Holy Evangels that they saw the Testator Robert Mercer Sign and Seal the Said 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 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 to Aug.t 23. 1769.

before Andw Pearce
D Commry B.l County

Examined 14 Sides

Cost £1.30

The Nineteenth day of August in the Year of our Lord and Saviour One Thousand Seven hundred and Sixty Nine I William Grafton of Baltimore County in the Province of Maryland being weak and low in Body but of perfect sound Disposing mind and Memory and calling to mind the uncertainty of this Life Do for the better Settling of my Temporal Affairs make and Ordain this my Last Will and Testament hereby revoking and Disannulling all former Will or Wills Testament or Testaments by me heretofore made which I make in manner and form following Viz.t – Imprimis I give and bequeath unto my Son William Grafton One Gray Horse named Jock to him and Heirs and Assigns for ever – Item I give and bequeath unto my Eight Children Cassandra, William, Margaret, Samuel, Daniel, Priscilla, Aquila and Nathaniel One Shilling sterling or a piece to each to them and their Heirs and Assigns for ever – Item I give and bequeath unto my Wife Sarah Grafton a Tract or parcel of Land called Graftons Entrance Lying and Joyning the Plantation where I now Dwell during her Natural Life and after her Death I give and bequeath the aforesaid Land unto my Son Nathaniel Grafton to him his Heirs and Assigns for Ever and no more of my Estate of what nature or kind soever – Item I give and bequeath unto my Wife Sarah Grafton she paying my Just Debts one Negro Man named Tom one Mollatto Woman named Temperance during the Term she has to Serve One Molatto Woman named Catherine during the Term she has to Serve as also all the remaining part of my Estate or any thing that belongs to me I give and Bequeath to my Loving (Wife)

Wife during her Natural Life be endd, and after her Death to be equally Divided between all my Children (Cassandra and Nathaniel excepted) Shares a like to them their Heirs and Assigns for ever – Lastly I Constitute and appoint my Wife Sarah Grafton my whole and Sole Executor of this my Last Will and Testament Containing this part of a Side of Paper In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand Seal the Day and Year first Written

Signd Seald Published and Declared by the Testator to be his Last Will and Testament In the presence of Us and Desired that we would Subscribe our Names as Witnesses

William Grafton (Seal)

Jac: Bond,
David Armstrong

On the Back of the aforegoing Will was thus Written Viz.t

Sep.r 11.th 1769. Came Jacob Bond one of the People called Quakers an Evidence to the foregoing and made his Solemn Affirmation that he saw the Testator William Grafton Sign Seal publish pronounce and declare the Same as and for his Last Will and Testament at the same time David Armstrong made Oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God that he saw the Testator William Grafton Sign Seal publish pronounce & declare the same as and for his Last Will and Testament that at the Time of his so doing he was to the best of their Apprehension of sound and Disposing mind and Memory and that they Subscribed their Respective names as Witnesses to the Said Will in the presence of the Said Testator and at his Request – affirmed and Sworn to

before W Young D Commry
Bal County

Examined 5 Sides

In the Name of God Amen I Nehemiah Hicks of Baltimore County in the Province of Maryland Planter being sick and weak in Body but of sound mind and memory and understanding do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following (to wit) First of all I give and (bequeath)