Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved Wife my dwelling plantation whereon I now live and all the Land that I possess thereto Appertaining and all my hole Estate during her Natural life, and at her Death my Tract of Land called the Chapharges to be Equally Divided between my Son Abraham Taylor and my Son Samuel Taylor and my Son Abraham Taylor is to have the plantation whereon I now live and my Son Samuel Taylor the plantation whereon my Son William now lives to them their & Heirs forever ——

Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Walter Taylor one Shilling Sterling & no more —

Item I give and Bequeath unto my Son William Taylor one Shilling Sterling and no more —

Item I give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Ann Banester one Shilling Sterling & no more —

Item I give and bequeath unto my Son John Taylor one Shilling Sterling & no more —

Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Samuel Taylor my Young Horse called Fox and my Bridle and Saddle and my Gun to him and his Heirs forever ——

Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Abraham Taylor one Bed Standing in the Shead and one Iron pot and two Young Steeres and my hand Mill and one half of my Cider Casks (and my Ox Chane unto him and his Heirs forever —

Item I give and bequeath unto my two Sons Samuel Taylor and Joshua Taylor all my hole Estate after my Wifes Death my Son Samuel is to have one part and my Son Joshua is to have two parts to them their & Heirs forever ——

I do hereby disalow revoke and disanull all and every other former Testaments Wills Legacies and Executors by me made I Acknowledge this to be my Last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Sele the day and Year first within Mentioned —

Signed Seald and Delivered In presents of us ——— Wm Taylor (Seal)

Wm Gray
Wm Miles
Matthias Miles

At the foot of the aforegoing Will was thus Written Viz.

Somerset County Ss the 12th Day of December 1775 Then came Samuel Taylor and made Oath that the within Instrument of Writing is the true and whole Will and Testament of William Taylor late of Somerset County deceased; that hath come to his Hands or possession; and that he doth not know of any other ——

Certified by Thomas Holbrook Dep. Clerk of Somerset County —

Somerset County Ss: the 1 day of December 1775 Then Came William Miles and Matthias Miles two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within Last Will and Testament of William Taylor late of Somerset County deceased and Severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that they did see the Testator therein named sign and Seal this Will, and that they heard him

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, and they also made Oath that they did see William Gray the other Witness to this Will in the presence of the deceased —

(5 Sides) Certified by Thomas Holbrook Dep. Clerk of Somerset County —

In the name of God Amen. I Walter Stevens of Caroline County in the Province of Maryland, being in perfect health of body and of sound and disposing mind, memory, and understanding, considering the Certainty of Death, and the uncertainty of the time thereof, and being desirous to settle my Worldly affairs, and thereby be the better prepared to leave this World when it shall please God to call me hence, do therefore make and publish this my Last Will and Testament, in manner and form following, that is to Say —

First and Principally I Commit my Soul into the hands of Almighty God, and my Body to the Earth, to be decently Buried at the discretion of my Executor and Executrix herein after named, and, after my debts and funeral Charges are paid, I devise and Bequeath as follows.

Item. I leave to my Daughter Mary Stevens during the time that she shall be, and Continue unmarried, the use of three Rooms in my Dwelling-House to wit the Shed-Room below Stairs in which there is a fire place; the Chamber over the said Room; and the Middle Chamber; Also the use and benefit of my old house commonly called the Shop, together with the privilege of fire wood and pasturage so long as she shall Continue single —

Item. I give devise and bequeath to my Son John Stevens and to the Heirs of his Body lawfully begotten forever, all that part of that Tract of Land Called out Range lying and being in the County aforesaid which lyes on the West Side of the main Branch of Howling Creek; Also all that part of a tract of Land called Stevens Beginning lying in the County aforesaid which lyes on the South Side of a West line drawn from the end of the South Line or second Course of a tract of Land called Cabin Ridge, to the Land of Caleb Clark; Also all that part of a tract of Land lying in the County aforesaid called Stevens's Meadows which lyes on the North, or upper side of Howling Creek; to be possessed by him and the Heirs of his Body lawfully begotten forever; And for want of such Heirs I give and devise all the aforesaid Several Tracts and parcels of Lands to my two Daughters Anne and Mary, to be equally divided between, and held by them and their Heirs in Fee Simple —

Item I give and devise to my said Son John Stevens & to the Heirs

(his)