Imprimis I give and bequeath to my Dear Mother Susanna Denny One Negro Girl named Dark during her Natural Life, then to my only Daughter Elizabeth Denny as also all my Debts due unto me in Queen Anns County and Kent whether by Book Bill or Bond. Item I give unto my only Daughter Elizabeth Denny one Negro Lad named Boatswain one Ditto named Haddah and one Mulatto Boy time named Joseph Reed (who has ten years or thereabouts to Serve as p Indenture among my Papers will shew) as also I give my Said Daughter all the Money that I now have or may have due to me on this Western Side of Chesapeak Bay with all the Cash or other Goods & which am possest And I hereby Constitute appoint and Ordain Messrs. John Cadock and Thomas Cadock as my Executors of this my Last Will and Testament, And I do hereby give them full power to use the Said Estate of Negroes (and other Goods) untile my Said Daughter Arrives to the Age of Sixteen or dies before that Age) as a Reward for their Trouble and cost in Accomodateing and educating my S.d Daughter untill the Said Age. Given under my hand and Seal this Tenth Day of November Anno Dom. 1770 —

Signed Sealed and Delivered In Presence of
Ran. Hulse
Eliz Hulse
Henry Stromar

Benj Denny (Seal)

On the Back of the aforegoing Will was thus written Viz.
Nov. 5th 1771 Came Eliz.a Hulse one of the Witnesses to the foregoing Will and being duly and Solemnly Sworne on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God deposes and Say that she saw the Testator Benjamin Denney Sign Seal publish pronounce and declare the Instrument of Writing on the other half sheet of paper 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 that she Subscribed her Respective name as an Witnesses to the Said Will and that she saw Dr. Ran. Hulse and Henry Stromer the other two Sign their Respective Names as Witnesses also, all in the presence of the said Testator and at his Request —

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Examined

Sworn before W Young D Comly
Baltimore County

In the Name of God Amen, this first Day of December in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy, I Arthur Charlton of Frederick County and Province of Maryland, being of perfect mind and Memory, and calling to mind the Mortality of my Body, do make and Ordain this my Last Will and Testament, And first I give and bequeath my Soul into the Hands of Almighty God my Heavenly Father, hoping for the forgiveness of all my Sins, through the Merits and Intercession of Jesus Christ my blessed Redeemer; —

(And)

And my Body I leave to be buried in a Christian like manner at the Discretion of my Executrix hereafter named, nothing doubting, but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God, And as for such Worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this Life with, I give and dispose of the same in the manner and form following Viz.t Imprimis, Whereas I have already gave unto my Son Thomas Charlton Sundry Sums of Money and Several other things, And I give and bequeath unto him the Sum of Five Shillings, Sterling to be paid him by my Executrix out of my Personal Estate, hereby declaring the Same to be in full of his Patrimonial Share or Devidend of my Estate. Item I give and bequeath unto my well beloved Wife Elenor the Benefit of the House and Lott whereon I now live, And three other Lotts, all lying and being in Frederick Town, for and during the Term of two years to commence from the day of my Decease, she paying the Ground Rents of the said four Lotts, for the Said two years, And my Will and Pleasure is, that my Executrix shall as soon as possible she can after the Expiration of the a.d two years Sell the a.d four Lotts with the Improvements thereon at publick Vendue and the Money Arrising thereby to be equally devided between all my Children then living (my Son Thomas Charlton excepted) Allowing my Wife Elenor one third part of all the Money arrising by the Sale of the a.d Lotts and Improvements. — Item, My Will and Pleasure is that my Daughter Allice who is married to Casper Shoaff shall have Twenty five pounds Current Money less than any of the rest of my Children hereafter named. Item, I give and bequeath unto Arthur Shoaff Son of Casper Shoaff and Allice his Wife, the Sum of Ten pounds Current Money to be paid him out of my Estate when he arrives at Age, but if he should die before he arrives at Age that then it shall be Equally devided among all my Children (Thomas Charlton excepted) — Item I give and bequeath all the remainder of my Estate, after my Wifes thirds as the Law allows, the above mentioned Legacies and Debts are deducted, to be equally devided between my Children namely Allice Shoaff, Elenor Murdock, Mary Charlton Usher Charlton Anne Pheby Penn Charlton and Jane Charlton, But if any of my a.d Children should die before they Respectively arrive at Age or marry, that then his her or their part or parts of my Said Estate to be equally devided between all the Survivers of my Children (my Son Thomas Charlton excepted — And Lastly I Constitute Appoint and Ordain my well beloved Wife Elenor Charlton my whole and Sole Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament hereby Revoking and disanuling all former Willand Legacies before this Time made by me Ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my Last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto Sett my hand and Affixed my Seal the day and year above Written —

Signed Sealed published and pronounced by the Said Arthur Charlton to be his Will & Testament in presence of —
Jos Wood
Geo: Dickson
Michael Tripsler

Arthur Charlton (Seal)

On the Back of the aforegoing Will was thus written Viz.

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