Maryland ss. Philip Pettibone Ann Pettibone and Hamiel Stincheombe the Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing Will being Sworn on the holy Evangel of Almighty God depose and Say that they Saw the Testator John Merrekin Sign the foregoing Will and heard him publish and declare the Same to be his last Will and Testament that at the Time of so doing he was to the best of their Apprehension of Sound and disposing Mind and Memory and that they Subscribed their respective Names as Witnesses to the Said Will in the presence of the Said Testator and at his Request Sworn this 2d Day of April 1754

Before me

Benjn Tasker Comy Gnl

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In the Name of God Amen I Courts Reech of Char: County in the Province of Maryland planter being Weak of Body but of perfect Mind and Memory thanks be given to Almighty God for the Same do make and Ordain this to be my last Will and Testament in manner and form following Viz: Revoking and disannulling all other Wills or Writings to this Effect made by me. First of all I give to my Son James Reech a Tract of Land which is Called Courts Choice which was taken up for one Hundred Acres * * * * also I give and bequeath to Said James one Silver Salt Seller and Two Cows and Calves Also I give to my Son John Reech Three Silver Spoons a Feather Bed and Furniture and Three Cows and Calves Also all the Land that appear to be mine that I have not mentioned in my Will I give and bequeath to my Said Son John Reech. Also I give to my Daughter Elizabeth Marshall one Cow Also I give to my Son John Reech One White Boy named Samuel also it is my Will that in Case my Son James should die Without Heir that the Land mentioned in this Will Called Court's Choice shall fall to my Son John & in Case both James and John should die Without Heirs I Will that my Son George shall have What Land I have given them by this Will Also all the Effects which belongs to me after the above Legacys are paid I give and bequeath to my Son George Reech and Ann Reech to be Equally divided between them Also it is my Will that my Son George Reech and my Daughter Ann be Executors to this my last Will and Testament. Also it is my Will that in Case my Son George should die all the Land Given to him by this Will shall become the Property of

My Daughter Ann Reech IN Witness Whereof I have Set my Hand and affixed my Seal this 16th day of March 1749/50 Courts Reech (Seal)

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of us Peter Harout
Jno Prescott
Samuel Hodgin

On the Back of the foregoing Will Was thus Written

Charles County ss. 2d January 1754

Peter Harout John Prescott and Samuel Hodgin the Three Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing Will being duly and Solemnly Sworn on the holy Evangels do depose and Say that they Saw the Testator Courts Reech Sign and Seal the within Will and heard him publish and declare the Same to be his last Will and Testament and that at the Time of his so doing was to the best of their apprehensions of Sound and disposing Mind and Memory and that they Severally Subscribed their respective Names as Witnesses to the Said Will in the Presence of the Testator and at his request Which Probat was Taken after James Reech the Heir at Law to the deceased had Signifyed that he had no Objections to the Same

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Sworn before Danl Jenifer Lt Comy of Charles County

Maryland Charles County ss

IN the Name of God Amen I Francis Ware of Charles County and Province of Maryland being Weake and Sick of Body but of perfect Mind and Memory thanks be to God do make Constitute appoint and ordain This my last Will and Testament in manner and form following Making void all other Will or Wills Testament or Testaments by me heretofore made Item I give and bequeath to my beloved Son Jacob Ware One Negro Man Called Peter also One Melator Girl Called Charity also One Negro Girl Called Charity Also One Negro Girl Called Sarah to him and his Heirs for ever I also give my Son Jacob Ware Fifty Pound Paper Currency after the Warehouse account is Settled to be paid to him I also give my Son Jacob Ware half the Live Stock on the Land Where he lives. Item I give and Devise to my Beloved Son Francis Ware all that Tract of Land Called Sycomy containing Four Hundred and Fifty Acres Also all that Tract of Land