In the Name of God Amen, I Robert Broom of Cecil County in the Province of Maryland Shipwright being Sick and Weak in Body but of sound mind memory and Understanding but Considering the Uncertainty of this Transitory Life do make Publish and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following First of all I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth Broom the Sum of Fifty pounds to be paid her by my said Elizabeth when she shall arrive to the Age of Sixteen years also my two Negro Girls Named Sal and Rachell the Daughters of my Negro Wench Rachel Also I give and bequeath unto my dear loving Wife Frances Broom Exclusive of her third as which by Law she is to have My Negro Wench Named Rachell I lend my Son Thomas Broom now about one year old shall arrive to the Age of Twenty years and then the said Negro Wench Rachel if she shall live so long to Revert and be the property of my Son Thomas and if it should so happen that the said Negro Wench Rachell should have Child or Children during the Minority of the said Thomas they are to be hereby mist be equally divided between my two Children Elizabeth and Thomas Broom also to the Remainder of my Personal Estate after paying my just and lawfull Debts and the above Legacys of what soever kind they may be I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas Broom as to my Real Estate I give and devise my Plantation known and called Bachelors Hope lying and being in Cecil County Containing Four Hundred and Sixty Acres or there about unto my said Son Thomas to have and to hold to him and his heirs to the Proper Use and behoof of him the said Thomas his heirs and Assigns forever and I hereby Nominate and Appoint my dear loving Wife Frances Broom Whole and sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament hereby Revoking all former Wills by me heretofore made In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this Seventeenth day of January Anno Domini Seventeen Hundred Sixty and one

Signed Sealed published and declared by the above Named Robert Broom as for his last Will and Testament in presence of us who have hereunto our Names as Witnesses thereto in the Presence of the said Testator and in the presence of each other

Robert Broom (Seal)

Cecil County ss. Jesse Hollingsworth, Samuel Shepherd

Jesse Hollingsworth, Samuel Shepherd, J Partridge — James Partridge the Subscribing Witnesses to the within Will deposed and say that they that they saw the Testator Robert Broom Sign the foregoing Will and that they heard him publish and declare the same 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 Subscribed their respective Names as Witnesses to the said Will in the presence of the Testator and at his Request — Sworn before G Milligan

the 27th of May 1761 — Dep. Com. Cecil County

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In the Name of God Amen, I John Stagg of Cecil County in the Province of Maryland being sick and Weak in Body but of sound and disposing mind and memory Do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following: First I Recommend my Soul to the Hands of Almighty God that gave it

passing through the Merits of my Lord full Pardon and Remission of all my Sins my Body I Commit to the Earth from whence it came to be decently buried at the Direction of my Executrix hereafter named and as to my Worldly Goods wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with I give and dispose of in manner following viz. Imprimis I give and bequeath unto my beloved Wife Ruth Stagg all my Dwelling Plantation and Land called Beccas Lodge as far as where it joins to that Hundred as formerly belonging to Charles Dunning and with his North West by North line Reversed until it comes to a fence standing on the West side of a little branch or Meadow and with that fence to the line of Original Tract Not containing more or less during her Widowhood but if she should marry again then my Will is that she shall be confined and have no more than her third of my Land and Negroes her death or day of Marriage I give and bequeath the same Land and Plantation to my Son William Davis his heirs and Assigns forever Also I give and bequeath unto my said Son William Five Acres and a half more of Land which I bought of William Price Being part of a Tract of Land called Abram's Bones to his heirs and Assigns forever. Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Henry Stagg all the Remaining part of my Land called Beccas Lodge where he now lives to him and his Male heirs Lawfully begotten and their Assigns forever but in case my Son Henry should die without a Male heir then my Will is that his Widow shall enjoy the same Land during her Widowhood and if that should happen then I give and bequeath the said part I bequeathed to my Son Henry to my Son Richard Stagg to him his heirs and Assigns forever And as to my Moveable Estate I give and bequeath unto my five Children Samuel Sarah John Middleton Joseph & Richard Stagg to be Equally divided among them after my just Debts and funeral Charges are paid Lastly I do hereby Constitute and Appoint my Well beloved Wife Executrix of this my last Will and Testament Revoking and disannulling all former Will or Wills heretofore by me made In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this Twenty Seventh day of June Anno que Domini 1761

Signed Sealed & delivered by the above Testator as for his last Will and Testament in presence of us John Stockton, Benjamin Price, John Veazy

John Stagg (Seal)

Cecil County ss. John Stockton, Benjamin Price & John Veazy the Subscribing Witnesses to the within Will being duly and Solemnly Sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God depose and say that they saw the Testator John Stagg Sign the foregoing Will and heard him publish and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament that at the time of his so doing he was of sound and disposing mind and memory to the best of their Apprehension and that they Subscribed their respective names as Witnesses to the said Will in the presence of the said Testator and at his Request

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The 25th of August 1761 — Sworn before G Milligan Dep. Com. Cecil County