In the name of God Amen I James Silvester of Queen Anns County in the Province of Maryland Planter being very Sick and weak in Body but of a perfect mind memory Calling to mind the Mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die I do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say first of all I give and Bequeath and Recommend my Sole to Almighty God who gave it me nothing Doubting but at the General Resurection I shall Receive it again by the mighty power of God and my Body I Bequeath to the earth to be Buried in a Christian like manner at the Discretion of my Executor hereafter named and as touching such Worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to Bless me in this Life I give and Dispose of the same in manner and form following that is to say It is my Will and Pleasure and I do order that in the first place all my Just Debts and funeral Charges be paid and Satisfied.

Imprimis Item I give and Bequeath to my Gren Daughter Rebecca Silvester ye 1st Tract of Land called Carmerson lying in the County of foresaid Containing one hundred Acres unto her and her heirs Lawfully Begotten of her body but that the the said Rebecca Silvester should die without Issue then the said Land to fall and Redound to my well Beloved Daughter Sidey Silvester to her and to her heirs for ever. Item I give and Bequeath to my well Beloved wife and Bedfellow Sary Silvester my Dwelling house and all other houses together with forty acres of Land in the West End of a Tract of Land called the Bare Garding to have and to hold the said forty Acres of Land during her Natural Life

Item I give and Bequeath to my well Beloved wife foresaid one half of my personal Estate after my Just debts & funeral Charges be paid

Item I give unto my Son Benjamin the one half of my Apple Orchard

I do hereby Ordain make and appoint my well Beloved Wife Sary Silvester my Executor of this my Last Will and Testament together with my Son Benjamin Silvester

As Witness my hand and Seal the 17th day of July Anno Domini 1755 Signed and Sealed in ye presence of us

James his + mark Silvester (Seal)

Signed and Sealed in the presence of us

Absalom Knotts

William his X mark Knotts : Thomas his mark Storch

At the foot of the aforegoing Will was wrote the following Attestation and Probate viz.

The 28th day 1755 Came Sarah Silvester Widow of the above Testator James Silvester and Declared it was her Choice to stand to her said husbands Will

Before me Wm Tilghman Dep Comm of Queen Anns County

Queen Anns County ss.

The 28th August 1755 } Absalom Knotts William Knotts and Thomas Storch the Subscribing Witnesses to the aforegoing Will being Duly and Solemnly Sworn on the Holy Evangelis of Almighty God do Depose and Say That they Saw the Testator James Silvester Sign the same Will and heard him Publish and Declare it to be his Last Will and Testament that at the time of his so Doing he was to the best of their apprehension of sound and Disposing mind and memory and that they did Subscribe their Respective names and marks as Witnesses to the said Will in the presence of the said Testator and at his Request which Oath was taken by the said Witnesses in the presence of Benjamin Silvester heir at Law to the Testator which same Benjamin did not Object to the Probate of the same Will

Sworn before me Wm Tilghman Dep Comm of Queen Anns County

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In the name of God amen the seventeenth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred fifty three I Timothy Nucomb of Queen Anns County in the Province of Mary Land Planter being very Sick and Weak in Body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God therefore Calling unto mind the Mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and Ordain this my Last Will and Testament That is to say principally and first of all I give and Recommend my Soul unto the hands of God that gave it and for my Body I Recommend it to the Earth to be Buried in a Christian like and Decent manner at the Discretion of my Executors nothing Doubting by at the General Resurection I shall Receive the same again by the mighty power of God and as Touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to Bless me in this Life I give Devise and Dispose of the same in the following manner and forme.

Item I give to my well Beloved wife Grace Nucomb whom I Likewise Constitute make and Ordain my only Sole Executrix of this my Last