In the Name of God Amen October the Twenty Sixth day in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty One I William Wood of Somerset County in the Province of Maryland Planter being Sick and weak of Body but in perfect mind and memory thanks be to Almighty God for it, and calling to mind the Uncertainty of this present life and Willing to settle my Affairs here on Earth and as for my Worldly Estate which it hath pleased God to Bless me with I Bestow as follow Viz. Imprs. I give and bequeath unto my well beloved Son Levi Wood and to his heirs forever Lawfully begotten of his Body my now dwelling Plantation whereon I now live with houses in Orchards Marshes and Land thereunto belonging and also all that tract of Land called Dublin and also one Negro Boy called Glasco and one Negro Girl called Silvia

Item I give and bequeath to my well beloved Son William Wood and to his heirs forever Lawfully begotten of his Body my Negro Boy called Cesarum

Item I give and bequeath to my well beloved daughter Leah Wood to her and her heirs forever Lawfully begotten of her Body my Negro Woman called Lucy and all her Increase from this day

Item I give and bequeath unto my well beloved daughter Sarah Wood to her and her heirs forever Lawfully begotten of her Body my Negro Woman called Lett and her Child called Phillis

Item I give and bequeath unto my well beloved Daughter Martha Wood to her and her heirs forever Lawfully begotten of her Body my two Negro Girls called Dark and the other called Beck

Item I give and bequeath to my Son Elijah Wood One Shilling Sterling Money of Great Britain. Item If it should be the pleasure of Almighty God to take my Son Levi Wood out of this Stage of this life not having Issue Lawfully begotten of his Body I give and bequeath the above mentioned Land to my Son William Wood and to his heirs forever Lawfully begotten of his Body. Item If it should be the pleasure of Almighty God to take both of my Sons Levi Wood and William Wood out of this Stage of this life not having Issue Lawfully begotten of their Body I give and bequeath the above mentioned Land to my Three Daughters Leah Wood Sarah Wood and Martha Wood to be Equally divided among them and their heirs forever Lawfully begotten of their Body's

Item If it should be the Pleasure of Almighty God to take the one of my Five Children out of this Stage of this life not having Issue Lawfully begotten Viz. Levi Wood William Wood Leah Wood Sarah Wood and Martha Wood for the Negroes Willed to them for all to the youngest Child that is alive. Item I leave all the Remainder Part of my Estate that is not given

in Legacys to make up my Respective Shares and if there be any overplush for to be equally divided among st my five youngest Children after my Lawfull Debts being paid

Item I do hereby Nominate Constitute and Appoint and Ordain my Son William Wood to be my whole and sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament and I do hereby Utterly revoke disannul and disallow of any other former Will and Testament before made by me Ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament. In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal. have Affixed the Day and Year above Written

William Wood (Seal)

Signed Sealed and Acknowledged in the presence of us.

Purnell Outten
James Dakes
Elias X his mark Taylor

July the 25th 1761. Came Purnell Outten James Dakes and Elias Taylor Witnesses to this Will and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they saw the Testator William Wood Sign and Seal and hear them Publish Pronounce and Declare this Instrument of Writing as his last Will and Testament and that at the time of his so doing he was to their Apprehension of sound and disposing mind Memory and Understanding and that they the said Purnell Outten James Dakes and Elias Taylor Subscribed as Witnesses to this Will in the presence and at the Request of the Testator Sworn to before Nehemiah King Dep. Com. of Somerset

Entd.

In the Name God Amen the 7th day of January in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty one I Samuel Ward of Somerset County in the Province of Maryland being Weak in Body but in Perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God therefore calling into mind the Mortality of my Body and knowing that it was 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 into the Hands of God that gave it and my Body to the Earth to be buried decently Christian Burial at the discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the Mighty Power of God and as touching such Worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased Almighty God to Bless me with in this Life I do give demise and dispose of the same in the following manner form.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Son John Ward all my Land to the Eastward of the Run called Cowdame Run and the back out side of the Bank of his ditch clear Run

Item I give unto my Son Joseph Ward all my Land Northward from the Northeast corner of John Wards Orchard running as his fence goes to the mill Tree by his ditch thence with an East Course to John Wards ditch Bank.

Item I give to my daughter Tabitha Laws a Parcel of Land Beginning at the Marsh side running as the fence goes to the Corner of my young Orchard then North to the lane fence North side of the Land running as the fence goes Round as the main road a Path near the fence joining to Joseph Ward Leaving out John Wards Orchard to her and her heirs forever

To be Possessed (Ent.)