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In the name of God Amen I **John Crow** of the County of Berkeley in the Colony of Virginia being of sound mind and memory do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner following that is to say I give and bequeath unto my loving wife **Mary Crow** the House Wherein I now dwell in the said County of Berkeley also all that lot or parcel of meadow land which has usually been mowed and reserved for grass also all the orchards and Fruit trees on my plantation together with a free privilege of that lot or part of my land wherein the said fruit Trees are now growing the aforesaid two Lots or parcels of land being a part of four Hundred and sixty three acres of Land granted to me by a Deed from Lord Fairfax dated the twelfth day of June One Thousand seven Hundred and seventy together with a free privilege of cutting fire wood or any other timber which she my said wife may occasionally be in want of/off and from any part of my aforesaid Tract of Land also one third part of all the Corn Wheat or any other grain whatsoever which may be tended Cultivated or grown on my aforesaid Plantation by my son **Thomas Crow** or any other person or persons possession or holding the same for and during her natural life – I also give and bequeath to my said wife **Mary Crow** One large sorrel mare being the same which she usually rides on also two sorrel Colts or Foals which came of the said mare also two large milch Cows the one red the other Brindle colour also two of my best beds and the furniture thereunto belonging together with a large Chest two Iron pots and any other part of my Kitchen furniture which she may choose to keep and reserve for her own use to my said Wife her Heirs and assigns forever Item I give and bequeath unto my son **Thomas Crow** three Hundred and Sixty three acres of Land being the Land whereon I now Dwell in the said County of Berkeley and is

the residue of four Hundred and Sixty three acres being granted to me as aforesaid to him and his Heirs and assigns forever subject to the several encumbrances and reserved before recited and fully specified for and on behalf of my Wife *Mary Crow* during her natural life. Item I give and bequeath to my said son *Thomas Crow* all and Singular my personal Estate of Whatsoever nature and kind soever except the several articles before mentioned on behalf of my said wife *Mary Crow* to him his Heirs and assigns forever Yet never the less its my will and I do hereby order that my said son *Thomas Crow* do lend and allow my Daughter *Esther Grace* to have two milch Cows out of my stock of Cattle for the support and maintaine of my said Daughter and her children but it is to be clearly understood that she nor any other person or persons for her has or is to have any privilege or power to either sell or in any manner to dispose of or with the said two Cows and that provided she my said Daughter or any person for her presuming to do so that then and in that case my said son is hereby impowered to take the said two Cows into his possession and to have and hold them as of his own proper Estate the same as if this reserve had never been made Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter *Mary Hall* wife of *Joseph Hall* the sum of Thirty pounds Current money of Virginia as her portion of my estate to her and her Heirs and assigns forever and it is my Will and I do hereby order my said son and Executor *Thomas Crow* to pay unto my said Daughter *Mary Hall* the aforesaid sum of Thirty pounds by or from the sale of some part of my personal Estate already bequeathed to him my said son. Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter *Esther Grace* Wife of *Lewis Grace* fifty acres of Land the same being part of a greater Tract of four Hundred and Sixty acres of Land as before mentioned the said fifty acres of Land being bound as follows Beginning at two Hiccorys in the line of the patent corner to *Jonathan Brittain* thence along his heirs No E 30 W

Sixty poles to a Locust stake thence So 16 W 85 poles to two white oaks in the line of *Britain* extending thence No 62 Wt 38 poles to a white oak thence No 16 ___ 138 poles to a spanish oak and two Hiccory saplings at the line of the patent and thence along the lies of the same So 65 Et 102 poles to two Hiccorys and a dead locust corner to *Adam Cooper* at the line of *Simeon Rices* Heirs thence along the lines of the patent So 20 Wt 23 poles to three young Black Oaks corner to *Rice* and *Hall* and thence So 18 Wt 23 poles to the Beginning for and during her natural life Item I give and bequeath the above described fifty acres of Land after the decease of my said Daughter *Esther Grace* to my Grandson *John Grace* he being the Eldest son of the said *Esther Grace* to him and his Heirs and assigns forever Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter *Elizabeth Britain* wife of *Johathan Britain* the sum of five Shillings Current money of Virginia to her and her Heirs and assigns forever she having already received such part of my Estate as I intended for her portion Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my said Wife *Mary Crow* Executrix and my said son *Thomas Crow* executor of this my last Will and Testament Ratifying and Confirming this to be my last Will & Testament In testimony whereof I have herunto set my hand and affixed my seal this ninth day of April anno Domini One Thousand seven Hundred and Seventy four 1774.

Signed sealed published pronounced and declared

John Crow (L S)

By the said *John Crow* as his last Will and Testament in the presence of

John Sewell

Timothy Sewell

Thomas Dickson

At a Court held for Berkeley County the 15th day of August 1775. This last Will and Testament of John Crow deceased was presented in Court by Thomas Crow the Executor therein (Mary Crow the Executrix refusing to take upon herself the burthen of Execution thereof) who made oath thereto according to law and the Same being proved by the oaths of John Sewell, Timothy Sewell and John Dickson is admitted to Record and on the motion of the said Executor who entered into bond with William Vestall and Jeremiah Stillwell his securities n the penalty of five Hundred pounds conditioned for his true and faithful administration of the said Estate certificate is granted him for obtaining a probate thereof in due form of law

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Will Drew

I certify that the above is a true copy of Berkeley County Will Book 1, Page 38, Martinsburg, Berkeley County, West Virginia.

State of West Virginia
Berkeley County

Don C. Wood

State of West Virginia
County of Berkeley

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this August 31, 1992. Helen L. Vickers Notary Public. My Commission Expires Jan 27, 1994.

(Correction of name of daughter from Esther Queale to Esther Grace confirmed by viewing microfilm of willbook 1, Berkeley Co, VA. 2/2006 by Patricia McClure)