and self now Live to be Conveyed to him the said John his heirs and Assigns agreeable to the Tenor of a Bond by me Signed for performance of the same

Item I Give that after my Just Debts and funeral Charges are paid that the Remaining part of my Personal Estate be Equally Divided among my dear wife and Two Children and thereby appoint and Ordain my dear wife to be Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament Revoking all other Wills by me heretofore made or Intended to be made In Confirmation of which I hereunto Set my hand and Seal this seventh Day of May in the year of Lord seventeen hundred and fifty five

Signed Sealed and Acknowledged to be the Last Will of the Testator in presence of us — Thomas Coursey Brown (Seal)

Alex: Williamson
Martha Brown
Margaret Mac Donald

Affixed to the aforegoing Will was wrote the following Probate Viz:

Kent County Ss: On the third day of September Seventeen hundred fifty five Alexander Williamson and Martha Brown Subscribing Witnesses to the within written Will of Thomas Coursey Brown the Testator within named being Sworn on the Holy Evangels Deposed and Declared that they saw the Said Thomas Coursey Brown the Testator Sign and Seal the same Will and heard him Publish and Declare the same to be his Last Will and Testament that at the same time he was to the best of their Knowledge and apprehension of Sound and Disposing mind and Memory that they the said Deponents together with Margaret Mac Donald the other Subscribing witness Subscribed their Respective names as Witnesses to the within Will in the presence and at the Request of the said Testator

5½ fides — Sworn Before Joseph Nicholson Depty Com.y Kent County

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In the name of God Amen I William Ralph of Chester Town in Kent County in Maryland being Sick and weak in Body but of sound and disposing mind and Memory make this my Last Will and Testament in manner following

I give first my Negroe Man Jack to my Son John Ralph

also my Negroe Woman Nan and her Increase to my Daughter Nancy
Also my Negroe Girl Rachel and her Increase to my Daughter Francis
I Give my Sister Martha my Rocking Chair
The Rest of my Personal Estate if any Left after my Just Debts and funeral Charges paid I leave to be equally Divided between my three Children
Lastly I hereby Constitute and appoint my Loving Brother John Ralph under the Direction and advice of my good friend Thomas Ringgold of Chester Town my whole and Sole Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament and also Guardian to my Children and their Estates till they come of age my Son to Twenty one years my Daughters to fourteen years or Marriage In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this 20th of August 1755

Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the Testator to be his Last Will and Testament in presence of us — Wm Ralph (Seal)

Moses Chepley
Mary Smith

On the Back of the aforegoing Will was wrote the following Probate Viz:

Kent County Ss: On the thirteenth day of August one thousand seven hundred and fifty five Moses Chipley and Mary Smith the Subscribing Witnesses to the within written Will of William Ralph The Testator within named being Sworn on the Holy Evangelis Deposed and Declared that they saw the Said Testator William Ralph Sign and Seal the same Will and heard him Publish and Declare the same to be his Last will and Testament that at the same time he was of a Sound and Disposing mind and Memory to the best of their knowledge and apprehension and that they the said Deponants Subscribed their Respective names as Witnesses to the Said Will in the presence of the Testator and at his Request This done in the presence of the Executor the heir at Law being about seven years of age

3½ fides — Sworn before Joseph Nicholson D Com.y Kent County

In the name of God Amen I Henry Bellard of Somerset County in the Province of Maryland being weak of Body but of sound Disposing Mind Memory and understand thanks be to Almighty God and calling to Rememberance of the uncertainty of this Mortal State and that it is appointed unto all men once to die do make this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following