by the Testator and [illegible] Lewis
Will & Testament to be witnesses of
James Carpenter
Mrs Spangler
Hugh Peterselle

Susannah Smith - 1766
LWT Essex Co VA

At a Court held for Essex County at Tappahannock on the 15th day of June 1767.

This day this Will and Testament of John Rice deceased was presented in Court by the Executrix therein named who was sworn to the same according to Law, and being also proved by James Carpenter and Hugh Peterselle two of the Witnesses is ordered to be Recorded.

Test. John Lee Clk

In the Name of God Amen! the 27 day of August 1766 According to the Constitution of the Church of England in the County of Essex being of perfect Memory and Understanding praised be God for it, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and following viz. Imprimis I bequeath my Soul unto the hands of Almighty God my Creator hoping that through the Merits, death and passion of Jesus Christ my only Saviour and Redeemer to receive free Pardon and forgiveness of all my Sins and as for my Body to be buried in Christian Burial at the discretion of Executrix hereinafter mentioned I give unto my Grandson Thomas Brayshaw a Negro man named Sandy to him his heirs and assigns of the Case and all that is made on the Place in Stafford I give unto my Grandson Thomas Hardy a Young Slave I give unto my Grandson Dick Brayshaw a Negro man named Jack I give and bequeath all the rest of my Estate Real and Personal unto my Wife Jane Lewis and my Son John Rice Lewis and their heirs and assigns forever and that the Day of the Date of these presents above mentioned.

In presence of
John Gordon
James Montgomery
Daniel Hodgin

Susanna Lewis
Mark

At a Court held for Essex County at Tappahannock on the 15 day of June 1767.

This day this Will and Testament of Susanna Lewis deceased was presented in Court by Dick Lewis the Executor therein named who made oath thereto according to Law and being also proved by John Gordon and James Montgomery two of the Witnesses is ordered to be Recorded.

Test. John Lee Clk