In the Name of God Amen November the Seventeenth in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and Seventy one I William Hitch of Dorchester County and Province of Maryland being Sick of Body, but of Sound mind and Memory thanks be given to God for it, calling unto mind the Mortality of Body and knowing that it is appointed for all Men once to Die, do make and Ordain this my Last Will and Testament, that is to Say Principally and first of all I give and Recommend my Soul unto the Hands of God that gave it, and for my Body I Recommend it to the Earth to be Buried in a Christian like manner at the discreation of my Executors, And as touching such my Worldly Estate wherewith it hath been pleased God to bless me with in this Life I give devise and dispose of the Same in following manner and form. Imprimis, I give and bequeath unto my Son Spencer Hitch all that Tract of Land called Nutters Addition to him and his Heirs forever. Also I give my Son Spencer Hitch One Shilling Sterling in full of my Personal Estate. Secondly. I give and bequeath unto my loving Wife Mary Hitch and my Daughters all my Houses at Bridge branch with Twenty Acres of Land Adjoining the Same during my Wife Mary Hitch's Widdowhood and my Daughter Eunice Betty and Sarah or Sally Hitch as Long as they live Single. Thirdly. I give and bequeath unto my Son William Hitch all that Tract of Land called Hacleas Choice after my Wife Marys or at her Decease and also after the Marriage of all my Daughters to him and his Heirs for ever, Also I give my Son William Hitch One Shilling Sterling in full of my Personal Estate. Fourthly I give and Bequeath unto my Son Whittington Hitch all that Tract of Land at the Mill called Davises Delight also one other Tract of Land called Davis Ill used to him and his Heirs for ever, also I give unto my Son Whittington Hitch One Shilling Sterling in full of my Estate. Fifthly. I give and bequeath unto my Son Gellis Hitch my Grist Mill with five Acres of Land upon the South West end of the Dam also one Acre and an half of Land upon the East end of the Dam to him and his Heirs and Assigns for ever. Sixthly. I give and bequeath unto my Wife Mary Hitch and my three Daughters Eunice Hitch Betty Hitch and Sarah or Sally Hitch also my Son Gillis Hitch all the Remaining part of my Personal Estate to be equally devided among them. Lastly. I do hereby make Constitute Ordain and Appoint my Dear and Loving Wife Mary Hitch my whole and sole Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament hereby Revoking all former Will or Wills by me made Confirming this to be my Last Will and Testament and In Witness whereof I the said William Hitch have hereunto Set my hand and Affixed my Seal the Day and Date first above written.

Signed Sealed published & Declared by the Said William Hitch as and for his Last Will and Testament in the Presence of us who have hereunto Subscribed our names as Witnesses thereto in the Presence of the Testator and in the presence of each other.

William Hitch (Seal)

Joshua Polk
Robert Layton
Elijah Hatfield

At the foot of the aforegoing Will was thus written Viz. On the 27th day of December Anno Domini 1771 Mary Hitch the the Appointed Executrix made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that the aforegoing Instrument of writing is the true and Last Will and Testament of William Hitch late of Dorchester County deceased that hath come to her Hands or Possession and

(that)

that she does not know nor ever heard of any other Will made since by the Testator.

Certified pr Jno Goldsborough
Dy Comry Dc.

On the 27th day of December Anno Domini 1771. Robert Layton and Elijah Hatfield two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the aforegoing Will being duly and Solemnly Sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God deposed and said that they saw the Testator William Hitch sign the aforegoing Will and heard him publish and declare the same to be 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 together with Joshua Polk the other Subscribing Witness to the aforegoing Will Subscribed their Respective names as Witnesses thereto in the presence of the Testator and at his request.

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In the Name of God Amen the fifteen day of Febuary Anno Domini One Thousand Seven hundred and Seventy two I Sarah Falconar of Dorset County in the Province of Maryland Widdow being Sick and weak of Body but of Sound mind & Memory thanks be given to God for the Same do make and Ordain this my present Last Will and Testament in manner following that is to say, First and Principally I Commend my Soul into the Hands of Almighty God my Creator hoping through the Meritorious Death and Pasion of Jesus Christ my Redeemer to receive free Pardon and Remission of all my Sins and to Inherit Everlasting Life, and my Body I commit to the Ground to be decently buried at the discretion of Goods as it hath pleased Almighty God to bestow upon me I give and dispose of the Same in the manner and form following after the payment of my just debts and funeral Charges. Imprimis, I give and bequeath unto my Loving Daughter Elisabeth One Horse cauled Rainbo and her Bed and a Cw and her Trunk, a Red Heffer to my Son Nathan to my Daughter Abegal a Cow cauled filpail a Bed and a Trunk, to my Son John a Mair cauled Jen and if she hath a Colt to be my Son Benjamin and the Mair not to be taken of the Plantation as long as they are altogether, to my Daughter Ann a Bed and Heffer cauld Primrose but not to be taken away this Summer, my Daughter Sarah Lightfoot and a Cw to my Daughter Mary my Bed and a Cw my Daughter Tompey a white Heffer and a Cw my Daughter Rebeco a pide Heffer and a Cw my Son Benjamin and Son Jacob a Yoak of Oxen between them each of them a Sow, my Son Nathen One puter dis and half Dusen plates and the rest of the puter to be Ethually devided among them a Bed to my Son Benjamin the wooden ware to be devided among them the Fowls to be devided Eahely among them this is my Last Will and Testament. I leave unto my Daughter Elizabeth her Sadle and to my Daughter Abagail my Sadle this is my last Will and Testament Revoking and disanulling all other Will or Wills by me heretofore made Ratifying and Confirming this to be my last Will and Testament.

Frederick Dell
Anderton Eaton
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Sarah her S mark Falconar (Seal)