In the name of God amen the last Will and Testament of Samuel Davis late of Worcester County and Province of Maryland made this twenty seventh day of September one thousand seven hundred and seventy four in manner and form as following viz.

1. I give and bequeath unto my Son Seymore Powel Davis all my Lands lying on the S. M. side of the rode that goes from William Venibles Dam to Snow hill, houses orchards and Sawmill. Excepting what I sold John Bathel to him and his Heirs for ever.

2ly I give and bequeath unto the Child my Wife goes with All my Lands lying on the N. E. side of the rode that leads from William Venibles Mill to Snow hill to his and his heirs for ever and if the Child dys without her Lawfull Heir, the Land to fall to Seymore Powel Davis to him and his Heirs for ever.

3ly I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Davis two Lots lying in Somerset County in Salsbery Town to her and her heirs for ever.

4ly I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah Davis All my Land lying in Pinkeneys [illegible] all but what I have given a Bond to Jesse Fookes for to her and her Heirs for ever.

5ly I give and bequeath unto my loving Wife Sarah Davis the third of my moveable Estate and also whole Executor of this my Last Will and Testament Revoking and disannulling all other Wills and if either of the Childring should Dy for it to fall equally equally between the surviving Childring.

Signed Sealed Pronounced and declared in presents of us the day and year above written } Samuel Davis (Seal)

Isaac Dixon
Thomas Fookes
Jesse Fookes } Jurat 1st Nov. 1774 – Who saw the wido Renounces the Will and stands to thirds as by Law allowed – after the Probat.

at the foot of the aforegoing Will was thus written. Viz.

November 1st 1774 – Then came Isaac Dixon and Thomas Fookes two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing Will and made oath on the Holy Evangelis of Almighty that they saw Samuel Davis the Testator Sign Seal and heard him Publish Pronounce and declare the same to be his Last Will and Testament, and that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their Apprehension of a sound disposing mind and memory. And that they subscribed their names as Witnesses to the said Will in the Presence of the Testator and at his Request. Also that they saw Jesse Fookes the other Subscribing Witness sign his name as a witness said Will in the Presence of the Testator and at his Request.

Certified by Benton Harris Dept Commissary Wor. County.

November 1st 1774 After the above Probat came Sarah Davis Widow of the above deceased and Renounced the several Legacies and Bequests made to her in the foregoing Will and Elected in lieu thereof to stand to her thirds of the deceased's Estate Real and Personal as allowed by Law

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In the name of God amen I Sarah Gordon the wife of the Revd John Gordon Rector of St Michaels Parish in the County of Talbot and Province of Maryland being of sound mind memory and Judgment blessed be God, sin and by virtue of certain Powers and authorities to me reserved and secured by certain Articles of agreement entered into and concluded upon between my said Husband and me before our Intermarriage bearing date the Sixteenth day of October in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred and Sixty Seven, do hereby make this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say)

Imprimis I give and bequeath unto my beloved Husband the Revd John Gordon before named in trust for the Benefit of my daughter Elizabeth Cooper the wife of Capt Thomas Cooper of Oxford in the aforesaid County my Negro man Harry and my Negro woman Maria together with Cheesh and Peggy and Harry (the Children of my negro woman Myrtilla) to be by him delivered to my said Daughter on the decease of her said Husband Thomas Cooper in case she survive him, reserving nevertheless to my said Husband the Use of the said Negro's untill such delivery be made; in consideration of the expence which will arise to him from the maintenance of and Cloathing the said Children but in case the said Capt Thomas Cooper do and shall by proper Deeds and Conveyances in the Law make over to and settle upon his said Wife my daughter Elizabeth all and every the Legacys and Bequests herein given and to be given to her sole use and at her Absolute disposal, then and in that Case my Will is and I do hereby direct that the before mentioned Negro's be delivered to my said daughter by my Executor herein after mentioned on or before the first day of January next ensuing if they be then alive or at any time thereafter upon the Execution of such Settlement as is before mentioned (excepting always such Negroes and other Articles hereinafter to be mentioned the Use whereof shall be reserved to my said Husband during his natural Life which are only to be delivered to my said daughter immediately on his decease and not before)

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Cooper the wife of Capt Thomas Cooper before named my Negro man Johnson and my negro woman Myrtilla, and also All my Plate and Houshold Furniture now in the possession of my said Husband reserving nevertheless expresly the use of the said Negroes Johnson and Myrtilla and all the said Plate and Houshold Furniture unto my Husband aforesaid during her natural life. Also I give and bequeath unto my said daughter Elizabeth Cooper my Negro's Cheshire Tom, Phil and Dan, now in the possession of her Husband Thomas Cooper aforesaid, together with all the Bedding Furniture and Plate that she carried with her after marriage now also in the possession of the aforesaid Thomas Cooper To hold All and every the Negro's Bedding Furniture and Plate hereinbefore Bequeathed (excepting as before excepted) unto her the said Elizabeth Cooper her Heirs and Assigns for ever.

Item I give and Bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Cooper All my Wearing Apparel of what kind so ever to be delivered to her by my Executor immediately after my decease. And it is my desire that my said daughter Elizabeth do give such part and portion of the aforesaid Wearing Apparel to my Niece Rachel Miles as my said daughter shall think proper and useful to my said Niece.

Item I give and Bequeath unto Isabella the Wife of Mr Thomas Affleck Cabinet maker in Philadelphia one Negro Child named Cato the Son of my negro woman Maria To hold the said Negro Child to her the said Isabella and her Heirs and Assigns for ever.

Item I give and Bequeath unto my Nephew John Gordon Slatter in Philadelphia Son to Mr Lewis Gordon Clerk of Northampton County in the Province of Pensilvania one Negro Child named Joe the Son of my Negro woman Myrtilla To hold the said negro boy Joe to him the said John Gordon his Heirs and Assigns for ever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Nephew Thomas Gordon of Talbot County Gentleman one negro Fellow named Samon now in his possession To hold the said negro Samon to him the said Thomas Gordon his Heirs and Assigns for ever.

(and)