from & after the Day of such Marriage only the one third Part of the aforesd Land during his Natural Life & no longer & from & after the time of the Death & Day of Marriage as both or either of them happen I give devise & bequeath the other two thirds of said Land unto my Son William Blackiston & the Heirs of his Body lawfully begotten forever & if he should die without such Heirs to descend to the next Heir according to Law forever. 3dly I give bequeath & devise unto my Son Michael Blackiston & his heirs & assigns forever all that Tract or parcel of Land lying in the Lester Town in Worcester County aforesd being wished by the Mr. Hallock in the Will & Law of the said Town & if he should die without such heirs or assigns I give bequeath & devise the Half of said Land unto my Son Levin & his heirs & assigns forever. 4thly I give & bequeath unto my Son William one Black Horse called that is commonly called his own & above his third part of Estate. 5thly I give & bequeath unto my Son Michael one Horse & one Colt that is commonly called his own & above his third part of my Estate. 6thly I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Sarah one two year old Filly & one Bowel Grey Colt commonly called her own & above her third Part of my Estate. 7thly I give & bequeath all the remaining Part of my Personal Estate after my Just Debts & expenses shall be paid & discharged to be equally divided amongst my Children each Child to receive their part as my Sons as they shall arrive at the age of twenty one years & my Daughters do they shall arrive at the age of Sixteen or Day of Marriage which shall first happen. Lastly I do make ordain & appoint my loving Wife Anne & my Son William joint Executrix & Executor of this my last Will & Testament In Testimony whereof I the said Michael Blackiston have hereunto set my hand & seal this 24th Day of October in the year of our Lord Christ 1754

Signed sealed published & acknowledged by the said Mich. Blackiston the Testator to be his last Will & Testament in the Presence & we subscribed our Names in his Presence & at his Request

Rd Page Jos Page Page Blackiston

Michael his + mark Blackiston Seal

On the back of the aforegoing Will was this written Nov. 2d March 1758 Came Ralph Page John Page & Page Blackiston the three Subscribing Witnesses to the within Will & made oath on the Holy Evangels of almighty God before me that they saw the Testator Michael Blackiston sign seal & publish the within Will to be his last Will & Testament & that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehension of sound & disposing mind & memory & that they severally subscribed the Names as Witnesses to the said Will in the presence of the said Testator & at his Request

Geo Gale — before J Nicholson Gen. Court of Worcester

In the Name of God Amen I Alexander Fergusson of Dorchester County in the Province of Maryland being sick & weak in Body but of perfect sense & memory thanks be given to God for it & knowing the Mortality of my Body that we must all once die do make & ordain this my last Will & Testament in manner

and form following viz. Imprimis first of all I recommend my soul into the power of almighty God from whence it was taken hoping through the merits & Death & Passion of my Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ to have full Pardon & Remission for all my sins & offences in this life & my Body I recommend to be decently buried at the Discretion of my Executrix hereafter named as touching what Temporal Estate it hath pleased almighty God to bless me with in this Life I dispose of in manner & form following. Item I give & bequeath to my beloved James Fergusson & Henry Fergusson Sons of my Brother James my Four Dwelling Plantation called by the Name of the Thumbles containing fifty acres & the Five Part of a Tract of Land called Michins Hope containing fifty acres to be equally divided between them to their heirs or assigns forever. Item I give & bequeath to my Cousin Philip Fergusson Son of my Brother James all that Tract of Land called Wamel Point containing fifty acres to him his heirs or assigns forever. Item I give to my Cousin Henry Leake Son of Henry Leake my best Riding Horse. Item I give to my Cousins Daniel Tolliver Chadrick Tolliver & Lydia Tolliver Sons of Daniel Tolliver Senr the Value of Ten Pounds each to be paid in Cattell at their present Mrs. Item I give to my loving Brother James Fergusson all my Beeds & Bumbles & all my Sheep. Item I give & bequeath to my loving Brother Thomas Fergusson Part of a Tract of Land called Nonrich lying near the Road that leads from Tomkins Ferry to Vienna Town containing two hundred & thirty five acres to him his heirs & assigns forever & likewise my Negro man called Tom. Item I give to my Brothers James Fergusson & Thomas Fergusson all the Remainder of my whole Estate Written Deeds & Wills. Item Notwithstanding my Will is that my Brother Thomas Fergusson should have half the Apples that the orchard on the Island shall bear I mean on the Tract of Land before mentioned called the Wamel Point during his Natural Life. Item Lastly I constitute & appoint my Brother Thomas Fergusson my whole & sole Exr of this my last Will & Testament revoking all other Wills before made. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & fixed my seal in the Presence of

February 13th 1755

Alexander Fergusson Seal

Testes Henry Greene
Testes Richard Mechins his + mark
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To the foregoing Will was annexed the following Proof viz. On the twenty first Day of February Anno Dom 1758 Henry Greene Richard Mechins & Henry Mechins the Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing Will being duly & solemnly sworn on the Holy Evangels of almighty God depose & say that they saw Testator Alexander Fergusson sign the foregoing Will & heard him publish & declare the same to be his last Will & Testament that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehension of sound & disposing mind & memory & that they subscribed their Names as Witnesses to the same Will in the presence of the Testator & at his Request

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