Maryland ss.

In the Name of God Amen I Robert Cole being infirm in Body but of perfect mind and Memory and calling to mind the certainty and uncertainty of Death do make this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following. Item I give and bequeath to my Dear Child Eleanor Cole Ten Pounds Maryland Currency. Item give and bequeath to my Dear Child Elizabeth Cole Ten pounds Maryland Currency. Item I give and bequeath to my Dear Child Mary Cole Ten pounds Maryland Currency. Item I give and bequeath Eighteen hundred ℔ of Crop Tobacco to be laid out in Goods in Order to Cloath the above three Children to be laid out by him or them whose hands the Children shall come under as soon as he or them shall think proper in order to prevent he or they going to any Cost or expence of their own or the Children suffering for want of Cloaths and likewise to go as much provision such as Meat & bread as Reason would think might be required to Serve them from the time of my Death for the Space of Twelve Months and my Will is the abovementioned Ten pound may be paid in Good Chattles at the Appraisment or Cash as my Executors shall think proper and my Will is if either of the above mentioned three Children should die before Marriage or should not Arrive to Age that their part of my Estate may go to the Survivors of these four Viz. Eleanor, Elizabeth, Mary & Henritta Hayden and if all three should die Viz. Eleanor, Elizabeth and Mary as above mentioned then to go as the Law directs excepting such part as my Daughter Henritta has received by the death of some one or two of them or their Deaths, My Will is in Regard to the Tobacco and provision which is above mentioned is to be applied at or soon after my Death to the three Children aforesaid and not to be paid to them or any part or parcel to them or any other of my heirs afterwards, its for an Easment to him or them whose hands they Shall fall under. Item I give and bequeath to my Dear Daughter Henritta Hayden five pounds Maryland Currency to be paid as above either in Goods or Cash. Item I give and bequeath to my Son in Law Robt. Mattingly Fifty five Shillings Inspection Currency out of which he must give one Gold Ring to my Grand Daughter or his Child Catharine Mattingly & then my Will and desire is, that all my just Debts be paid as soon as Law or Justice requirs it without fail and not to be Omitted upon no terms whatever this is my most Earnest desire which I hope my Executors will very strictly observe, then my Will and desire is that all the rest of my Estate both Real and Personal be equally divided in Six equal parts and equally divided between the Heirs of my Daughters Jane Mattingly & the Heirs of my Daughter Margaret Melton, and my four Children which is now Living Viz. Henrietta Hayden, Eleanor Cole, Elizabeth Cole and Mary Cole excepting any of my Wife Sary Alias Elizabeth Coles Estate which I renounce having any Right title or Claime to. And Lastly I Constitute and Appoint my three Sons in Law Viz. Robt. Mattingly Richd. Melton and Basil Hayden as my true and Trusty friends to be my Executors of this my last Will & Testament but if the Heirs of my two Daughters Jane and Margaret should die before they Arrive to Age their partsito go to their Father Robt. Mattingly or Richd. Melton, This above is my Last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I set my hand and Seal this 26th. Day of November

(Anno)

Anno Domini One Thousand Seven hundred and Seventy one —
One Thousand Seven hundred and Seventy One —
Signed Sealed and Delivered } Robt. Cole (Seal)
In the Presence of }
James Roach
Clemt Hayden
William Hayden

On the Back of the aforegoing Will was thus written Viz. — Saint Marys County ss to wit. On the Second day of December 1771 Came James Roach Clement Hayden and William Hayden the Subscribing Witnesses to the within Last Will and Testament of Robert Cole late of the County aforesaid deceased and Severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they did See the said Robert Cole the Testator therein named Sign and Seal this Will and heard him publish and declare the Same to be his Last Will and Testament and at the Time of his so doing he was to the best of their Apprehensions of perfect Sense and of Sound and disposing mind Memory and understanding and that they respectively Subscribed their names as Witnesses to the said Will in the presence and at the Request of the aforesaid Testator and that they did see each other Subscribe their names as Witnesses thereto. —

8 Sides Examined — Sworn before J. A. Thomas Deptg Comty

Maryland ss. In the Name of God Amen I Teresa Stratford of St. Mary's County being Sick and Weak of Body but of Sound and perfect mind and Memory praise be to God and calling to mind the uncertainty of this Life and haveing a mind to Settle my Temporal Affairs Do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament, First Revoking all other Wills and make them void heretofore by me made either in writing or Verbal First. Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved Son William Rapour One Negro Woman called Sarah to him and his Heirs forever. Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved Daughter Ann Diana Walker one Negro Girl called Nell and likewise one Negro Girl called Nan unt the said Ann Diana Walker during her Life and then the said Negroes and their Increase to be equally devided amongst her Children Lawfully begotten by Joseph Walker and such of my wearing aparel as she has in Possession. Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved Son James Rapour one Negro Boy called Will and likewise one Negro Girl called Jude and likewise all my Real and Personal Estate except what I have already given unto my Son and Daughter above mentioned And it is to further understood that my Son James Rapour is to pay all my just Debts which does not exceed Ten pounds and give me a Christian Burial. Item I do further desire that after my Death that my Son Wm. Rapour shall Rail in my Graveyard and be paid by James Rapour out of the Estate In Testimony here of and for the true performance of this my Last Will and Testament I do Constitute and Appoint my beloved Son James Rapour my true and and Lawful Executor as Witness my hand

(Seal)