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In the name of God Amen. I Archibald Ritchie, of the Town of Tappahannock, and County of Essex Merchant, being in Perfect health, and sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, do make this my Last Will and Testament: and do Revoke all former and other Wills, and Testaments by me heretofore made

In witness whereof, In lieu, and full satisfaction of all Dower, and thirds, which my beloved Wife Mary Ritchie, might otherwise claim out of my Estate, I give and bequeath to her, for, and during her natural life, All my Lots and houses in Tappahannock, purchased of the Estate of Joseph Stevens deceased, and formerly in Possession of James Mills deceased. All my lands on the Right hand side of the Road, which now leads from the Town of Tappahannock, to a Merchant Mill the Property of Thomas and William Roane Esquires, Including my purchases from William Brooker and Jackson Dyke, and part of my purchase from the Executors and Representatives of James Griffin deceased, with the twenty acres whereon the Tobacco Warehouses now stand.

I Item I give and Bequeath to my Beloved Wife aforesaid, During the Period aforesaid, my cook maid Frank, my sempstress Nancy, with her daughter Charlotte, my Lapidress Jenny, together with my three slaves Monmouth, Phill and Billy and Two

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negroe men, two negroe women, a negroe Boy not exceeding the age of twelve, and
a negroe Girl not exceeding the same age, such as she may choose out from among
my slaves, who shall at the time of my Death, be employed only as slaves in the
kroff, and also all the Increase of the female slaves, who shall be born after my
death.

Item If my Beloved son William Ritchie shall have an inclination, at any time during my
wife's life, to Reclaim all, or any Part of the Marsh, Included in the Lands above
mentioned, for his own immediate use, It is my will that he shall have Liberty so to
do, with ^{out} any Let, Trouble, or Interruption from her.

Item It is my Will that my Executors hereafter named, shall cause a good Tobacco house, and
a good Corn house to be built for the use of my wife during the Period aforesaid, on the
Lands aforesaid, and at the Expence of my Estate, as soon as may be after my death.

Item I give and Bequeath to my said Wife, the use of Two Plough horses two yokes of
Oxen, twelve hogs and calves, twelve Ewes and Lambs, four breeding sows, and as
much of my household furniture, as my Executors may deem necessary for her use,
for and During the Period of her natural life.

Item I give and Devise all the Residue of my Estate, both Real and Personal, to my Well
beloved son William Ritchie, to him and his Heirs for ever, but under the following
Incumbrances and Limitations.

- Item It is my Will that my Executors hereafter named, shall cause a good Tobacco house, and a good Corn house to be built for the use of my wife during the Period aforesaid, on the Lands aforesaid, and at the Expence of my Estate, as soon as may be after my death.
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- Item I give and Devise all the Residue of my Estate, both Real and Personal, to my Well Beloved son William Ritchie, to him and his Heirs for ever, but under the following Incumbrances and Limitations.
- Item It is my desire my Executors herein named, shall, as soon as may be, after my Death ascertain the amount of all my just debts, and set apart a fund for the Payment of them, and also for the Payment of an Annuity of one hundred Pounds Current money, which Annuity I direct to be annually Paid to my Wife, out of the Residue aforesaid, which Residue is also to be burthened with the Payment of Just debts, and of my younger Children's fortunes in the manner herein after mentioned.
- Item I direct that every charge against my son William (except for Education) and every charge against my sons in Law George Buchner and William Buffon which shall be found upon my books, at the time of my death, shall be considered as Part of my estate, and that after a sufficiency for the Payment of my just Debts

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and the fund for the Payment of my wife's annuity, have been set apart out of the Residuary Estate aforesaid, my good friends Robert Beverly, Thomas Roane, William Roane, John Roane, William Whiskell and James Dunlap, may as a Testimony of their Regard for my memory, take the Trouble, all together, or any three of them, of valuing all the Residuary Estate aforesaid, both Real and Personal, and that, at the death of my wife, they or any three of them, will also in like manner take the Trouble of valuing the fund set apart for Raising the annuity aforesaid, for my wife, and the other estate herein before bequeathed to her during life, and cause a copy of such valuations to be delivered to my son William Ritchie and another to be delivered to each of my sons in Law, Herein before named.

Item. I give and bequeath four thirteenths of the amount of the said valuation to my son William Ritchie, to him and his Heirs for ever. But should my said son William Ritchie depart this life, unmarried and without Lawful Issue, I give two of the said thirteenths to my son Archibald Ritchie, and one of them, to each of my sons John and Thomas Ritchie, to them respectively, and their several heirs for ever.

Item. I Give and bequeath two thirteenths of the amount of the said Valuation to my son Archibald Ritchie to him and his Heirs forever. And in case my said son Archibald, should die unmarried, and Without Lawful Issue, I give and bequeath the said two thirteenths to be equally divided between my two sons John Ritchie, and Thomas Ritchie, to them and their Respective heirs forever, But should my two sons

and thirteenth is to be equally divided between my two sons John Ritchie, and Thomas Ritchie, to them and their Respective heirs forever, But should my two sons William and Archibald, depart this life unmarried, and with out Issue, I give and bequeath four of the thirteenths bequeathed to them to my son John Ritchie, and the Remaining two thirteenths to my son Thomas Ritchie, to them Respectively and their Several heirs for ever.

Item I give and bequeath two thirteenths of the amount of the said valuation to my son John Ritchie, to him and his Heirs forever, But in case my said son John Ritchie shall depart this life unmarried, and without Lawful Issue, I give and bequeath the said two thirteenths to be equally divided between my two sons Archibald and Thomas, to them and their Heirs forever, and in case of the Death of my three sons William Archibald and John, Unmarried, and without Lawfull Issue, I give and Bequeath the said eight thirteenths bequeathed as above to my said three sons, to my son Thomas Ritchie and his Heirs for ever.

Item I Give and Bequeath two thirteenths, of the amount of the said valuation, to my son Thomas Ritchie to him and his heirs for ever, but in case my said son Thomas Ritchie, should depart this life, unmarried and without Issue, I give and bequeath the said two thirteenths, to be equally divided between my two sons Archibald and John Ritchies, to them and their Heirs forever: And in case, that all my said sons, should depart this life unmarried and without Issue I give and bequeath all my Estate, both Real and Personal (except what has herein before been bequeathed to my beloved Wife) to be equally divided among my three daughters Margaret Druffin, Janet Pruckner and Mary Ritchie to them and their Heirs forever.

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Item. I Give and bequeath the Remaining three thirteenths of the amount of the said valuation, to be equally divided among my two sons in Law, (or in case of their death, or that of either of them, among the wives of the decedents) and my daughter Mary Ritchie to them and their heirs forever, always provided, that in the Payments to be made to my said sons in Law, or their Respective wives, a deduction shall be made of what shall appear to have been paid to them, or any of them Respectively, at the time of my death.

Item. It is my will and desire, that at the death of my wife, the funeral to be

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set apart for the purpose of Raising her annuity, and the valuation of the other Estate, above bequeathed to her for life, may be divided among my children in the same proportions, and subject to the same Limitations as I have above directed to take place in my Residuary Estate, and my meaning is, that my said son William Ritchie, should at my Death be considered as seized and possessed of my Residuary Estate, and at the Death of my wife, should be considered as seized and possessed of what has been so bequeathed to her, and that my other children should be paid their Respective shares by him, in the manner and subject to the Limitations above set forth.

Item. I constitute and appoint my friends Robert Beverly, and John Breckenbrough and my son William Ritchie, Joint Guardians to my three sons, Archibald, John and Thomas Ritchies above named. I desire that my son William Ritchie may keep their shares of the valuations aforesaid in his hands, until they shall severally arrive at the age of twenty one years, without being accountable to them for any Interest thereon, and that in due thereof, he will give them a Gentel maintenance, suited to the fortunes which they shall have a Right to expect, and an Education suited to the Genius which they may Respectively discover. And it is further my desire and Request, that The Guardians above appointed, will endeavour to Inform themselves from time to time, of the genius, and inclinations of my said three sons, and should they, or any of of them, upon such Enquiry, appear capable of becoming men of Learning, the majority of the said Guardians, may send him or them, to any School or University on the Continent of America, or beyond the sea, where they may judge that this desirable end may most certainly be obtained, and empower my son William

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that this desirable end may most certainly be obtained, and empower my son William
Ritchie (if the Legal ^{Interest} of the share of such son or sons, as above set forth should be
insufficient for that purpose) to expend as far as half the Principal of such shares
or shares, on the Education of him or them. Rather than suffer the end to be unobtained,
and such Power shall be a good discharge to the said William Ritchie, for the whole
amount of such expenditures.

Item I constitute appoint and ordain my beloved Wife Mary Ritchie executrix, and my
friends, Thomas Peane, Robert Beverly, James Dunlap and William Mitchell Esquires
my son William Ritchie and my two sons viz. Saml Horace Buchner and William Buffin
Executors of this my last Will and Testament. In Testimony whereof, I have set my hand
and seal to this my Last Will and Testament, made the Eighteenth day of September in
the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty two, Written on this
and the two preceding Pages each subscribed with my own hand. The words "Unmar-
ried and without Issue" being interlined in the page immediately preceding this
before signing and Publication.

Signed, Published, and declared, to be his Last will and
Testament, by the above named Archibald Ritchie, The
Testator, in our Presence, who have subscribed our
names as Witnesses, in his Presence, and at his request

Judith Peane
John Warden

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Archibald Kitchie

Judy Reane

John Warden

William Taylor

At a Court continued and held for Essex County at Tappahannock on the 26th day of
April 1784 This last Will and Testament of Archibald Kitchie deceased was offered
to proof by William Kitchie and William Keffin two of the Executors therein named
and was proved by the oath of Judy Reane and John Warden two of the Witnesses
thereto and also by the oath of the said Executors and is ordered to be Recorded

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