

In the name of God Amen March 17<sup>th</sup> 1785 I Ebenezer Blackiston of Kent County and State of Maryland being sick and weak in Body but of sound and perfect mind and Memory thanks be to Almighty God for the same, and calling to mind the Uncertainty of this Mortal Life do make constitute and ordain this my last Will & Testament in manner and form following Viz. first I recommend my Soul to Almighty God who gave it hoping an eternal inheritance in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and my Body I desire may be buried in a decent and Christian like manner wherever my Executors hereafter to be mentioned may think proper, as to the goods and estate of which it has pleased God to possess me with I desire they may be disposed of in the following manner Viz. after my just debts & Burial Expenses are paid and my Wifes thirds are taken out

I give and bequeath to my Eldest Son Richard Blackiston the Sum of three Pounds Gold and Silver Currency to be paid him when he shall arrive at the age of twenty one years old.

I give and bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth Blackiston the Sum of one Hundred Pounds Gold and Silver Currency to be paid her when she shall arrive at the age of sixteen years old

I also give and bequeath to my Son John Blackiston his Heirs & Assigns forever all that tract or parcel of Land lying and being in Kent County aforesaid containing one hundred Acres adjoining Lands of John Ward Pennington commonly called Jones's Neglect which I lately purchased of a certain James Lowman, also one other tract or parcel of Land lying and being in the County aforesaid containing fifty Acres which was formerly the property of a certain John Tucker and sold by him to a certain Risdon Bishop of Kent County and State of Delaware who sold it to me, and also eight of Acres of Land adjoining the East end of the last mentioned tract of Land together with all & singular the appurtenances & Improvements whatsoever to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining thereto to the only proper use and behoof of him my said son John Blackiston his Heirs and Assigns forever.

I likewise give & bequeath to my beloved Wife Sarah Blackiston my Living