that at the Time of his so doing he was to the Best of their apprehension of Sound Health and Memory and that they together with Samuel Shaklet and John Risen Subscribed their names as Witnesses to the said Will in the Presence of John Woodward and at his request

At same Time John Risen made Oath that he saw John Woodward Sign and Sealed an Instrument of Writing at Samuel Shaklets on the Ninth day of Some Month but does not remember what Month which writing he heard him Publish and Declare was his Last Will and Testament that at the Time of his so doing he was to the best of this Deponents apprehension of Sound Health and Disposing mind and Memory and that he together with Anne Shacklet and Samuel Shacklett Subscribed their Names as Witnesses to the Same Will in the presence of John Woodward and at his request and that he heard John Woodward say the Will was of his own hand Writing and further declares that afterwards when the said John Woodward lay Sick of the Sickness whereof he Died he desired this Deponent not to forget what he had Signed for him meaning as he verily believes the Will beforementioned as he had never Signed any thing else for him.

At the same Time came William McGilcray and made oath that William Risen brought to him a Will which he said was the last Will and Testament of John Woodward Deceased that he was apprehensive it would be Distroyed and Desired him this Deponent to take a Copy of which he did that this which is to this Deposition annexed is the Copy he then took from the said Will that he carefully with the Assistance of Elisha Leftwich examined it that he read it Twice over first taking the Copy and then the Original to be Sure that it was truly taken

And also at the same time came Elisha Leftwich and made Oath that since John Woodwards Death he saw a Will wrote with the hand Writing of John Woodward and Signed with his name which was said to be his Last Will and Testament dated the same day and

Year

Year and Signed by the same Witnesses as mentioned in the Copy to this Deposition Annexed that he is well acquainted with his hand Writing having been put to School under him that he was told by William Risen he was apprehensive the Will would be Destroyed and therefore he had desired William McGilcray to take a Copy of it that he went with William Risen to a school House where William McGilcray was Copying the same and when he had done he this Deponent carefully Examined it with the Original that he first Read the Original with William McGilcray and then took the Copy to be sure it was truly taken and declares that this to which this Deposition is annexed is the same Copy then taken

I Hereby Certify that on the 15th day of September 1767 I took the above Depositions at the request of William Risen who married one of the Daughters of the Deceased and Joseph Wilson who married Violetta another Daughter of the Deceased after having given due and timely Notice to Joseph Harrison and George Young who married Sarah and Lucretia the other two Daughters of the said Deceased. Given under my hand

Walter Hanson D Comy

18½d

Examined

In the Name of God Amen I William Thompson of Charles County being Sick but in perfect Sence and Memory Thanks be to god for the same I do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following Viz. — first I bequeath my Soul to Almighty God that gave it to me and my Body to be Entered according to my Executors Discresion hereafter mentioned — Item I give and bequeath unto my Son James Thompson my Dwelling Plantation with all my Land Joining to the said Place and if he should die without issue then the said Plantation to be my Son Leonard Thompson's and his Heirs for ever —

Item I give unto my Son Joseph Thompson five pds Currency and my Cloaths I have upon me now —

Item, I give unto my Son Ignatius Thompson five Shillings

(and)