Maryland ss. In the name of God Amen

I John Blackiston of Kent County in said province being sick in Body but of perfect and Disposing mind and Memory thanks be to God do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say

I give to my Beloved Wife my Sorrel Mare called Pleasure and my Riding Chair

I give to my Son Benjamin my large House Bible

I give to my Son Ebenezar the Colt which I delivered to him before Witnesses and also the Sum of Twenty Pound

I give and Bequeath to my Son John Blackiston all my Plantation whereon I now dwell with all the appurtenances the same being called Ellis's Industry containing One hundred & thirty eight acres of Land more or less to him and his heirs forever

I also give my said Son John the Sum of twenty five Pound

I give and Bequeath to my Son Lewis Blackiston the three under mentioned Tracts of Land namely One Tract of Land called out Range containing One hundred & forty five Acres more or less. And One Tract named Kent Loh containing fifty Acres of Land more or less. And One Tract called Kent Loh Addition containing twenty five Acres of Land more or less. all which said Tracts of Land with all their appurtenances I give to my said Son Lewis to him and his heirs for ever

And I also give him a Legacy of thirty Pounds

It is my Will that all the Estate which do belong to my late Son Richard shall be divided amongst all my Children together with John Nicholson in equall shares each one alike

All my Right in my Pew in the new Addition to our Church chapel I give my Son John. And all my Right in a Pew in the old part of said Chapel I give my Son Lewis

It is my Will that my Beloved Wife shall possess and fully enjoy all and every part of all the Lands bequeathed to my two Sons John & Lewis above named untill they each of them respectively shall Arrive at the age of Twenty One years — And afterwards it is my Will that she shall possess

and

And enjoy one Legall and full third part of all the same Lands for and during her Natural Life. She Committing no waste thereon

It is my Will that my Beloved Wife shall have one full third part of all my personal Estate. And also it is my Will that after the same is paid together with all my Debts and all the aforesaid Legacys are paid that all the Rest and Residue of my Estate whatever shall be equally divided amongst all my children share and share alike — And I do hereby constitute and appoint my Beloved Wife and my my Son Benjamin Blackiston Joint Executors of this my last Will & Testament

I will that my beloved Wife shall have the Education of such of my children as are now under Age together with their Estates untill they respectively shall arrive at the Age of Twenty One Years having Bequeathed her the Lands as above mentioned in Order to enable her to bring them up — And I do hereby Revoke all former and other Wills heretofore by me made — And do will and declare this to be my last Will and Testament — In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this twenty eight day of November in the Year of our Lord Seventeen hundred and Seventy Four

John his ✠ mark Blackiston (Seal)

Signed Sealed Delivered Published Pronounced & declared by the said John Blackiston as and for his last Will & Testament in the presence of us who have signed our names hereto in his presence at his request and also in the presence of each other

Jos: Bouchell
John his ✠ mark Armstrong
Christina Englet

On the Back of the Aforegoing Will was thus Written — Tot.

December 21st 1774 — Then came John Armstrong & Christian Englet two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will & Testament of John Blackiston late of Kent County Decd and Severally made Oath on the holy Evangels of Almighty God. that they did see the Testator therein named sign & seal this Will. and that they heard him publish Pronounce & 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, of sound & disposing mind. Memory & Understanding; and that they respectively Subscribed their names together with Joseph Bouchell the other Subscribing Witness within named in

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