Oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that they Saw James Glascock the Testator Sign the within Will and heard him Publish and Declare the Same to be his Last Will and Testament and that at the time of his so doing he was to the Best of their Apprehension of Sound and Disposing mind and Memory and that they Subscribed their Names as Witnesses to Said Will in the Presence of the Testator at his Request — Sworn before — S. Hanson Rotty —

7th Sept

In the Name of God Amen The tenth day of October in the Year of Our Lord God One thousand Seven hundred & Forty I Thomas Nicholls of St Marys County in the Province of Maryland being of Sound & Perfect Memory thanks be to God & calling to mind the uncertain State of this Transitory Life & that all flesh must yeilds to Death when it Shall Please God, to call do make Constitute and Appoint this my Last Will & Testament in Manner and following, first and Principle Recall & Disannull all & Every other Will or Wills Testament & Testaments, by me heretofore made and Done or Intended to be made & Done & I do hereby Make the Same Void & of none Effect then I bequeath to my Soul to Almighty God my Maker to Jesus Christ my Redeemer and to the Holy Ghost my Sanctifier and forever and my Body to the Earth from whence it came to be buried in Such Decent & Christain Manner as to my Executors hereafter to be Named Shall be thought Most and Convenient and as for what Temporall Estate it hath Pleased Almighty God to bestow on me I do Order, Give bequeath & Dispose of Same in manner and form following —

Imprimis Will that all my Lawfull Debts of what Nature soever be Justly and Truly Paid by Executors hereafter Named —

Item I Give Devise & bequeath to my Loving Wife Ann Nicholls fifty Acres of Land being Part of the Plantation whereon I now dwell During her Natural Life w.th all the Right Profits & Priviledges thereunto belonging Excepting one third Part of of Orchard —

Item I Give and bequeath to my Eldest Son Thos Nicholls of Other Part of of said Plantation whereon I now Dwell w.th one third Part of the Orchard & a Tobacco House w.th William Cheshire Built with all the Improvements Rights Profits & Priviledges thereunto belonging to him and his Heirs for Ever

Item I Give and bequeath to my Son Jno Nicholls a Tract of Land Called Nicholls Adventure Containing thirty Nine Acres w.th all the Rights Profits and Priviledges thereunto belonging to him and his Heirs for Ever as also I Give unto my Son Jno Nicholls One Feather Bed & furniture one Cow & Calf one Ewe & Lamb one Sow & Piggs or Barrow one horse or Mare to be Delivered at the Age of Nineteen — Item I Give and bequeath to my Son Luke Nicholls One feather Bed & furniture one Cow & Calf one Ewe & Lamb one Sow & Piggs or Barrow one horse or Mare to be Delivered at the Age of Nineteen —

Item I Give and Bequeath to my Son Henry Nicholls one feather Bed & furniture one Cow and Calf one Ewe & Lamb one Sow and Piggs or Barrow one Horse or Mare to be delivered at the Age of Nineteen

Item I Give and bequeath to my Son James Nicholls one Feather Bed & furniture one Cow & Calf one Ewe & Lamb one Sow & Piggs or Barrow one horse or Mare to be Delivered at the Age of Nineteen

Item I Give and bequeath to my Daughter Ann Nicholls the Negro Called Bob, and for the Use of my Wife Ann Nicholls During her Widowhood as also I Give to my Daughter Ann Nicholls One Cow & Calf one Ewe & Lamb one Sow & Piggs or Barrow one horse or Mare to be delivered at the Age of Sixteen or Day of Marriage —

Item I Give and bequeath to my Daughter Sarah Nicholls the Negro James and for the Use of my Wife Ann Nicholls During her Widowhood as also I Give to my Daughter Sarah Nicholls one Cow and Calf one Ewe Lamb one Sow and Piggs or Barrow one Horse or Mare to be Delivered at the Age of Sixteen or Day of Marriage and if Both or Either of my Daughters Dyes without any Lawfull Issue my Will is that the Negro or Negroes Shall be Equally Divided amongst the Rest of my Children — and upon failing of Paying the Feather Bed and furniture to Either of my Children as is Left to them above Mentioned at the time aforesaid I Will that they have two thousand pounds of Tobacco Instead of the Bed and furniture —

And all the Rest of my Moveable Estate of What Nature or Kind Soever it be I Give to my Wife Ann Nicholls During her Widowhood and if She Should Marry again then to be Equally Divided amongst all my Children and if She Should Live a Widow & not Marry again then at her Decease to be Equally Divided as aforesaid —

Lastly I do hereby Ordain Constitute & Appoint my Dear & Loving Wife Ann Nicholls & my Son Thomas Nicholls Executors of this my Last Will and Testament in Testimoney whereof I have hereunto Set my Hand & affixed my Seal the Day & Year first above Written —

Signed Sealed & Delivered in Presence of — Thomas Nicholls (Seal)

John his I Mattonly mark
Tho.s his X Reaver mark
Elizabeth his X Baly mark

On the Back of the aforegoing Will is thus Written Viz.t —

November the 6th 1740 Then John Mattonly and Thomas Reaver two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing Will being duely and Solemnly Sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God Depose and Say that they Saw the Testator Thomas Nicholls Sign the foregoing Will and Heard him Publish 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 Apprehension of Sound and Disposing mind and memory and that they Subscribed their Respective Names as Witnesses to the said Will in the Presence of the said Testator and at his Request and that they Saw Elizabeth Baly Sign as a Witness in the Presence of the said Testator —

Sworn before me Thos Nisquith Deputy Comisary of St Marys County

9th Nov The Deceased's Widow has made her Election and Will not Except of the Devise but abide by what the Law Gives her Certifies by me Thos Nisquith Dep.ty Comisary of St Marys County —

In the Name of God Amen I George Rogers of St Marys County being Sick and Weak of Body but of Perfect mind and memory thanks be to Almighty God for the Same and knowing the Uncertainty of this do make and Ordain this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following First I Give and bequeath Soul to Almighty God who gave it me hoping through the Merits of Jesus Christ my Saviour to Receive full Pardon for all my Sins and my Body to the Ground to be Decently and Christianly Buried According to the Direction of my Exec.rs hereafter Named —

Item I Give unto my Eldest Daughter Darcus Rogers one Young Negro man named Dick to and to the Heirs of her Body Lawfully begotten and for want of such Heirs to the Next Heir at Law —

Item I Give and bequeath unto my Son George Rogers one Negro boy Called Cojoe and all my Land in Turtola and in Anguilla and Else where that Shall fall to me by Law to him and the Heirs of his Body Lawfully begotten and for Want of such Heirs to the Next Heir at Law —