~~Christopher Nicholls and Francis Lindsley the Subscribing witnesses~~ being sworn on the holy Evangels of almighty God deposed and Declared that they saw the Testator sign and seal the same Will and he and him Publish and Declare the same to be his last Will and Testament that at the same Time he was to the best of their knowledge and Apprehension of sound and Disposing mind and memony and that they the said deponents Subscribed their respective names as Witnesses to the said Will in the Presence of the Testator and at his request.

7 sides Examined Sworn before J Nicholson D Y Cty of Kent County

In the Name of God amen I Richard Bruce of Kent County in the Province of Maryland being sick and weak of Body but of sound Disposing mind and memony (thanks be to God for the same) do make this my last Will and Testament, and first of all I resign my Soul into the hands of almighty God who gave it & my body to the Earth to be Buried in a christian manner and as to what Wordly Estate it hath pleased God to bestow upon me I give devise & dispose of them in manner and form following.

1st. I give and bequeath unto my beloved Wife Judah Bruce my Plantation and Lands whereon I now live with all the appertainances thereto belonging during her Natural Life, Barring Sale or waste of timber, to enable her to Educate and maintain my small Children but in case my said Wife Marry, I impower my Son William Bruce to use such methods in educating my small children & securing their small Estates as he shall think necessary.

2nd. I give and Devise to my Son William Bruce (to be Enjoyd after his mothers Death) all my Plantations and Lands whatever to him & his heirs lawfully begotten for ever, & no more of my Estate.

3rd. I give and bequeath to my Daughter Sarah Bruce one Negro Girl named Jean, as a Legacy.

4th. I give and bequeath to each of my two daughters that are married Viz. Elizabeth Ayres and Abigal Beck a full share, Equal portion of my personal Estate with the rest of my other children, excepting such part as they have already received, which is £23 to Elizabeth Ayres, and £20. Exactly to Abigal Beck.

5th. I constitute and appoint my Beloved Wife Judah Bruce whole and sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament.

Lastly I ordain and confirm this to be my last Will and Testament revoking & disannulling all others as Witness my hand and Seal this 23d day day of May in the Year of our Lord Christ 1772.

Rich Bruce (Seal) Signed

Signed Sealed & acknowledged (the words "Wife" in the first clause and lawfully begotten, in the second clause, being first interlined) in the Presence of us.
Hezek Dunn
Jno Beck
Th. Slippen

At the foot of the aforegoing Will was thus Written Viz.

June 16th 1772 Hezekiah Dunn John Beck & Thomas Slippen the Subscribing Witnesses to the within written Will of Richard Bruce the Testator within named being sworn on the holy Evangels of almighty deposed and declared that they saw the said Testator Richard Bruce sign and seal the same Will and heard him Publish and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament that at the same time he was to the best of their knowledge and apprehension of sound and disposing mind and memony and that they the said Deponents subscribed their Respective names as Witness to the said Will in the Presence of the Testator and at his request.

2 sides Examined Sworn before J Nicholson D Y Cty Kent County

The Fourth day of October in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy one I Daniel Preston, of Baltimore County in the Province of Maryland being weak and low in body but of perfect sound disposing mind and memony 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.

Imprimis I give and bequeath unto my Wife Ann Preston, one Dozen Silver Spoons, and my Watch exclusive of her thirds of the rest of my Estate.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Daniel Preston part of a Tract of Land called Prestons Conquests which I have lately Purchased from the Lord Baltimore by his Commissioners appointed for that purpose Beginning for the said part at the End of the South fifty Perch line of the whole Tract and running thence East by South one hundred and fourteen Perches then running by a direct Line to the End of the North eighty Degrees West twenty perch line of the whole Tract and running with the direct courses of the said Tract untill a North line drawn will strike the place of Beginning to him his heirs and assigns for ever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Grafton Preston, all the remaining part of Prestons conquest aforesaid to him his heirs and assigns for ever as also one Tract of Land called Duck Point to him his heirs and assigns for ever

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