Solemnly Sworn on the holy Evangels of Almight God did Depose and Say that they saw the Testator William Sherman Sign the foregoing Will and heard him Publish and 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 and Disposing Mind & Memory. and that they together Mark Noble the other Witness Severally Subcribed their names as Witnesses to the same in the Presence of the Testator and at his request

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In the Name of God Amen. The 6th Day of May in the Year of our Lord one Thousand Seven hundred and fifty Nine I Elizabeth Stanford of Dorchester County in the Province of Maryland being sick and weak in Body but of perfect Sence and Memory thanks be given to God for it and knowing the mortality of my Body that We must all once Dye. I do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following Viz. First of all I recommend my Soul into the Power of Almighty God from whence it was taken hoping through the Merits Death and Passion of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to have full pardon and remition for all my Sins and offence in this Life and my Body to be Decently Buried at the Decretion of my Ex. hereafter Named. Item I give and bequeath unto my well beloved Son Richard Stanford Four Negroes as Namely one Negro Woman Jenney and one negro boy Sam and one Negro Girl Called Lyl and one Negro Boy Called Jack, all the said Negroes I give unto my Son Richard Stanford and his Heirs forever. but my will and Desire is that if my Son Richard Stanford should die without lawfull Heirs or Issue that then the said four Negroes to fall unto my four Daughters that is Sarah Staplefort & to Chebed Prickett and Rebecah Wallis and Rhody Waters to be equally divided between between them and their Heirs. Item I Give unto my Son Richard Stanford One Yoak of Oxens called Rum & Brandy and One Gun and Likewise two Pewter Basons & one Dish and one Iron Spitt and my Plow & Chain and Clevis and all the Axes and Hoes belong to the Plantation. And I Give unto my Son One Bed and furniture and a small Parcel feathers & one Chest and peace of Cloth at the Weavers and two Iron Potts a large One a small One and one old pair Large Pillards for Pot hangers. Item I Give and bequeath unto my daughter Rebecah Wallis two Negroes Conke and Tom and One Pop Iron. Item I give unto my Daughter Sarah Staplefort my Riding Horse and Saddle and all the Rest of my Estate to be equally Divided amongst my five Children. Item Last of all I Constitute and Appoint my well beloved

Son Richard Stanfort and Thomas Wallis to be my hole and Sole Exors of this my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the Day and Year above Written.

Signed Sealed and Delivered in the Presents of Us. William Phillips, Joseph his X mark Meekings, William his 1X mark Jones

Elizabeth her E mark Stanford (Seal)

On the 10th day of August Anno Dom. 1759 Joseph Meekings and William Jones two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing Will being duly and solemnly sworn on the holy Evangels of Almighty God did depose and say that they saw the Testatrix Elizabeth Stanford sign the foregoing will and heard her Publish and Declare the same to be her last Will and Testament 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 together with William Phillips the other Witness to the Said Will Subscribed their Names respectively thereto in the Presence of the Testator and at his Request.

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In the Name of God amen I William Madkins of Dorchester County in Province of maryland being Sick in my Body but of a good Sound and perfick mind and memory thanks be to Almighty God for the Same Do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following &c. My Will and Pleasure is that my Debts and Funeral Charges be paid and Discharged. Item I give and bequeath to my Loving Wife One third part of all my Lands and one Negro Wench Called Bett and all her Increas During my Wife Life Time and it is my desire that my Wife Shall have One Negro fellow called Samson During her Widowhood and then to go to my Son William and it is my desire that my Wife shall have one third part of all my moveable Estate and fifteen pounds in Money I leave unto my loving Wife at her Dispoleshall. Item I Give and bequeath unto my Son William Madkins and my Son Theodar Madkins all this Home Plantation containing one hundred and forty Seaven Ackers more or less and in Case my Son William should Die without Issue to fall to my aforesaid Son Theodar and in case my Son Theodar should Die without Issue to fall to my Son William Madkins and I further will that Land I made over to my Son William Should go to my Son Soloman and upon my Son William refusing to make over his Right to my Son Soloman that my Will is that my Son Soloman shall have one half of the Home Plantation. Item Give and bequeath