Talbot County to Wit April 8th 1775 — } Then came James Benson in whose Custody was the within Will and made Oath on the holy Evangels that the within instrument of Writing is the true and whole Will and Testament of Nicholas Benson late of Talbot County deceased, that hath come to his hands or possession and that he doth not know of any other —

Certified by. John Bracco Deputy County of Talbot County

Talbot County towit April 8th 1775 — } Then came James Benson, Rebecca Benson Elizabeth Benson and Perry Benson the four Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of Nicholas Benson late of Talbot County deceased and severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels 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 that they respectively subscribed their names as Witnesses to this Will in the presence and at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other —

Certified by — John Bracco Dep. County of Talbot County

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In the name of God amen. I Joseph Hopkins

of Talbot County in the province of Maryland being sick of Body but of sound mind Memory and Understanding thanks be to God for the same do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, revoking and disannulling all other Wills by me heretofore made —

Imprimis I give and bequeathe to my Son Thomas, part of a Tract of Land called Ray's Point beginning at a large bunch of green Briers at the head of a Put called dirt house Put making out of the head of folly Cove running from thence South by East untill it comes to an old fence East with the old fence untill it meets with the long neath and by East line of Ray's Point then North and by east with the said line to the end thereof, then West down to the creek or Branch and with the said creek or branch to the aforementioned Branch of Briers, I also give unto my Son Thomas all my half of a Tract of Land called the adventure, also the North Prong of a tract of Land called Skinners discovery and on which Thomas Smith now lives all which lands I give to him his heirs & assigns forever —

Item, I give and bequeath to my Son Joseph, my now dwelling plantation being the remaing part of Ray's point, also my part of tract of Land called the Enlargement, Also one other other tract of Land called Snellings delight, also my part of a Tract of Land called Bensons Enlargment, also the West Prong of a Tract of Land called Skinners discovery all which Lands I give to my Son Joseph his heirs and assigns forever —

Item I give to my daughter Sarah one Negro Girl named Amynta, one of my best feather Beds and furniture, Six of my best pewter plates, and one of my best pewter dishes, Six of my neat best pewter plates, Six white Stone plates, and one white Stone dish, three of my best Leather Chairs, one linnen Wheel commonly called Sally's Wheel, one Box Iron & heaters, one Cow and Calf, one horse named Sip and four head of Sheep.

Item I give to my daughter Anne one Negro Boy named Bombo, one of my (Best)

Best feather Beds and furniture, six of my best pewter plates, and one of my best pewter dishes, Six of my neat best pewter plates, Six white stone plates, and one white Stone dish three of my best Leather chairs, a linnen Wheel, commonly called Nancy's Wheel, one box Iron and heaters, one Cow and Calf, one Mare called Pidgeon and four head of Sheep.

Item, I give to my daughter Dorothy, one Negro Girl named Rhoda, also one Cow and Calf one Yearling Heifer and four head of Sheep.

Item I give to my daughter Margaret four head of Sheep.

Item, I give to my daughter Susannah four head of Sheep. My Will and desire is that my Son Joseph, for and in Consideration of the above Lands Bequeathed to him, that he pay all my Just debts, and that all the remainder of my Estate unbequeathed or given, be Equally divided amongst my Children namely, Joseph, Elizabeth, Ruth, Esther, Mary and Thomas, Margarett, Susannah, Sarah and Anne, I also devise that my Daughter Elizabeth may have the disposal of her part of my Estate And lastly I appoint my Son Joseph my Sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this third day of July in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred and Seventy five —

Signed Sealed published and declared by the said Joseph Hopkins to be his last Will and Testament in presence of } Jos: Hopkins (Seal)

T Sherwood
J. Hopkins
Elizabeth (her) Smith mark } On the back of the aforegoing Will was thus Written Viz.

Talbot County towit 2d August 1775 — } Then came Joseph Hopkins and made Oath on the Holy Evangels that the within Instrument of Writing is the true and whole Will and Testament of Joseph Hopkins late of Talbot County deceased that hath come to his hands or possession and that he doth not know of any other.

Certified by John Bracco Dept County of Talbot County

Talbot County towit 2d August 1775 — } Then Came Thomas Sherwood John Johnings Hopkins and Elizth Smith the three subscribing Witnesses to the within Last Will and Testament of Joseph Hopkins late of Talbot County deceased, and severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels 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 that they respectively subscribed their names as Witnesses to this Will in the presence and at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other.

Certified by John Bracco Dept County of Talbot County

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In the name of God Amen. I John Merrick

of Talbot County in the province of Maryland being sick and weak in Body but of sound and perfect mind and Memory (blessed be God) do this 9th day (of)