In the first place I give & Bequeath to my Loving Brother William Johnson, the plantation where I formely lived being part of Tract of Land called Friends choice Containing Eighty Seven & a half Acres more or Less. — Also I give & Bequeath to my loving father, four Brothers & Sister Viz: Purnall Johnson Senr. Thomas Johnson, Purnall Johnson Junr. Elijah Johnson & William Johnson & Sarah Hern, all my personall Estate to be equally Divided amongst them, but it my desire that my loving Father Purnall Johnson Senr. shous have the first choice of the personal Estate when Divided. —

Lastly, I appoint my two Brothers Viz: Elijah Johnson & William Johnson whole & Sole Executors of this my last Will & Testament whereof I have hereunto set my Hand & Seal this Ninth day of January One Thousand Seven Hundred & Seventy Seven. —

Signed Sealed & Delivd. in the presence of — — — } Affradozi Johnson (Seal)

Will Stone
Henry Handy
James Smith

At the foot of the aforegoing Will was (thus Written Viz:)

January the 28th. Day 1777. Then came Henry Handy and made Oath that the with Instrument of writing is the true, and whole Will and Testament of Affradozi Johnson late of Somerset County Deceased, that hath come to his Hands or Posession and that he doth not know of any other

Certified by Thos. Holbrook Deptty Comry of Somerset County. — — — —

Somerset County Ss. the 28th. day of January 1777. Then came Henry Handy and James Smith two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of Affradozi Johnson 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 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 Stone Subscribe his name as a Witness to the Said Will in the presence of the Said Deceased. — Certified by Thos. Holbrook Deptty Comry of Somerset County

In the name of God Amen I William Mathis of Somerset County in the province of Maryland planter being Sick and weak of Body but of perfect mind and Memory thanks be given to God, therefore calling to Mind the uncertainty of this life and knowing that it is appointed for all Men once to die, Do make and Ordain this to be my last Will and Testament First and principally I recommend my Soul into the Hands of God that gave it and my Body to the Earth to be buried in a christian like manner at the Discretion of my Executor nothing doubting but to receive the Same again at the general Resurrection by the mighty power of God, and as touching my Worldly goods as it hath pleased God to bless me with I dispose of as followeth. —

Item, I leave and bequeath to my loving wife Elezebeth Mathis the Third part of my Estate to her and her Heirs forever.

Item, I leave and bequeath to my Daughter Sarah Mathis the Cattle which she claimes as a Gift from me, and their Increase for ever, my Will is that after my just Debts and funeral charges be Settled that the Remainder of my Estate be Divided between Sarah Mathis and Polly Jones in the following manner Sarah Mathis to have Two Thirds and Polly Jones to have one Third to them and their Heirs forever.

My Will is that Mitchell Banister be my whole and Sole Executor, this and no other to be my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have set my Mark and Seal this 1st. day of April in the year of our Lord God One Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy and Six. — — —

Signed Sealed and Acknowledged in the presence of us — — — — — } William his R mark Mathis (Seal)

John Irving
Revel Horsey

On the back of the aforegoing Will was (thus Written Viz:)

November the 5th. 1776. Then came William Carroll and made Oath that the within Instrument of Writing is the true and whole Will and Testament of William Mathis late of Somerset County Deceased that hath come to his Hands or possession, and that he did not know of any other. —

Certified by Thos. Holbrook Deptty Comry of Somerset County. —

Somerset County Ss. the fifth Day of November One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Six, Then came John Irving and Revil Horsey the two Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of William Mathis late of Somerset County Deceased and Severally made Oath, on the Holy Evangelis 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

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