December 11th 1761 George Neale and John Barker two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within being first duly & Solemnly Sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God Depose and say that they saw William Coale the Testator within Named Sign & Seal the within Will & also heard him Publish Pronounce and Declare the same to be his last Will & Testament and that at the Time of his so doing he was to the best of their Apprehension of a Sound & Disposing Mind & Memory & that they Subscribed their respective Names as Witnesses to the said Will in the presence of the said Testator and at his Request and that they also saw Benjamin Ward Wm Briant & William Journey the other three Witnesses to this Will sign their respective Names as Witnesses to the said Will in the Presence of the said Testator and at his request

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In the Name of God Amen

I Robert Welch of Ann Arundel County in the Province of Maryland being very weak of body but of a sound & Disposing mind & Memory (Praise be God for it) do make and Ordain this my last Will & Testament in Manner Following (Viz.) First & Principally I bequeath my Soul to God that gave it humbly beseeching his Most Gracious Acceptance and my Body to the Earth from whence it was (or was taken) to be therein decently Interd at the Discretion of my Executrix hereafter Named and as for such Worldly Goods as it hath Pleased God to bless me with I Dispose of them in Manner Following (Viz.) Item I give and bequeath unto my Son James Welch one Shilling Sterling if Demanded Item I give & bequeath unto my Son Lewis Welch One Shilling Sterling if Demanded Item I give & bequeath unto my Son Robert Welch one Shilling Sterling if Demanded Item I give & bequeath unto the Heir of my Daughter Jemima Edwards Deceased one Shilling Sterling if Demanded Item I give & bequeath unto Daughter Elizabeth Tongue One Shilling Sterling if Demanded Item I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Grace Elliot One Shilling Sterling if Demanded Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Katherine Stewart One Shilling Sterling if Demanded Item I give & bequeath unto my Son Benjamin Welch & to his heirs & Assigns forever all my Right Title & Interest of in & to a Tract of Land Called Prefions Enlargement lying & being Scituate on Herring Creek in the County aforesaid Item It is my will & desire that my Part or Moiety of a Tract of Land called Marys Mount (and on which my Son James Welch now lives) be sold after my Decease by my executrix to Pay my Just Debts Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved Wife Katherine Welch all the Residue of my Estate both Real & Personal to be Absolutely at her Disposall & to Will & Dispose of it as she shall think Proper after her Decease

628 Lastly I Constitute and appoint my said loving Wife Whole & Sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all other Wills by me heretofore made & Authorise & Ordain this to be my last Will & Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this Nineteenth Day of March Anno Domini One Thousand Seven Hundred & fifty Six

Robert Welch (Seal)

Signed Seald Published & Declared by the above said Robert Welch to be his last Will & Testament in Presence of

John Jacobs
Ann her Dalton mark
Nicholas his Jacobs mark

On the 6th day of March 1762 Came Mr. John Jacobs & Ann Dalton two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within Will & made Oath on the holy Evangels of Almighty God that they saw the Testator Robert Welch sign and seal the aforegoing Will and heard him publish Pronounce and Declare the same to be his last Will and Testament and that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their Apprehension of a Sound & Disposing mind and Memory and that they Together with Nicholas Jacobs the Other Subscribing Witness signed their Names as Witnesses to the said Will in the presence of said Testator & at his Request.

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Sworn before J Davidge Dy Commy AA County

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I Elizabeth Birckhead of Ann Arundel County in the Province aforesaid being Sick & Weak of Body but of sound & Disposing mind & Memory thanks be to Almighty God for that and all other Mercies bestowed on me, and as time in this World is very Uncertain, I think it very Necessary to Dispose of what Worldly Goods it hath Pleased God to Bless me with; which I do in Manner Following (Viz.) Item I give and bequeath to my Loving Brother Samuell Birckhead, a Negro Girl Named Sarah & her Increase which was Left me by my Grand Father John Buckett in his Last Will Item I leave the above said Negro Sarah in my loving Fathers care Untill my Brother Samuell Birckhead Comes of Age — The above Testament Signed Seald Published Pronounced & Declared by Elizabeth Birckhead to be her last Will & Testament in the Presence of us: this 5th day of February 1762

Alexander Frazer
Joseph his I Frazer mark

Eliza her E C Birckhead mark (Seal)

March 9th 1762 Then Came Mr Alexander Frazer & Joseph Frazer the Two Subscribing Witnesses to the within Will made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they saw the within Named Elizabeth Birckhead the Testatrix sign & Seal the within Will & heard her Publish Pronounce & Declare ye same to be her Last Will & Testament and that at the time of her so doing she was to the best of their Apprehension of sound & Disposing Mind & Memory & that they Subscribed their