First I recommend my Soul to God, and my Body to be decently buried by my Executor hereafter named. Secondly I Will and Bequeath all my Estate that shall remain after my funeral Charges and Just Debts are paid to be Equally Divided between my Sister Anne Coursey and my two Brothers Eliphalet and Henry share and share alike. Thirdly I Constitute Ordain and Appoint Mr. William Coursey my Brother in Law my whole and Sole Executor of this my Last Will and Order him to keep my two Brothers Shares in his Hands till they Arrive at the Age of twenty one Years respectively. Fourthly My Will is that if any of my two Brothers should die before they or either of them arrive at Age that the Survivor inherit the Share of the Deceased, and if they both die then their parts to go to my Sister Anne Coursey.

Written, published and pronounced this Eighteenth Day of August in the Year of our Lord 1769 in presence of — Wm. Jacobs (Seal)

Jacob Seth
William Carradine
Wm. Macclenachan

On the back of the aforegoing Will was thus Written Viz.t
Queen Anns County ss.
The 7th Day of Aug.t 1769 Jacob Seth and William Macclenachan two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within Will being duly and Solemnly Sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God do depose and say That they saw the Testator William Jacobs sign the same Will and heard him publish and declare it to be his Last Will and Testament, that at the Time of his so doing he was to the best of their Apprehensions of sound and Disposing mind and memory and that they did Subscribe their Respective Names as Witnesses to the said Will in the presence of the said Testator and at his Request, And further that they saw William Carradine subscribe his name as a Witness to the same Will in the presence of the said Testator and at his Request. —

Sworn to before. Th. Wright Deptt Comry of Queen Anns County

A.d Recorded

Queen Anns County ss. Whereas I am appointed Executor of the Last Will of William Jacobs dec.d I do therefore hereby refuse to accept of the said Trust or to Intermeddle with the said William Jacobs his Estate in any Shape whatever as Witness my hand and Seal this 7th day of Septem.r Anno Dom.i 1769

Signed & Sealed in the presence of. — James Kent

Wm. Coursey (Seal)

In the Name of God Amen I John Bryan of Queen Anns County being very Sick and weak in Body but of Sound and perfect disposing mind and memory praise to God therefore Do make and Ordain this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following (Viz.t) First my Will and desire is That my Land which I bought of Thomas Ford and Improvements thereon (which is near or at a place called IB) My will and Desire is that the Rent which will become due January next on said place be applyed toward paying my Lawfull Debts and also that said Land and Improvements be sold by my Executrix hereafter mentioned and the price thereof to be applyed to payment of my Lawfull Debts — Item I give and bequeath unto my well beloved Wife Tabatha One Negro Woman named Nan and one Negro Child named Betty and also one Mare two Years old (which is at Pasture in Cecil County) also one Cow and my best feather Bed and furniture to her and her heirs and Assigns for ever. — Item I give and bequeath unto my Son John one Negro Boy named Tom a Mare called Bonny and one Heifer which is now one Year Old and her Increase, one feather Bed and furniture to be delivered to the said John at the Age of Sixteen Years — Item I give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Mary One Negro Girl named Sall one Horse Colt one Year old One feather Bed and furniture and the Calf my Cow doth bring fourth this Year. And Whereas my Said Wife Tabitha is supposed to be with Child my Will and desire is that if such Supposed Child should live to the Age of Sixteen Years that the rest and Residue of all my Estate be Equally divided amongst my Wife and three Children Viz.t John Mary and the Child my Wife goes with, And my Will and Daire is that if any of my Said Children should decease without Lawful issue, That the Legacies and Residue mentioned should be Equally divided amongst the Survivors of them. And also my Will and desire is that my Loving Brother Robert Thompson of Cecil County have the Care and Management of my Son Johns Estate and that the Said John be brought up and Educated at his the said Roberts Discretion and with him. And I do Nominate and appoint my beloved Wife Tabatha my Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament revoking and making void all former Wills by me made In Testimoney whereof I have hereunto Sett my hand and Seal

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