Point Called Talbotts Point then Twill a Strate Line to a faire Tree Standing on the North Side of a Mouth of a Swamp that Vents into Scotchers Creek Called the Hazelwood Swamp my Will is that my Son John Merrikin shall have all the Land to the Northward of the dividing Line and all the apurtenances thereunto belonging And my Son Joshua Merrikin shall have all the Land to the Southward of the dividing Line ~~aforesaid~~ and all the apurtenances thereunto belonging Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Merrikin part of my Plantation Laying on the South Side of Magoty River Viz Ninety Acres Called Bettis's Point and Twenty Acres Part of Leonards Neck I Say I give the last mentioned Two Tracts or parcels of Land to my Son John Merrikin And his heirs for ever

Item I give unto my Son Joshua Merrikin a Parcel of Land Called Fox Point and to his Heirs Item I give and bequeath unto my Grandson Samuel Hammond a Parcell of Land Called Persimon Point Containing Fifteen Acres laying on the South Side of Magoty River and to his Heirs Item I give unto my Grandson Samuel Hammond my Negro Girle Ruth I also give unto my Grandson above named One good Feather Bed One paire of good Blankets One good Rug One ~~bed~~ Bolster full Worth Six Pounds also my Will is my Grandson Samuell Shall have One Cow and Calf the Cow not to be above five Year nor under Three Year old Also One Heifer of Two Years Old One Horse or Mare not under Three Years Old nor above Five Year old And further my Will is that my Grandson Samuel Shall have a Suit of Cloaths of New Duroyes Viz Coat Best and Breeches and One Castor Hat a paire of Stockings and Shoes and a Holler Shirt Also I give unto my Grandson Samuel Hammond my newest Gun Item my Will is that my Grandson Samuel Hammond Shall be paid That Sum above given unto him When he arrives to the Age of Twenty Years And in Case it Should so happen that Samuel Hammond dyes before he Comes to the Age of Twenty Years my Will is That I have bequeathed unto him shall be paid and delivered unto my Grandson Joseph Merrikin Except the Suit of Cloathes above mentioned When he arrives to the Age of Twenty Years. Item I give unto my Grandaughter Francis Hammond One Two Year Heifer and One Ewe and Lamb. Item I give unto my Grandson Joseph Merrikin my Silver Cup and one best Silver Spoone Item I give unto my Son Joshua Merrikin my Negro Man Flanders besides his Equall Part of my Estate Item I give unto my Son John Merrikin my Seale Gold Ring and one Silver Spoon besides his Equall Part of my Estate Lastly my Will that after all my Just and Lawfull Debts and Legacies are paid that my Estate Shall be devided Equally between my Sons John Merrikin and Joshua Merrikin I do Ordaine my Sons John Merrikin and Joshua Merrikin Executors of this my last Will and Testament As Witness my Hand and Seal this 16th day of March 1752

John Merrikin {Seal}

Signed Sealed published and declared to be the last Will and Testament by the above Named John Merrikin in the presence of us . . . . . .

Phil Pettibone
Ann Pettibone
Samuel Shinecombe

On the Back of the foregoing Will Was this Written