In the Name of God Amen I William Thomas of Talbot County in Maryland Yeoman being Aged & Weak of Body, but of Sound and perfect mind & memory, thanks God, and Considering the Uncertainty of Life do make this my Last Will, First bequeathing my Soul to God humbly trusting in his Mercies in Jesus Christ his Son my Saviour and my Body to the Earth in Decent Burial

The Worldly Goods which God in his Goodness hath bestowed on me I give in manner and form following viz.

Item I give unto my Daughter Ann the Wife of William Martin altho I have long since paid her her Portion all the Debts which she oweth me both on Account of her former Husband and herself during her Widowhood it being in full of her Part of my Estate

Item Forasmuch as my other Daughters Jane (lately Dead) Elizabeth & Juliana have been paid their Portion by me I therefore only give unto the Heirs of my Daughter Jane the Sum of five Shillings Currency and also the like Sum of five Shillings Currency to Each of my Daughters Elizabeth & Juliana to be paid to Each of them in full of their Part of my Estate

Item If my Grandson Thomas Martin continue with my Son Trustram untill he Arrive at the Age of Twenty one Years, then I give unto him one Feather Bed Bolster and Pillows, Rugg & Blanketts & Pair Sheets

Item I give unto my Son Trustram my Part of our Servant man called William Moores

Item I give unto my Son Trustram after my Wifes Decease Our Still and the Appurtenances thereunto belonging

Item I give unto my Trustram one Large Oval Table Standing up Stairs, one Small Oval Table in the Hall one Scrutore Standing in Do. Two Negroes called George and Nero after my Wifes Decease

Item I give unto my Son William two Negroes called Joe, and Abbe and her Increase after my Wifes Decease

Item I Will and Devise that my Dwelling Plantation and the Use of all my Personall Estate (my just Debts and the above Legacies being paid) be and remain in the Occupation and Possession of my Dear and Loving Wife for and during her Natural Life and after her Decease I give and bequeath the said Plantation and all my Lands thereunto lied joyning unto my Son Trustram and his heirs forever but in case he dye without without Lawfull Issue my Will is that my Son Trustrams Wife Shall Enjoy the Same During her Widowhood, & then I give them to my Grandson William Thomas and his Heirs for Ever

and the Personal Estate which Shall be at the Death of my Dearest Joan afores. I give to my Sons William & Trustram to be Equally Divided between them

Lastly I do make Constitute & Ordain my afores. Dear Wife Joan whole Sole Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former Will & Wills by me made, and do hereby Publish & Declare this to be my Last Will and Testament, In Testimony whereof I have hereunto put my hand & Seal this Twentieth Day of March in the Year of our Lord 1739/40

Signed Sealed Published and Declared
in the presence of
Adam Brown
Thomas Helsby
Tho. Wellcatt

William Thomas (Seal)

On the Back of the aforegoing Will is this Written Vizt

Talbot County ss. Adam Brown, Thomas Helsby and Thomas Wellcatt the Subscribing Witnesses to the aforegoing Will Being duly & Solemnly Sworn upon the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God Depose

Depose and Say that they Saw the Testator William Thomas Sign and Seal the said 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 these Deponants of Sound and Disposing mind and Memory and that they Subscribed their Respective Names as Witnesses to the Same in the presence of the Same Testator and at his Request before me the Subscriber this tenth day of December in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Seven hundred & Forty

Ex Sides Th. Bullen Deputy Comdy of Talbot County

In the Name of God Amen I Edmund Cook of Talbot County in the Province of Maryland Planter being Sick and Weak in Body, but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given to God therefore, Calling unto mind the Mortality of my Body and knowing it is appointed for all men Once to Dye, do make and Ordain this my Last Will and Testament, that is to Say Principally and first of all, I give and recommend my Soul unto the hands of God that made it and for my Body I recommend it to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like and Decent manner at the Discretion of my Executors, Nothing Doubting but at the General Resurrection I Shall receive the same again by the mighty Power of God and as touching Such Worldly Estate it hath pleased God to bless me in this Life, I give Devise and Dispose of the Same in manner and form following

Imprimis I give to my Beloved Wife Mary my Negro Woman Called Jenny and Such Child or Children which May hereafter Issue from the Body of the Same Jenny the Service of my boy Jonathan Cupell my Riding Mare Fanny the two Best Feather Beds and furniture to them Appertaining which came to me by our Marriage and one third Part of all the rest and Residue of my Personal Estate Whatsoever, free & clear from all Debts Charges and Incumbrances freely to be had, taken, and Disposed of by her at her Will and Pleasure, also I give and bequeath unto the said Mary my beloved Wife Negro Sampson and Dorsey during her Life also my Land and Houses during the said Space of her Life excepting one hundred and Twenty Acres which I give unto my Grandson Edmund Carr if he should come of Age before her Decease

Item I give to my Grandson Wesley Tarrell the Son of James Tarrell fifty Acres of Land Joyning upon Arcado and Clifton with an Equal Share of the Remainder of my Personal Estate

Item I give to my Grandson William Carr one hundred Thirty Acres of Land Seventy & Seven thereof in Tiskers Range and the Remainder in Catholick moor & the Contention

Item it is my Will that my Deed of Gift made to my Grandson Edmund Gorsum Shall Stand Good

Item I give unto each of my Daughters together with what I have given them one Year Old heifer or Year Old Steer

Item I give to Elizabeth Sumblingstone Six hundred Pounds of Tobacco

Item I give to Sarah Withcott a two Year Old mare

Item I give to Elizabeth Withcott one Negro boy Called Jacob to be at her Demand after my Decease

Item I give unto my Grandchildren Joseph Gorsum, Mary Gorsum, Rachel Tarrel Mary Tarrel John Carr, Moses Carr, Henry Carr, Elizabeth Carr and Mary Carr the rest of my Personal Estate Excepting what I have Already bequeathed to be Equally Divided amongst them According to the Sum Arising from Appraisement

Item I give to my Boy Jonathan five hundred Pounds of Tobacco when he is at Age

Item I give to Henry to Withcott my Riding Saddle

Item I give my Beloved Mary my Wife my Still during her Life and after her Decease to be applied to