Kent aforesaid this seventeenth day of August in the fourteenth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord King George the third annoque Domini one thousand seven hundred and seventy four —

Cæsar Rodney Regr.

In the Name of God Amen I John Hamer

of the Province of Maryland and Queen Anns County being in perfect sense disposing mind and memory &c. do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in the following manner and form Viz.t —

Imprimis my Will is and I do order that all my just debts and funeral expenses be first paid and satisfied and the residue of all my Estate whatsoever remaining after my just debts and funeral expenses aforesaid I give and bequeath as followeth that is to say I order that all the residue of my Estate as aforesaid be divided into four equal parts and one fourth part thereof give and bequeath unto my sister Sarah Smith to her heirs and assigns for ever —

Item I give and bequeath one other fourth part thereof my Estate aforesaid to my god son John Hamer Wright to him his heirs and assigns forever —

Item I give and bequeath and I do Will and order that the residue of all my Estate after the debts and above Legacies be paid and satisfied in manner aforesaid be equally divided between all the children of my sister Sarah Smith and all the children of my other sister Ann Little so as each share shall be equally alike —

Lastly I Constitute and appoint my nephew John Smith and my nephew Lazarus Little my whole and sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament —

John Hamer (L.S.)

Signed Sealed published and Declared by the said John Hamer as and for his last Will and Testament this fourt day of March 1774 in presence of us —

Richard Smith
Howell Burkingham

Kent County sct.

Personally appeared before me Cæsar Rodney Esquire Register for the probate of Wills and granting Letters of Administration within the County of Kent aforesaid Richard Smith Esq.r and Howell Burkingham the two Subscribing Witnesses to the within Will of John Hamer deceased and the said Richard Smith being sworn on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God and the said Howell Burkingham being one of the people called Quakers on his solemn affirmation do Declare and say that they saw and heard John Hamer the Testator sign seal publish pronounce and Declare the within Instrument of writing as and for his last Will & Testament that at the time of his so doing and saying he was (to the best of their belief) of sound and Disposing mind and memory that they at the Instance request

and

and in the presence of the Testator signed and saw each other sign their names as Witnesses thereto In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 17.th day of August Anno Domini 177[illegible]

Cæsar Rodney Regr.

In the Name of God amen I

James Burke of Queen Anns County Maryland do this eighth day of August Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and seventy four make this my last Will and Testament as follows —

I give and bequeath unto my loving son John Burke my dwelling plantation and all the Lands belonging thereto containing 250 acres including in patents Deeds or bonds likewise a negro woman named Hannah —

I leave unto my beloved daughter Margaret Burke a negro woman named Hagar —

I leave my two negroes Isaac and John with all my stock block household goods and every thing thereto belonging to be sold at public Sale to the highest bidder and all my just Creditors to be paid from the Sale of the above stock &c. and what remains from the Sale of the Stock &c. after the Creditors are paid I leave to be equally divided between Ann Burke Sarah Burke Mary Burke and Jane Burke and Mary Ann Reynolds I do hereby Constitute and appoint Dennis Cary Queen Anns my Executor to this my last Will and Testament

Witness Robert Noble
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John Forham
the mark of X Mary Ann Reynolds

James Burke

Queen Anns County sct. the 12.th September 1774 } Robert Noble Merchiah fforman and John Forham three of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within Will being duly and solemnly Sworn on the holy Evangils of Almighty God do depose and say that they saw the Testator James Burke sign the same and heard him publish and declare it 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 and memory and that they did subscribe their respective names as Witnesses to the same Will in the presence of the said Testator and at his request —

Sworn to before Th. Wright D.y Com.y

In the name of God Amen I

Thomas Stenson of Queen Anns County in the Province of Maryland planter being sick and weak of body but of sound and disposing mind and memory thanks be to God for the same do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following Viz.t Item first I Will that my just debts and funeral charges be paid and

Discharged