made oath that they saw William Hagan the Testator sign and seal the same and heard him publish and Declare it to be his last Will & Testament that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehensions of sound and disposing mind and memory and that they severally subscribed their names as Witnesses to the said Will in the presence of the Testator and at his request and at the same Joseph Lancaster Thomas Bowling Junior & Francis Bowling Witnesses to the within Codicil made oath that they saw the said William Hagan sign & seal the same and heard him acknowledge and Declare it to be a Codicil to his Will and when he signed and acknowledged it to be so he was to the best of their Judgments of sound and disposing mind and memory & that they severally subscribed their names as Witnesses to the said Codicil in the presence of the said William Hagan at his request which probat were taken in the presence of John Hagan their at Law who did not object to the taking of the same

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Before

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In the name of God amen I John Pye of

Charles County of the province of Maryland being sick of body but in a proper mind and sound mind do make this my last Will & Testament as follows Viz Item I give and bequeath after the sale of a sufficient Quantity of my Land which I leave to the discretion of my Executors to satisfie all just demands against my Estate the remainder as follows

Item I give and bequeath to my loving Wife the third part of my Lands and the third part of all my moveables small & personal Estate

Item I give and bequeath to my three daughters Mary Pye Margaret Pye & Ann Pye to each of them five hundred acres of Land to be laid off at the discretion of the Executors to them and the heirs of their body lawfully begotten and in case of any of them dying without issue then the part of either of them so dying their part to be equally divided betwixt the survivors and if two dye without issue the whole parts of the other two daughters to the surviving daughter & in case of all three daughters dyeing without issue of their bodys lawfully begotten then their parts to be equally divided betwixt my two sons Charles Pye and Edward Pye

Item I give and bequeath to my son Charles Pye and Edward Pye the remainder of my Lands to be equally divided betwixt them by the Executors which

division being by them made my son Charles Pye to have the first choice

Item I give and bequeath to my five children Charles Pye, Edward Pye, Mary Pye, Margaret Pye, Ann Pye, to each of them one equal part of the two thirds of all my moveable Estate

And I appoint as Executors of this my last Will and Testament my loving Wife Hermitta Pye and Walter Pye and in case of their decease Walter Neal and Rappo Neal Junr. son of William Neal of Port tobacco to act as Executors I also appoint my loving Wife Hermitta Pye and Walter Pye Guardians for my children and in case of their decease Walter Neal & Raphael Neal to act as Guardians for my children

And as it is my Will and desire that my two Sons Charles Pye and Edward Pye have as genteel an education as the profits of their Estate will afford this done under my hand and seal this twenty fourth day of March one thousand seven hundred and seventy two years

Jno. Pye (Seal)

Signed sealed and delivered in presence of

the words real and personal in the sixth line of the second page being blotted out

Matthew Campbell
Pearson Chapman
Peter his mark Davis

On the back of the foregoing Will was thus written

Charles County Ss. On the 25th day of June 1772 came Pearson Chapman and Peter Davis two of the subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing Will and made oath that they saw John Pye the Testator sign and seal the same and heard him publish and declare to be his last Will and Testament that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehensions of sound and disposing mind & memory & that they together with Mathew Campbell severally subscribed their names as Witnesses to the said Will in the presence of the Testator and at his request

Charles Pye the heir at Law being a minor was not present

Sworn before

Walter Hanson Dy Com

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In the name of God amen

the fonteenth day of November One thousand seven hundred and seventy one I James Gray of Charles County being sick and weak in body but of sound and perfect memory praise be given to God for the same and knowing the uncertainty of this life on Earth and being desirous to settle things in order do make this my last Will and Testament in manner & form following that is to say first & principally I commend my soul to almighty God my Creator assuredly believing that