only Will and Testament of Stephen Hopkins late of Somerset County deceased that hath come to his hands possession and knowledge and that he does not know or ever heard of any other.

Sworn Before — Thos. Holbrook J.P. of Somt. Cty.

On the Eight day of January one thousand seven hundred and seventy two came Samuel M Clester Samuel Dunnett William Harris and John Howe the four subscribing Witnesses and made oath on the holy Evangelist of almighty God that they did see the Testator Stephen Hopkins sign and seal the within Will and hand him publish pronounce 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 apprehension of a sound disposing mind memory & understanding and that they subscribed their names as Witnesses to the said Will in the presence of the said Testator.

Vide Examined — Sworn Before — Thos. Holbrook J.P. of Somt. Cty.

In the name of God amen I Josias Ellis of

Somerset County in the Provinces of Maryland being in perfect understanding blessed be God do make this my last Will and Testament as follows.

Imp. I gave and bequeath to my well beloved son Josephs Ellis my houses out of meaid the residue of my goods & chattles and personable Estate after my debts and funeral expences be paid the residue of my Estate to be equaly divided between my son Joseph Ellis and my daughter Isabel Ellis.

And my brother Stephen Ellis I Constitute him Executor of this my last Will and Testament and Trustee for my children in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this first day of October in the year of ouer one thousand seven hundred ~~and~~ seventy four

Peter Jeams (mark) Veitch
Isaac (mark) Deshields

Josias (mark) Ellis (seal)

On the back of the aforegoing Will was thus written Viz.t

On the 13.th day of October 1774 came Stephen Ellis and made oath on the holy Evangelist of almighty God that this within Instrument of writing is the true and only Will and Testament of Josiah Ellis late of Somerset County Deceased that hath come to his possession or knowledge and that he did not know or ever heard of any other.

Sworn before — Thos. Holbrook J.P. of Som.t County

On the Nineteenth day of October one thousand seven hundred & seventy two came James Veitch and (mark) Daniels the two subscribing Witnesses and made oath on the holy Evangelist of almighty God that they did see the Testator Josiah Ellis sign and

and seal the aforegoing Will and heard him publish pronounce 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 a sound disposing mind memory and understanding and that they subscribed their names as Witnesses to the said Will in the presents of the said Testator

Sworn before — Thos. Holbrook J.P. of Somerset County

On the 3.d day of November 1772 Personally appeared Rachel Ellis Widow Josiah Ellis and made their Election to the within Will and desired to have her Thirds of the deceased Estate agreeable to an Act of Assembly in such cases made and provided.

Vide Examined — Sworn Before — Thos. Holbrook J.P. of Somerset County

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In the name of God amen Sworn 3.d 1772 I Isaac Handy of Somerset County Planter, is now sick and in a poor state of health. but in my perfect senses and do make this my last Will and Testament and as for my worldly Estate that god has been pleased to bless me with I give and dispose of in the manner and form following.

1.st I leave to my beloved wife Betty Hardy two negro women Jane & Lucey I also leave her one of my best beds and furniture, her choice of one the best riding horses & other saddle I leave her the use of my Plantation during her Widowhood I leave her the use of all my chattles only such as shall be paid away to my children as they come of age to receive them and during her Widowhood.

2.dly I give and bequeath to my son George Hardy fifty pounds circulating money & one mare known by the name of Pink and no more of my Estate.

3.dly I give and bequeath to my son Joseph Hardy sixty pounds circulating money & my wearing apparel and no more of my Estate.

4.ly I give and bequeath to my son Samuel Hardy eighty pounds circulating money & no more of my Estate.

5.ly I give unto my daughter Ann Hardy my son Thomas Hardy and my son Isaac Hardy one negro girl called Jammer till she comes to thirty five years old and then her increase to be divided amongst the three and the wench to belong to Ann Hardy I also leave the use of the negro woman untill that time to my daughter Ann.d Hardy.

6.ly I leave unto my daughter Betty Hardy my son James Hardy and my daughter Mary Hardy one negro girl called Nann till she comes to thirty five years old and then her increase to be divided amongst the three and the wench to belong to Betty Hardy I also leave the use of the negro woman untill that time to my daughter Betty Hardy.

7.ly I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Hardy one negro boy named Peter to her and her heirs forever.