In the name of God amen

I Arthur Holt of Queen Anns County and Province of Maryland being sick and weak of body but of sound mind and memory so this my last Will and Testament revoking all Wills by me heretofore make —

ffirst I give and bequeath unto my son James Holt my dwelling plantation and all the Land thereunto belonging called Holt to him and his heirs forever also I give unto my son James one negro boy names Pyramus and one negro girl named ffanny and one large silver Tankard marked with three flower Delices and an Arrow head to him and his heirs for ever —

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Arthur Holt all those Lands that lyeth on the South side of the South East branch of Chestervieve to wit a tract called Wharton Marsh and all that tract called Wigligate Lane and all that parcel of Land called Sparks Choice which I heretofore purchased of James Harbert Joannis Flamm and his wife all of Kent County and also all that parcel of Land called Boltons Delight which I purchased from Eliz.h Bishop and also all the Lotheat and vacant Land which is to be added thereto on a Warrant of Resurvey lately had out of his Lpps Land Office which Survey is yet to be compleated to him the aforesaid Arthur and his heirs and assigns forever also I give unto him the aforesaid Arthur one negro boy names Charles and one negro girl names Dark to him and his heirs forever and one large silver Tarver marked with a mans head with an Arrow striking thereon. Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Rebecca one negro woman named ffanny and one negro girl names Penny and a half Dozen silver Spoons to her and her heirs for ever —

Item I give and bequeath unto my wife Catharine one negro woman named Hannah and one negro boy names James to her and her heirs forever I will that the expences to arise for compleating and paying Caution money and fees of the resurvey of the aforesaid Lands bequeathed to my son Arthur be paid out of my personal Estate I Will that all my Stock and plantation utensils be sold in order to help pay my debts and for the payment of the residue of my just debts of all kinds I Will that all my Lands & negroes except those which shall not be fit to Labour be rented out untill two thirds of the rent thereof shall reimburse my Executor all such debts by him paid as I now owe and accumulating Interest arising or to arise thereon the other one third part of the aforesaid rents of the aforesaid Lands and negroes to be paid annually on the twenty fifth day of December to my beloved wife for her support during the aforesaid incumbrance and at the expiration of which time my just debts be paid then the residue of my Estate to be equally divided between my wife and

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two sons James and Arthur —

Item my Will is that my wife shall not claim any right of Dower in the Lands bequeathed my son James then in such case I leave unto her after the aforesaid incumbrance shall determine all those Lands bequeated unto my son Arthur shall arrive to the age of twenty one years

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto put my hand and affixed my Seal this tenth day of March Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and seventy five and lastly I do hereby Constitute my friend John Brown my sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament this tenth day of March Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and seventy two —

Arthur Holt (Seal)

N.B. the words (just) between the thirty first and thirty second line first interlined
Signed Sealed published and Declared
in presence of
James Harbert
Elijah Bishop
Mary her M Hadley mark

Codicil

the first to the foregoing Will my Will is that if it should so happen that if any of the aforesaid negroes not Devised should dye or be rendered useless or of but little valley before my just debts be paid and the incumbrance of my Land and negroes expire in such case my residue Legatee shall not be intitled to more than the identical negroes and their increase if any In Testimony whereof I have hereunto put my hand and affixed my Seal this tenth day of March Anno Domini seventeen hundred and seventy two

Arthur Holt (Seal)

Signed Sealed and Delivered
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the second to the foregoing Will Item I Will unto my wife Catherine during her natural life all the Lands Devised my son Arthur (without impeachment of waste to be enjoyed) provided she doth within three months from the publication of my Will release under her hand and Seal unto my son James or to my Executor on the part and behalf of the said James such as his or their Council learned in the Law shall direct all her right of Dower which she may have in the Lands and premises called Holt devised to my son James reserving unto my wife the one third part of the rents of my Lands and negroes during the time mentioned to be rented out in the foregoing Will —

Item if my wife do not stand and abide by my foregoing Will and and Codicils in all and every of their part and parts thereof then in such case the Lands and premises therein bequeathed unto my son Arthur I give and bequeath the same Lands and premises unto my son James and his heirs forever In Witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand and affixed my Seale this eleventh day of March Anno Domini seventeen hundred and seventy two —

Arthur Holt (Seal)