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In the Name of God Amen I Eliner Briscoe of Charles County in the Province of Maryland Widow being Sensible of the Frailty of Human Nature and desirous to Settle my Temporal Affairs aright in Order thereunto being now of Sound and Perfect Memory do make this my last Will & Testament in manner and form following Viz. Imprimis I give to my Grandaughter Eliner Briscoe Daughter of Leonard and and Elizabeth Briscoe one Negro Woman Called and known by the Name of Philis and all her Increase Except the First Child the s.d Philis shall bear which s.d first Child my Will is shall be given to my Grand Daughter Mary Briscoe Daughter of the s.d Leonard and Elizabeth Briscoe. Item I give to my Grandson Hanson Briscoe Son of Philip and Chloe Briscoe one Negro Boy named Roswell, but if the Said Hanson shall die Without Issue, then I give the s.d Negro to his Brother John Hanson Briscoe. Item I give unto my Grandaughter Eliner Lowellin Briscoe Daughter of Samuel and Margaret Briscoe Six Silver Spoons. Item I give to my Grandaughter Eliner Wilson Briscoe Daughter of Hezekiah and Susannah Briscoe one Negro Girl named Nan and her Increase. I give unto my Grandaughter Margarett Briscoe Daughter of Hezekiah and Susannah Briscoe one Negro Girl named Henny and her Increase. Item I give unto my Grandson John Wilson one Negro Woman named Moll and her Increase. Item I give all my Wearing Apparel to be all Equally divided between my Two Daughters Martha Wilson and Elizabeth Briscoe. Item I give to my Son Hezekiah Briscoe all that Tract or Parcell of Land Called the Retirement lying part in S.t Mary's and part in Charles County to him and his Heirs for ever — And Lastly I give all the Rest of my Estate Tokether Personal or Real — after my Just Debts are all paid and my Body buried after a decent and Christian manner to my Son Hezekiah Briscoe, whom I constitute and Appoint to be Whole and Sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament and I hereby Reject and make void all other Wills heretofore by me made And Confirm this as my Will only. In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my Hand & affix.d my Seal this 2.d Day of Febr.y Anno Domini 1753

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Signed Sealed and delivered in the presence of us
Andr. Chunn
John Compton
James Compton

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In the Name of God Amen I John Thornton Rector of Christ Church Parish on Kent Island in Queen Anns County being very Sick and Weak but of Sound Mind and Memory Thanks be to Almighty God for the Same but Calling to Mind that all Men are born to die I do make this my Last Will and Testament in Manner and form followe.th First I do Recommend my Sole into the Hands of my blessed Savour Jesus Christ and my Body to be buried in a decent Manner as my Executrix hereafter named shall think fit and for all my Worldly Goods as it hath been pleased God to bestow on me I dispose of them in Manner and form as followeth. Item I give and bequeath to my dear beloved Wife Jane Thornton all my Whole Estate personal and Real after my Just Debts are paid to her and her Heirs and I do appoint her the Said Jane Thornton to be my Whole and Sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament Revoaking all others heretofore made by me as witness my Hand and Seale this 28.th Day of November Anno Dom.i 1753

Signed Sealed & Delivered pronounced & declared before
Joseph Sadler
Richard Carter
John Elliot

John Thornton (Seal)

At the foot of the foregoing Will was thus Written. Viz.

Queen Ann's County ss. The 30.th March 1754 } Richard Carter and John Elliot Two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing Will being duly and Solemnly Sworn on the Holy Evangels of almighty God do depose and Say That they Saw the Testator John Thornton Sign the Same Will & heard him publish and declare it to be his last Will and Testament and that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their Apprehension of Sound and disposing Mind and Memory . . . . . .

Sworn before me Wm Silghman Dep.y Com.ry of Queen Ann's County

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