on the Holy Evangels of almighty God that they saw the Testator Signe Seale and publish the within Will and at the same time heard him Publish and Declare the same to be his last Will and Testament and that at the time of this so doing he was to the best of their apprehensions of sound and Disposing mind and memory and that they subscribed their names as Evidences to the said Will in the Testators Presence and at his request

Sworn before me

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J. Nicholson for Dep. Comry. of P. County

In the Name of God Amen I Elizabeth Davis of Kent County in the Province of Maryland being weak in Body but in sound and perfect memory thanks be to almighty God Do this Sixth Day of November in the year of our Lord one Thousand Seven hundred and Fifty five make and Publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say First I give and bequeath my soul to Almighty God and my Body to be Buried at the Direction of my heirs hereafter named and my worldly Estate I give and bequeath to my son Philip Davis one Shilling and no more Item I give and Bequeath to my Daughter Darcus Smith one large Brass Kettle and one Chafing Dish and no more Item I give and Bequeath to my Granddaughter Mary Ringgold daughter of my son Charles Ringgold one negro girl called Hannah Item I give and bequeath to my Granddaughter Sarah Smith one negro Woman called Elizabeth and one negro Girl called Daphney Item I give and Bequeath to my son Charles Ringgold his heirs & assigns one hundred acres of land being part of a Tract of land called Tomaway and all the Remainder part of my Worldly Estate heretofore not mentioned

Signed Sealed and acknowledged

Elizabeth her mark Davis (Seal)

to be my last Will and Testament in the Presence of

Mm. Smith
Edward Gibbs
Thomas Hatchason

Kent County ss April 1st 1756 Then came before me the Subscribers William Smith and Edward Gibbs the two Subscribing witnesses to the within Will & made Oath on the Holy Evangels of almighty God that they saw Elizabeth Davis the Testatrix in her life time sign and seal the within Will and at the same time heard her Publish and declare the same to be her last Will and Testament and that at the time of her so doing she was to the best of their apprehension of sound and Disposing mind and memory and that they subscribed their names as Evidences to the said Will in the presence of the Testatrix and at her Request and that at the same time they saw Thomas Hatchison Decd. the other Evidence to the said Will in his life time sign his name as an Evidence to the said Will in the presence of the Testatrix and at her Request

4 sides

Sworn before me

J. Nicholson Dep. Comry. of P. County

In the Name of God Amen I James Smith of Kent County in the province of Maryland at Bristol being in a bad State of Health but of a sound Disposing mind and memory do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say First and Principally I recommend my soul to God in hopes of being

saved by the Death and Passion of my Blessed Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ and my Body to be Buried in such decent manner as my Executor hereafter named shall think convenient and as touching my worldly Estate wich it pleased God to afford me my desire is that it shall be as hereafter mentioned Viz. my Plantation and Land which was Purchased from Simon Wilmore who sold to Benjamin Blackledge and by him to Thomas Jones and from him to me and some more adjoyning to me my self Purchased of Simon Wilmore of the aforesaid Simon Wilmore all which said Land I give and Devise to my Grand Daughter Mary Sterling to her and to her Heirs and assigns forever 2dly my Land and Plantation or Plantations on the same at Morgans Creek and the Pocoson being that which I surveyed called Smiths Pocoson of Worth Folly about Forty acres more which I purchased of Nehemiah Powell being in the whole about Two hundred Forty odd acres of Land all which I give and Devise unto my Son James Smith his heirs & assigns forever. And the Eighth & ninth Quarts of Necessity returned in the Land Office which I have not had my Patent my said Son James must give the Patent in his own name to him his heirs and assigns forever in my Leather Pocket Book the three other Quarts one for the Want of Land called Folly Fifty which must be returned in my said Son James's Name after the allowance for the Quantity that is now Surveyed and returned as aforesaid the other to a special Warrant for Fifty acres both which I give to my said Son James. 3dly My Land and Plantation near the Homes being Part of a Tract of Land called the Grove or Little Grove being sold by Brendle Bonsey Junior to one Peebles and by him to Alice Jones and by him to me and a Tract taken up by my self called the Grove Addition said to be about Two hundred and Sixty acres of Land the whole being about Two hundred and Sixty acres of Land all which I give and Devise unto my Son William Smith and to his heirs and assigns forever my half of the Brick House my Son William lives in and the half of the Brick House with the half Lot and the appurtenances to the same belonging being made over to me by Mr. John Eccleston and his wife Sarah I give and Devise to my said Son William his heirs and assigns forever Deducting from his share of the Principal Estate hereafter mentioned as three Hundred mentioned 4thly I leave my Brick House and Lott with the appurtenances and Premises thereto belonging to remain Free Live to be sold at Vendue to the highest Bidder and the Value to be equally Divided among my Children as aforesaid and my Grand Daughter Mary Sterling to have an equall Part after the Sale is made thus my Executor shall for Sixpence by these presents to be given to the highest Bidder for the Consideration given from me my heirs and assigns forever to the said purchaser his Heirs and assigns forever the same House with the appurtenances and Premises thereunto belonging 5thly I give and Bequeath after my Just Debts Paid all my personal Estate to be equally Divided amongst my children viz. Hannah Nicholson, Sarah Ringgold, Son James, Mary, Charles, Ann Mary, and Son William and Grand Daughter Mary Sterling & Lastly the Reverend Mr. James Sterling in regard to my Daughter Hannah, that her Husband hath had the third of the profits of my Business for which he was to have all the Records Compleat and Fully Entered in time and every thing thereto relating taken leave as should or ought to