Decease to my Son John Thorpe and his Heirs for ever Except one Acre which which I bequeath for a Burying Place not to be Sold or Embossled — Moreover my Will is that my Wife shall have the free use and Liberty of That Parcell of Land which I purchased of John Jordan During her Widowhood and afterwards to return to my Son Thomas Thorpe and his Heirs for ever — And my Will is that my Wife shall have all the Woolen and Linnen that I have now in my House that was bought for her Use Item I leave and Bequeath unto my Son John Thorpe a ffeather Bed — Item I leave and bequeath to my Son Isaac Thorpe a Mare and Colt which he has now in Possession with Bridle and Saddle and One feather Bed — Item I leave and bequeath to my Daughter Mary Thorpe a Young Mare Colt going in Two Years old — Item I leave and Bequeath to my Son William Thorpe a Walnut Table Item my Will is that my four Youngest Sons, Abner, Joseph, Ogle, and William shall be free and at Age at 20 Years of Age if it happen that my Wife either Marry or dye otherwise to stay with her till full Age Item I leave and Bequeath to my Daughter Jane Thorpe an Iron Pott of 2 Gallons Measure — Item I leave to my Daughter Elizabeth Thorpe an Iron Kettle Containing in Measure Two Gallons — Item I leave to my Wife a New Chest and Small Trunk — Item I leave to my Son Thomas Thorpe all my Coopers Tools — Item I Constitute and Ordain my Loving Wife Jane Thorpe my full and Sole Executor And I Will that after all my Funerall Charges and Lawfull Debts paid that the Remainder of my Estate Shall be Equally divided amongst my Seven Youngest Children Beginning at my Daughter Mary And I do hereby utterly Revoke disallow and Annull all other Wills Testaments Legacies or Bequests by me before this Time Named Willed or Bequeathed Ratifying and Confirming this and none other to be my last and Testament. In Witness Whereof I have hereunto Sett my Hand and Seale the Day and Year first above written

his
William Thorpe (Seal)
mark

Signed Sealed Published and Pronounced by the Said William Thorpe as his last Will and Testament in the Presence of — Jim Field — Susannah Field — James Shield.

On the Back of the foregoing Wills Was Thus Written

Talbot County ss. — Simon Field one of the Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing Will Made Oath on the holy Evangels of Almighty God That he Saw the Testator William Thorpe Sign the Same Will but Cannot remember that he heard him Publish and declare the Same to be his last Will and Testament That he Saw the Said Testator Sign the Said Will in the Sight Presence and Hearing of James Shield one of the Other Subscribing Witnesses to the Said Will That at the Time of his so doing he Was to the best of their apprehension of this Deponent of Sound and disposing Mind and Memory and that he this Deponent and Said William Shield did

Subscribe their Names Respectively to the Said Will in the Presence of the Said Testator And at his Request this first Day of December Anno Domini 1752 —

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before me. Jos. Nicholls Dep. Cler. of the County aforesaid —

Talb. County ss. In the Name of God Amen in ye Year of our Lord God 1748 I Robert Brooks of Talb. County being in Sound and perfect Memory — Thanks be to God for the Same but Calling to Mind the uncertainty of this Life and Knowing that all Flesh must dye do make this my last Will and Testament Revoking and making all other Wills heretofore by me made void and of none Effect first I Commend my Soul to God that gave it hoping through the Merits of his Son Jesus Christ to obtain free Pardon for all my Sins and as to the Disposing of what little it hath pleased God to bless me with I give and bequeath; after my Just Debts accepted as follows viz: — Item I give to my Loving Wife Jane Brooks all my Dwelling Plantation Containing Three Hundred Acres of Land during her Widowhood and if she marryes Again then my Will is that my Son Robt. Brooks shall have Two Hundred Acres of the above Land Including my Dwelling house during the Life of his Mother, and after Decease of her then the Said Land to be Advertised and Sold by my Sons Robt. Brooks, Will. Brooks, Francis Brooks, Henry Brooks and Charles Brooks, or the Majority of them then living within Eighteen Months after the Decease of my Wife and if my Daughter Mary Fenwick Will left what I have heretofore given to be brought into the Appraisement with the Rest of my personal Estate; then the aforesaid Mary Fenwick shall have an Equalle Part of my Whole Estate of Lands Negroes and &c But if she refuse so to do then my Desire is that she shall be paid off with Two Shillings and Sixpence Sterling. — Item I Desire all my Negroes and their Increase may be Equally divided amongst my Nine Children viz Robt. Brooks Wm. Brooks Francis Brooks Henry Brooks Charles Brooks Mary Fenwick Sarah Brooks Barberry Brooks and Jane Brooks, it is ment and Intended by the Said Mary Fenwick hath no part of the above Negroes Withstand she Compslyes with the above Parragraft. Item I desire my Loving Wife to have the Use of the above Negroes and their Increase during her Widowhood. Item I desire all my Personall Estate may be devided between my Children as above my Wife having the House of them during her Widowhood — Item I appoint my Loving Wife Jane Brooks Executrix of this my last Will and Testament Revoking all other Wills before by me made. In Witness Whereof I have hereunto Sett my Hand and Seal the day & Year above written.

Talb. County Sept. 17th 1753. Memom at the Req. of Mr Roger Brooks I took the following Deposition — viz. He the Said Brooks made Oath that at the Desire of Mr Robert Brooks lately dezd Some Time in ye Year of our Lord 1748 he Wrote on a half Sheet of Paper by the Direction of ye said Robert the Manner which he the Said Robert