Charles County Ss. 2d. January 1775. — Then came John Brooks and William Matthews two of the Subscribing to the within Will and Testament of Joseph Thompson late of Charles County Deed and Severally made Oath on the holy Evangells of Almighty God. that they did see the Testator therein named sign and Seal this Will. and that they heard him publish pronounce and Declare the same 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 Memory and Understanding, and Respectively (with Joseph Matthews the other Witness) Subscribed their names as Witnesses to this will in the presence of the Testator and at his Request and in the presence of each Other —

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Maryland Ss. In The name of God Amen. — I Jesse Matthews of Charles County and province aforesaid being weak of Body. but of sound mind and perfect Memory. and well considering the uncertainty of this transitory Life. do think it most and convenient to settle my affairs in Order for a better — First and principally I give and Bequeath my Soul to Almighty God my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ by whose Meritorious death and passion I hope to Obtain Everlasting Life & my Body to the Earth to be Buried in Such Decent Manner my Executors hereafter named shall think Meet fary & convenient. And as to what Worldly Good it hath pleased God of his mercy to lend me I give and Dispose of in the Manner and form following, after my Just Debts are paid —

Imprimis I give and Bequeath unto my Wife Margaret Matthews the Third part of my whole Estate —

2ndly — I give and Bequeath unto my Nephew Rich. Shirburn my Saddle & Bridle —

3rdly — I give and Bequeath unto my Mother Martha Matthews during her natural Life the Land she is now possessed of. only reserving the timber. and also after my Mothers Death I give and Bequeath the said Land unto my Sister Jane Matthews during her single Life with the same Reserve —

4thly — I give and Bequeath unto my Son Luke Francis Matthews, all that part of Land called ~~the addition to him~~ Lockshalt to him and his heirs for ever likewise

Likewise that Tract of Land called the addition thum & his heirs forever. & Eight Negroes namely Aily. Fanny. Jerry Gusty Charley little Nace big Nace & Anna with their Increase forever. — and I give and Bequeath unto him all the Residue of my Estate. and it is my will that my Son shall be paid his Estate when he arrives to the age of Eighteen years — and it is my further will and meaning if my Son Dies before he arrives to the age of Eighteen years or without leaving an heir lawfully begotten. that the Estate I give him shall be equally Divided between my Sisters Mary Shirburn & Jane Matthews —

5thly — My will is if my Wife Margaret Matthews should Marry Imprudently, or Die that my Uncle Benjamin Jameson shall have the Sole Management of in Educating my Child and the care of his Estate. and Also my Will is if my Uncle Benjamin Jameson should Die that my Brother in Law Walter Pye shall be Invested with the same prerogative

Lastly — I Appoint my Wife Margaret Matthews & Benjamin Jameson and Walter Pye Joint Executors of this my last Will and Testament revoking and making Void all and every other will or Wills heretofore by me made. either Verbal or in Writting and I appoint this my last Will and Testament. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this Twenty Seventh day of November 1774. —

Signed Sealed published and Declared in presence of — } The word Charles in the fourth paragraph was Interlined before Sealing and Delivering —

Wm. Leigh
John Brooks
Thos. Shircliff

Jesse Matthews (Seal)

on the Back of the aforegoing Will was thus written Viz. —

Charles County Ss. 30th January 1775. — Then came Margaret Matthews. Benjamin Jameson and Walter Pye. and made Oath on the holy Evangells of Almighty God that the within Instrument of Writting is the true and whole will and Testament of Jesse Matthews late of Charles County deced that hath come to their hands or possession and that they do not know of any Other —

Certified by Dan. Jenifer Dep. Regr.