Maryland 3d April 1772

In the name of God Amen I William Blackiston of Kent County in the Province of Maryland Farmer being sick and weak in Body but sound mind & perfect Memory thanks be to Almighty God. And calling to mind the Mortality of my Body and that it is Appointed for all men once to die. do make Constitute & Ordain this my last Will and Testament in Manner & form following Viz.

principally And first of all I give and recommend my Soul ~~unto~~ to God that gave it & my Body to the Earth to be Buried in a decent like manner and form as Follows.

Imprimis I give and Bequeath to my Beloved Wife Ann my dwelling Plantation with the use of my moveable Estate during her Widowhood and After Marriage her former Dower or One third part of my Estate.

Item I give and Bequeath to my Foresaid Wife Ann a Horse Chair as a Legacy.

Item I give and Bequeath to my Son Benjamin my dwelling Plantation with the Lands Adjoining from the head of Chester Branch to the main Road to him & his heirs for ever. **Likewise** I give & Bequeath to my said Son Benjamin a Tract of Land called Benjamins part given me by my Father's Will and three other small Tracts bought of Thomas Burroughs. **in Consideration** of the above Legacies the said Benjamin is hereby firmly Bound to pay or cause to be paid to his Brother Samuel four hundred Pounds Common Money of Maryland in eight years after the said Samuel is of Age. that is to say Fifty Pounds yearly for the space of eight years after the Majority of the said Samuel. And in case of Samuels Dying before he is age then Two hundred Pounds of the said Legacy to go to William my Son. and the other Two hundred Pounds to my Daughter Betsy.

Item I give and Bequeath to my Son William Four hundred Acres of Land lying on the north side of the Road which said Land I purchased of my Brother George Blackiston. **And** in case of Williams death before he is of Age. Samuel is to be put in possession of his Land and his Sister

Betsy

Betsy To have half the Money of Benjamin.

Item I give and Bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth Two hundred pounds Common Money of Maryland. & a Negroe Girl named Judah. **And** further I desire that the Rents of the Lands devised to my Son William be reserved until he shall come of Age to Inherit the said Lands & that then the said Rents be equally divided between my Son Samuel & Daughter Betsey & the residue & remainder of my whole Estate to be equally divided among all my Children Except my Right to a part or Parcell of Land part of the Deny Mannor which Land I purchased in behalf of my Brother George which said Land I give & Devise to the said George Blackiston

provided allways that the said George Blackiston clear the said Land of all Incumberances whatever & keep my Heirs clear of the same so that they be not Damaged thereby. **I do Also** nominate Constitute and Ordain my beloved Wife Ann my whole Executrix of my whole Estate. Revoking all other former Wills heretofore made or done Acknowledging this my last Will & Testament

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal the day & year above Written Viz. 3d April One Thousand Seven hundred & Seventy Two.

Signed Sealed & Acknowledged } Wm Blackiston Seal
In presence of
David Angus
William Hazlet } On the Back of the aforegoing Will was this written
John his mark Holgan } Viz.

January 27th 1775. – Then came David Angus & John Holgan two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within written Will of William Blackiston late of Kent County deceased and Severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God. that they did see the Testator within named sign and seal this Will and that they heard him publish pronounce and Declare the same to be his last Will & Testament; That at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their Apprehensions, sound & disposing mind memory & Understanding. And that they the said Deponents together with William Hazlet the other Subscribing Witness within named Subscribed their respective names as Witnesses to the same Will in the presence of the Testator and at his Request and in the presence of each other. Certified By J Nicholson Dep Regr
Kent County

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