Cecil County ss. On the 18th. Day of August 1769 Came William Ewing Robert Porter and James Porter the three Subscribing Witnesses to the within Will and made Oath on the Holy Evangels that they saw John Kirkpatrick the Testator Sign and Seal the within Will and heard him publick 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 Apprehensions of a sound and Disposing mind and Memory and that they Severally Subscribed their names as Witnesses to the Said Will in the presence of the Said Testator and at his request — Sworn before And^w Pearce Dep.^y Comry Cl. County

Cecil County ss. On the 20th. Day of September 1769 Came Catharine Kirkpatrick Widow and Relict of John Kirkpatrick late of Cecil County Deceased before Andrew Pearce Deputy Commissary for Cecil County, and doth hereby renounce and refuse abiding by the within Will and doth make her Election to have what she is endowable with by Law as Witness my hand this 20th. day of September 1769

her
Test. And^w Pearce — Catharine ⊙ Kirkpatrick
mark

We John Kirkpatrick & James Kirkpatrick being nominated & appointed Executors of the Last Will and Testament of John Kirkpatrick late of Cecil County Deceased do hereby renounce and refuse the said Executorship in favour of George Ewing as Witness our hands this 18th. day of August 1769

his
John ✠K Kirkpatrick
mark

Witness present
Willm Ewing
And^w Pearce.

Jeames kirk patrick

Examined

8½ Sides

In the Name of God Amen I Robert Mercer of Cecil County in the Province of Maryland being 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 Almighty God who gave it and my Body to be Decently buried at the Discretion of my Executrix hereafter mentioned and as to such worldly Estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with I give and dispose of in manner and form following. I give and Bequeath unto my Loving Wife Ann Mercer my now Dwelling Plantation with all the Lands I now possess adjoyning thereto during her natural Life in lieu for her third part of all my Lands which I possess I also give unto my Loving Wife my riding Horse riding Chair and Harness over and above her third part of my personal Estate. I give and bequeath unto my Son Thomas Mercer his Heirs and Assigns for ever one half of that part of Larrimores Neck containing three hundred Acres which I now possess to be divided from the Creek through the Land to the Division Line between me and James Wroth my Said Son Thomas to have the lower part of the Said Land where the Buildings and Orchard are to possess the same at the expiration of Thomas Mercer Junr. Lease on the Same I also give unto my Said Son Thomas Mercer my Negro woman Phebe in part of his share of my personal Estate. I give and bequeath unto my Grandson John Mercer son of Robert and to his Heirs forever all that Lower part of a Tract of Land called Mountfields and a Tract of Land called Mountfields Addition to be divided from the second part the Course of the Land till it Intersects the division fence between that Land and the Land my son James Mercer now lives on and with that fence till it intersects the line between that Land and William Walmsleys Land and my Will and desire is that my Wife should receive the Yearly Rents of my said Grandsons Land till he arrives at the Age of twenty one Years and the same let out at Interest for his Use but in Case of the Death of my said Grand son before he arrives at age without Lawful issue then I give and bequeath the aforesaid Land unto my Son James Mercer his heirs and assigns for ever — I give and bequeath unto my Son James Mercer and to his Heirs forever all the remaining part of that Tract of Land called Mountfield (after my Grandson John Mercer's part is laid off) and all that part of a Tract of Land called Barbadoes adjoining thereto which I possess but in Case of the Death of my said Son James Mercer without Lawfull issue then I give and Bequeath the aforesaid Lands unto my Grandson John Mercer son of Robert his heirs and Assigns for ever I also give and bequeath unto my said Son

(James)