

Lib^r D^c N^o 6. Rebecca Williams all such Sums or Sums of money belounging -
 unto me now remaining in the Custody of my said Cousin Thomas
 Day and it is my Will that my said Daughter be placed forth in
 Service in London according to the Discretion of my said Cousin for
 her future good -

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Item I do give and bequeath unto my Married Daughter
 Elizabeth Milten living in London all the Rest of my Estate
 Real and personall both here in this Countrey and in England
 And it is my Will that in Case my Daughter Rebecca Williams
 Depart this Life before she Cometh to Age or Marriage that
 then my Cousin John Wilcocks of Bristol his Children shall
 have Each of them five pounds Lawfull money of England
 a peece out of my said Daughters Estate and to my Wife
 Margaret King of Chappelow with whom I left my Daughter
 Tenn pounds Sterling out of my said Daughters Estate and to
 the poor of Chappelow parish ten pounds Sterling out of my
 said Daughters Estate and the rest of my said Daughters
 Estate to be satisfied to my Daughter Eliz^a Milten aforesaid
 Further more I do Ordain my Loving Cousin Thomas Day of
 Bristol Merchant and Robert Burke and Thomas Marsh Gent^l
 of this County of Annaruddell aforesaid to be my Executors of this
 my Last Will and Testament -

And I do give and bequeath unto my said Executors in
 Consideration of their Care in my Busines Relating to the
 premises (viz^t) to my Cousin Thomas Day a peece of plate
 to the Value of five pounds Sterling And to Robert Burke and
 to Thomas Marsh Gent^l of this County Each of them a peece
 of plate to the Value of Three pounds Sterling to be provided
 and sent unto them by my Cousin Thomas Day before said by
 the first Convenience after my said Estate in this Countrey is
 Reclused into his hands out of this Countrey In Witness
 whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal August 13th
 1672

Ralph Williams Sealed

Signed and Sealed in
 presence of us
 Robert Burke
 John Bicknall

On the back Side of the foregoing
 Last Will and Testament of
 Ralph Williams was thus written viz^t

(S)

Lib^r D^c N^o 6. I Ralph Williams having by the Mercy and Goodness of God recovered
 my Sickness which was upon me when I made my last Will here within
 mentioned, and now being in the like Sickness again at this present
 but in perfect Sense and memory Some Causes me therunto moving
 To give and bequeath unto my Servant named William Mansfield
 a small flock bee which he useth now to lye upon with two pil-
 lows, also I do give and bequeath to the said William all my Wearing
 apparell Except my two best Suits also all my Linen made
 of Dowlas as Shirts and Drawers and two Caps and one silk neck
 cloath Item I do give and bequeath unto my Loving friend M^r
 Thomas Marsh two holland Shirts and my Apier and one pair
 of Black silk Stockings -

Item I do give and bequeath unto my Woman Servant
 named Mary Evans six heifers of the last Years (aliving)
 Item I do give and bequeath unto her and her Daughter
 Three yards and a quarter of Vassaty to make Each of them
 a scarf. Item I do give and bequeath all the rest of my fine
 Wearing Linen unto the said Mary Evans also I do give and
 bequeath my Wearing hats and my Shoes and wearing
 Stockens unto the aforesaid William Mansfield, further more
 it is my Will that if my Blaitacon whercon I now live
 be sold within a Year after my Decease that then the said
 Mary Evans shall have her freedom the things above
 mentioned I have Specified as an Addition to my former Will
 bearing Date the 13th of August 1672 which said Will shall
 stand firm without any alteration Saving this Addition
 mentioned In Witness whereof I have herunto Set my
 hand and Seal the 18th of September 1673

Signed and Sealed in

Ralph Williams Sealed
 his mark

the presence of us

Abraham Thos Wm Mansfield //

On the back Side of the foregoing Will also was thus
 Written (viz^t) December the 9th 1673 the within mon-
 tioned was proved in Canon form by the Oath of William
 Mansfield, - Coram me - Tho: Taylor

(January)

2^d P. N^o 6. January 14th 1673. She within mentioned was proved in manner and form by the within mentioned Abraham Childs —
Coram me — — — — — Tho: Taylors —

192. The Ferris of April 1674 — Eastern Dist.

CAME Joan Tylor the Widow of Robert Tylor late of the Resurrection Manour in Calvert County and Exhibited the Last Will and Testament of the said Robert Dated 11. 7th 1673 and Requested to have the same by the Wittneses therunto provided and by the Judge here to be approved. Whereupon the said Judge first requested her the said Joan who was named Sole Executrix in the said Will and Testament to make Oath that she knew of no Latter Will and Testament of the said Robert then thus which she here Exhibited to be proved which she accordingly did and after that the Judge Called John Hales One of the Wittneses to the said Testament who Upon the Holy Evangelists doth Declare that M^r Thomas Sprigg was sent for by the Testator and that he accompanied the said Sprigg to the Testators House and that then the said Testator Robert Tylor did declare to them that he found himself of good and sound Memory and therefore was Resolved to make his Will and Testament and requested M^r Thomas Sprigg to assist him in it. Whereupon the said Sprigg desired him the said John Hales to draw the said Testament and that this is the full intire Last Will and Testament of the said Robert Tylor to which he saw him Sign Seal and publish. After which Thomas Sprigg the other Wittneses Sworn upon the holy Evangelists doth Declare that he was sent for by the Testator Robert Tylor and by him Desired to assist him in making his will and showed him a Will which he the said Tylor had himself written but upon reading of it Disliked it, and Immediately tore it in pieces and gave Order to John Hales to write the Testament now shewed him and that he see him Sign Seal and publish it as his last Will and Testament in sound and perfect Memory that is to say in a sound Interval which continued all that Day and for ought he knows divers Days afterwards.

In the Name of God Amen —

Robert Tylor being in good health and perfect memory Thanks be to God therefore do now make this my last will and Testament —

(In)

2^d P. N^o 6. In primis I give and bequeath my Soul to God that gave it me and then my Body to the Grave —

Item I do hereby make my Wife Joan Tylor the whole and Sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament —

Item I do give unto my said wife Joan all my goods Servants & Cattel whatsoever I like wife give and bequeath unto my said Wife that Deal of Land Called Brough Lyng and being in Calvert County on the West Side of North forks in Patuxent River and being in quantity seven hundred and fifty Acres more or less I do will and require that of the said parcel of Land my wife do Reserve for and leave unto my Son Robert 60 Acres lying next to Edward Isaacs on the one Side and on the other next to the said which I bought of Thomas Bowdwell —

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Item I do also give unto my said Son Robert of the Parcel of Land which I bought of Thomas Bowdwell three hundred and seventy and five Acres —

Item I do also give to my said Son Robert two Negroes a Boy and a Girl to say the Boy Called Anthony and the Girl Called Susan and I do will that in Case my wife do dye before my said Son Robert be aged sixteen years then my said Son shall be of age and Capable to Receive the Premises at the age of Seventeen years but Effort till he shall be aged twenty and one —

Item I give to my Daughter Elizabeth one Negroe Boy Called William she to have the Boy when she shall be sixteen years old or when she Marries —

Item I do will that in Case of the Death of my said Son and Daughter and also of my said Wife that then all the foresaid Legacies and bequests shall go to the next of kin Either to me or my said Wife that shall appear within the space of two whole Years after the Death of the Last of the foresaid persons —

Item I do Will that in Case of the Death of my said Son or Daughter Either before the other that all these Legacies shall go to the Survivor of these two and that if they both dye before the Mother that then they shall all go to her —

Item I do will that in Case my said Wife do dye before the Children or Either of them do Come of age that then my good friends M^r Thomas Sprigg Samuel Tylor and Robert Tylor or the Survivor or Survivors of them

(shall)

N^o. 6. Shall take Care & oversight, tuition and Guardianship of and over the said Children, or the survivor of them, and their Estate until my Son shall be of age and until my said Daughter be of age or shall marry.

Item I do will that in Case of the Death of all the forenamed persons to say my Wife my Son and my Daughter and that there appears none of him to either of us within the time expressed that then the Estate be bestowed to the relief of poor Orphans of Calvert County at the Discretion of the forenamed Overseers or the survivor or the survivors of them In witness of all which premises I have hereunto sett my hand and Seal this 11 September 1673 — Robert Tylor Sealer.

Testes

Thomas Sprigge

John Hales

William Thompson

Memorandum that the Name of the Testator was something blotted in the Originall Will

On the back of the within Will and Testament of Robert Tylor Deceased is Written as followeth — April the 5th 1674.

Came John Hales one of the Witnesses to the within Written Will and Testament of Robert Tylor late of Calvert County Deceased and made Oath upon the Evangelists that he saw the said Robert Tylor of sound disposing mind Sign Seal and publish the within Written paper as his last Will and Testament before me Ego in Die.

Came Thomas Sprigge of Calvert County Gent One other of the Witnesses to the within Written Will and Testament of Robert Tylor late of the County aforesaid and also made Oath upon the Evangelists that he saw the said Robert Tylor of a sound disposing mind Sign Seal and publish the within Written paper as his last Will and Testament before me.

Philip Calvert Signed

Whereupon the Judges in Testamentary Causes pronounced the said Testament to be well made and ordered Letters Testamentary to the said John Tylor to be granted and that the said Executors take the Oath of Executors and that William King and John Wingfield be appraisers of the said Estate and that Thomas Sprigge Gent.

Do

Lib. A. N. 6. Do swear them — Executors — look the Oath of Executors ret. 5th July next. Executors Ego in Die

196. The Mercury 15 Aprils 1674.

Came John Gouldsmith One of the Executors of the last Will & Testament of John Piper late of Barford in the County of St Maryes and Exhibited the said last Will and Testament in Writing Requesting to have the same by the Witnesses then present proved and by the Judge here to be approved and Sellers Testamentary to him the said Gouldsmith and Thomas Carvill the Other Executor in the Will named to be granted, Whereupon Samuell Maddox and John Grace two of the witnesses being first Sworn upon the holy Evangelists did upon their Oaths Declare the Will then shewed unto them to be the full unrevoked last Will and Testament of the said John Piper and that at the time of the signing Sealing and Delivering of the same, the said John Piper was of sound disposing mind Whereupon the said John Gouldsmith took the Oath of an Executor as the Judge here ordered.

In the Name of God amen

The twenty Second of October in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Six Hundred and Seventie Three I John Piper of Barford Manors in St Mary's County in the Province of Maryland being Sick and weak in Body but of Sound and perfect Memory praise be given to God for the same and knowing the uncertainty of this life on Earth and being desirous to settle things in Order To make this my last Will and Testament in Manner and form following. that is to say first and principally I Commend my Soul to almighty God — my Creator assuredly Believing that I shall receive full pardon and free Remission of all my Sins and be loved by the precious Death and Merits of my blessed Saviour and Redeemer Christ Jesus and my Body to the Earth from whence it was taken to be buried in such decent

(Ingham)

Christian manner as to my Executors hereafter named shall be thought meet and convenient And as touching such worldly Estate as the Lord in Mercy hath lent me my Will and meaning is the same shall be Englyed and bestowed as here after by this my will is Expressed And first I do revoke and annul and frustrate and make void all Wills by me formerly made and Declare and appoint this my Last Will and Testament Item I give and bequeath to Margaretwyper my wife all my Temporall Estate my Debts being first Satisfied and I do appoint John Goudsmith and Thomas Ardick to be my Lawfull Executors to see that the same may not be Carelessly made away During her Life and if she Dotti Marry then my Executors shall have power by this my Will and Testament to make her put in security to leave the same Estate as good as he found the same and if she Dotti Survive her then he is to leave the Estate in her Dially after her Decease to be disposed as followeth

Item I give to Robert Brown the one half of the said Estate after my wifes dease and the other quarter to the Son of my Kinsman Johnwyper Living in Wattox Creeke in the Colony of Virginia and the other quarter to be divided Equally between my God Children that is to say to John Corthis Sean Greenlaw and if it please God to take me out of this world by this sickness then John Portwood is to pay but one Thousand and two hundred pounds of Tobacco for the Mare he bought of me and if the Son of my Kinsman Johnwyper should Dease before the Age of Nineteen then that Quarter part shall be divided between the Children of John Goudsmith And I likewise remitt three Years of the time of Service that is due to me from Richard Martin and to have all my Wearing apparell and in Wittness hereof I sett my hand and Seal this Twentye and Second Day of October 1673.

Signed & Sealed

in the presence of us -
Samuell Maddox
Samuell Cooksey
Roderick Lloyd
John Grace

John Seatedwyper
On the back of the said Will was written as followeth -
This Will was proved by the Oaths of Samuell Maddox and John Grace this 12th Day of April 1674
Nicholas Calvert

Lib. C. 110 Die Martis 12^o May 1674

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Came Mary Stacey the wife of Wm Stacey of Salupent Manor in Calvert County and Exhibited the last will and Testament of Richard Stacey late of the same Mannor and County requesting to have the same by the Wittnesses James Garrett and George Roswell to be proved and by the Judge here to be approved Whereupon James Garrett in Court then present Sworn upon the holy Evangelists sayth that Richard Stacey Called him the said Garrett and desired him to write the Will and Testament now shewed him and that after it was written he saw the said Richard Stacey of a sound disposing mind sign and publish it as his Last Will and Testament and that the said Testator lived about Eight and forty hours after he published this his Testament as he was Credibly Informed which Testament followeth in these Words

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In the Name of God Amen

I Richard Stacey being in my Sound and perfect Senses and Memory Do make and Ordain this to be my Last Will and Testament Inprimis I bequeath my soule to God that gave it and my Body to the Earth from whence it came to be buried in decent Manner -
Imprimis I order my Debts to be Paid -
Item I give my Blackish Mare to Wm Stacey and her Increase for Ever -
Item I give and bequeath all the rest of my Estate - Either in Chattell or any other thing what soever - unto Mary Stacey the wife of the aforesaid Wm Stacey unto the which my Last Will and Testament I have hereunto sett my hand and Seal this 14th of April 1674.

Richard Stacey Seals

Signed and Sealed in the presence of us -
James Garrett
George Roswell

Whereupon the Judge pronounced the said Testament well made and Mary Stacey Executrix of the said

(Testament)

Lib. P. N. C. Testament and ordered Commission to Issue to Wm Groomer Gentle.
 One of his Lordships Justices of the peace for the said County to take
 the Oath of George Howell the other witnesses for full proof of the
 said Testament and that then be delivered unto her the Sellers
 Testamentary with the said Commission to him to be sent
 and that Robert Lefley and John Bigger both of the said Manor
 and County be appraisers of the said Goods and Chattells of
 the said Richard Stacey and that the Executrix return Inven-
 tory of the said Goods and Chattells by the twelve day of August
 next and Mary Stacey the Executrix named in the said Will
 took the Oath of Executrix Immediately and the said Letters
 Testamentary Warr^{ts} to appraisers and to swear them
 together with the said Commission to Wm Groomer^r issued immediately.
 But upon further Consideration of the proof of the said Testam^t
 of the said Richard Stacey and that it was already proved
 by the Oath of James Garrett who wrote the said Testament
 and that the Originall Testament must be hazarded out
 of the office before it be recorded in Case the said Commission
 to Wm Groomer be sent to take the Oath of George Howell
 the Judge here superseded the said Commission and ordered
 the Sellers Testamentary to be delivered to Mary Stacey
 Executrix of the said Richard Stacey.

Eodem Die.

Came John Rawlins of Pasquahin in Dorchester County and in
 behalfe of Henry Bradley Executor of the last Will and Testam^t
 of Samuell Bradley his Brother Late in the same County decess^d
 Exhibited the last Testament of the said Henry Requesting to
 have it proved by the Oath of John Patrick One of the Witnesses
 the other being since the Witnessing of the said Will gone out of
 this Province. Whereupon the said Patrick was Called to prove
 the said Testament and being sworn upon the holy Evangelists
 Oath that he was present when the Testator Samuell Bradley
 did sign Seal and publish the Testament then shewed him and
 that he was then of a sound disposing mind which Testament
 followeth in these words (Viz^t)

(December)

Lib. P. N. C. December the 7th anno. 1673.

The last Will and Testament of Samuell Bradley being in perfect
 Sense and memory leaving his Soul to all mighty God and his
 Body to the Earth from whence it came
 I will and bequeath after all my Debts is paid all my whole
 Estate both personall and Real to my well beloved brother
 Henry Bradley leaving him my said Brother to be my whole
 Executor to take healt^h and pay all that I owe Only one thousand
 pounds of Tobacco I give unto my said Lady Philadelphia
 Rawlins widow in Trausquahin in Maryland and this
 being my whole Will and Desire Test^{is} the mark of
 Testes John Patrick Samuell S. B. Bradley Sealed
 The 08 mark of Daniel Clarke

Whereupon the Judge here ordered Sellers Testa-
 mentary to be granted to the said Henry Bradley Executor
 in the said Testament named and in Regard the said Executor
 is at this time unable to traivale so farre to this Court
 ordered further that Commission Issue to Richard
 Winsmore of Dorchester County Gentle. to administer
 the Oath of Executor to the said Samuell and then to Deliv^r
 for him the Sellers Testamentary and that John Rawlins &
 Thomas Harpor be appraisers of the Goods and Chattells of the
 said Henry Deceased and that the said Richard Winsmore
 Gentle do swear them Inven^tory the 12 August next
 and the said Sellers Testamentary Commission to swear
 the the Executor & Warr^{ts} to Appraisers & to swear them
 issued the 13 Day of May

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In the name of God amen

I Isaac Burger of the County of Kent in the Province
 of Maryland planter being very sick and weak of body
 but in perfect Sense and Memory Do here by Declare thus
 my last will and Testament Testifying and making void
 all other former Wills and Testaments heretofore by me
 made in manner and form as followeth
 Imp^{ts} First I bequeath my Soul to God my Maker

(my)

16. 10. 1706. my Body to the Earth from whence it Came in hopes of a happy full
and blessed Resurrection with Christ Jesus my Saviour and Re-
deemer and to be buried in such Christian and Decent buriall -
as time and place will permitt, and all worldly Estate as shall
be hereafter mentioned - " " " " " "

I give and bequeath unto Mary Walton the Daughter of John
and Jane Walton my part of One Tract of Land Containing
for my part fifty Acres the whole Tract being One Hundred -
Acres purchased by John Walton and myself Call'd Ship point
which said I give unto the said Mary Walton and her Issue and if the
said Mary should Decease without Issue then the said Land
to be divided unto John Walton the father of the said Mary -

I give and bequeath unto the said Mary Walton 2 Red Cows
with all their future Increase One Cow named Mugg and the
other called Cherry and my Chest -

I give and bequeath unto Ruth Jones One heifer of the age
of 2 years and halfe Old with all their future Increase.

I give and bequeath unto Richard Jones Junr. One heifer
of one year and half Old with all her Increase -

I give and bequeath unto Margaret Hill my bed with the furni-
ture belonging unto itt,

I give unto Nathaniel Hull one Cow Called Pegger at Richard
peeres with all her future Increase.

I give unto Elizabeth Walton One Cow Calf and one bull Calf
with all their Increase -

I give and bequeath unto Matthias Smith my Gunn if he do
recover this sickness

I likewise I nominate and appoint John Walton to be my Exor.
of and to all my Estate, both Reall and personall and to see
this my Will performed as nere as possible he can, and for the
Rest of my Estate after all Just Debts are satisfied I give unto
John Walton my said Exor. In Testimony hereof I do
here unto subscribe my Name and sett my Seal this ninth
Day of October One Thousand Six Hundred Seventy & three
signed sealed before us M. Miller.

Edward L. Jones his Mark.

his
Jach^r B. Burger sealed
11/10/73

(Memor)

Lib. B. 11. 6. Memorandum that the Oathes of Michael Miller &
Edward Jones was taken before me this second Day of May -
1674 and they did upon their Oaths Declare that this within
Specified Will was the act and Deed of Isaac Burger and that
he was at the signing sealing of the said Will in perfect chence
and memory - Juratur Coram me. Will. Head

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Eodem Die

In the name of God Amen

I George Harris of the County of Kent in the Province of
Maryland taken into Consideracon the Certainty of Death
and the uncertainty of time when Death shall happen -
being in perfect health and memory I make Ordain -
this my last Will and Testament in manner and form
following (Viz) that is to say first I bequeath my Soul
into the hands of Allmighty God hoping and trusting
to find Remission of my sins And Enter into Eternall rest,
through the Meritorious Blood of thy Beloved Son Jesus -
Christ my beloved on and only Saviour next my
body to the Earth from whence it was taken to receive -
Christian Buriall according to the Discretion of my
Exor. here after named &c. Item I give bequeath -
unto Heaster Jenkins two Cows and one Calve with
their Increase Male and female to be delivered unto her
within One year and a day after my decease in the
next place I make and Ordain my loving Wife Sarah
my whole and full Exor. of this my last Will and
Testament giving her the full and whole remainder
of my Estate both of Lands and all other Moveables
after my Just Debts are paid freely and fully to possess &
Enjoy during the Term of her Naturall life and after
to be and remain unto my Sisters Joine in England
named John Smith if he shall Come to Claim the same
within four years after her Decease and if he shall
not Come in that then the said Estate to be and remain

* the Original word

Lib. P. C. No. 6. to the only use and proper behoof of the above said Heaster Jenkins.
 In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this -
 second Day of January in the Year of the Dominion of -
 Cecilius Lord and Proprietary of Anno. Domini
 Signed & Sealed
 in the presence of us
 Disbora Bennett
 Nathaniel & Fuller
 Mark

George G. H. Harris Sealed
 Signum

On the back is written as followeth -

By Virtue of a Commission from the Honble the Chancellor
 Chief Judge for probate of Wills and granting of Adminis-
 trations to me Directed for the Proving of the Will within -
 specified which accordingly was Done the 10 Day of April
 1674 by Disbora Bennett - J. John Wright -

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Die Mercurij 20 may -

227.

Eodem Die -

Came Mary Harmer of Baltimore County the Widow of -
 of Godfrey Harmer late of the said County Deceased -

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Came John Waterton one of the Witnesses to the last Will
 and Testament of Godfrey Harmer late of Baltimore County -
 Deceased and in behalf of Mary Harmer the Widow and -
 Executrix of the said Godfrey Harmer of the said County Exhibited
 a Testament of the said Godfrey with a petition of the said Mary
 for a Commission to Swear the Witnesses being not able to come
 before us to St. Mary's which petition and Testament are as followeth

To the Honble. Nitup Calvert Judge for Probate of -
 Wills and Granting of Administrations The humble
 Petition of Mary Harmer Widow to Godfrey Harmer
 of Baltimore County -

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Eodem Die

As followeth -

(That)

Lib. P. C. No. 6.
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being read +

That your Petitioners husband being lately deceased -
 Made a will and made yo. & Pet. Sole Executrix to his last -
 Will and Testament as by the Will may appear. Now your
 Petitioner having no acquaintance at St. Mary's to give in
 Security and in regard yo. & Petitioner cannot go conveniently
 as far as St. Mary's humbly desires of yo. & Hono. that
 you will be pleased to grant her a Commission Directed to one
 of the Commissioners in this County take Security here the bearer
 hereof Mr. T. in the County of Baltimore and to examine re-
 witnesses here the bearer hereof Mr. John Waterton being -
 another of the witnesses which if yo. & Hono. please may
 be examined at St. Mary's or Elsewhere as yo. & Hono.
 shall think convenient the Estate which the said Deceased
 Husband left me is very small and many Debts due to -
 be paid therefore yo. & Pet. humbly prays she may be
 put to assidue Charges as may be the appraisers your Pet.
 desires may be Mr. John Scott and Mr. Thomas Morley -
 both of Gun powder River yo. & Pet. humbly desires the
 said Commission may be sent up by the said Mr. John
 Waterton or any other as yo. & Hono. shall think most
 convenient and yo. & Pet. shall ever pray for yo. &
 Hono. & Prosperity &c. Mary Harmer -

In the Name of God amen -

I Godfrey Harmer of Gun powder River in the County of -
 Baltimore in the Province of Maryland being sick of -
 Body but of perfect and sound Judgment and Memory -
 Praised be almighty God for the same Do make this my
 last Will and Testament as here after in this my last -
 Will and Testament shall be mentioned and expressed -
 In primis I Commit my Soul into the hands of my
 blessed Saviour Jesus Christ my only Redeemer
 hoping through his Merits to receive full pardon and -
 absolution for all my sins I Commit my Body to the
 Ground from whence it was taken to be decently buried
 as shall seem convenient to my Executrix here after
 named, and as for the Estate that God hath blessed me -

(with)

229. *W. C. N. C.* withall I will it shall be distributed according to the true Intent and meaning hereafter Expressed (that is to say) I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Sarah One Cow and one Calf to my Daughter Elizabeth One Cow and one Calf and unto my Daughter Mary One Cow and one Calf also my Will is that after the Decease of my Wife the said which I have be distributed amongst them three as my Children Equally that is to say One third to Sarah one third to Elizabeth and one third to Mary. Item my Will is that my Wife Mary Harmer be my whole and sole Executrix to whom I give and bequeath all the Rest of my Land Goods and Chattels In Wittingnes ~~Whereof~~ whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this twelfth Day of February in the Year of our Lord God One Thousand six hundred Seventy and Three. *Godfrey Harmer Sealed.*
Signed Sealed in the presence of us
John Water-ton Charles C. Jones
his Mark ~

The last Will and Testament of John Carraway Late Deceased is as follows in the other Side VIZ:

230. *Edoim Me.*

In the Name of God amen.

For as much as I John Carraway living on the North Side of Patuxent River in Baltimore County being sick & weak. Yet being sensible have herein this my last Will and Testament given and bequeathed my Soul to God and my Body to the Grave. In primis I give and bequeath unto Francis Pelet One Old Cow having a Cropp of the Right Ear and Swallow Tail of the Left. Item I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Boulton One Cow having two Cropp and 2 under heels. Item I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Boulton 2 Red Sows with 2 Cropp & 2 under heels. Item I give and bequeath unto Francis Pelet 3 white barrows of the same Mark and 3 black Sows and one Red Sow of the

(same)

same Mark. Item I give and bequeath unto John Douglas Boy 1 black Sow and a Red Sow of the same Mark. Item I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Boulton my Chest and all therein in the Holland only Excepted Item I order John Boulton to pay 1 Hoggshead of Tobacco to Captain Coe, Item I give to John Boulton one new Kersy Coat. Lastly I give and bequeath my Love to be Equally divided betwixt John Boulton and Francis Pelet. Glory be to the Lord God of Heaven which hath made the Heaven and Earth and all things Amen. before the sealing of this Will this is remembered that 3 dayes after the shewing all these things are to be Delivered as Witnesses my hand the 8th day of June anno Domini 1673. *his Mark*
Sealed & signed in the presence of William Emmett. John Carraway Sealed.
William Emmett sworn by me the 22 of March 1673 & Witnesses my hand and Seal this 8 Day of May 1674.
Henry Hofer Sealed.

The Veneris 29, May 1673.

Came Thomas Taylor of Annarundell County Esq^r Attorney of John Keynes of Marleborough in the County of Wilts in the Kingdom of England Gents. the Executor in Trust of Joseph Burges Late of Annarundell County in this Province and Exhibited the Last Will and Testament of the same Joseph to the Judge here. Certified under the Seal of the prerogative Court of the Arch Bishop of Canterbury and likewise Under the Seal of the Office of Mayratty of the City of London as followeth. *Alleece.*
I Joseph Burges now of Marleborough in the County of Wilts in England Merchant but late of the Province of Maryland being now again to take a voyage for the same Province (if God permit) and considering the uncertainty of my life and being very willing and desirous that all the Estate both Real and personall wherewith it hath pleased the Lord to bless me and to bestow on me shall and may after my Decease remain and be unto such of my brothers and Sisters as are here in after particularly named, I do hereby make my last Will and Testament.

(in)

Sub. P. C. in Manner & form following In primis I give and bequeath
 unto my Loving Brothers William Samuel and Jeremiah
 and to my Loving Sisters Ann and Mary all such Goods and
 Chattells whereof I shall be possessed and which of Right
 shall belong to me at the time of my Decease and also all
 such Debts due and owing unto me or in my possession at
 the time of my Decease the Same to be Equally divided and
 Distributed between my said Brother and Sisters herein before
 particularly named by me Executor in trust herein after
 mentioned and further my Will and Meaning is that my
 house and Lands which are situate Lying and being in
 the said Province of Maryland which I lately purchased
 of one Richard Eocus whereof I am now Legally seized of a
 good and perfect Estate of Inheritance in fee Simple to the use
 of myself and my heirs for Ever shall and may forthwith
 after my Decease be sold and Converted into Money by my
 said Executor in trust herein after named whom I do hereby
 Desire and authorize to do the Same according by and my
 Will and meaning is that such Money which shall be
 raised by Sale of my said house and Lands shall be Equally
 shared and divided between my said Brothers & Sisters here-
 in before named and my further Will and Meaning is
 that if either of my said Brothers or Sisters herein before
 named shall happen to Die before me that then the Share
 or Shares of him or her or them so dying shall be Equally divided
 the Survivors or Survivor of such of them as shall be living
 at the time of my Decease and also that such Debts as I shall
 owe unto any persons at the time of my Decease shall be paid
 by said Executor in trust before any Disposition or
 Distribution of my Estate either Real or personal unto or
 amongst my said Brothers and Sisters before named and
 lastly I do make and constitute my Loving Father in Law
 John Keynes of Marleborough Esq. Gentle. Executor in
 trust of this my Will Desiring him to see the Same per-

(signed)

Sub. P. C. for and according to the true Intent and Meaning thereof and the better
 to Enable the said John Keynes to Sell and Dispose of my said house &
 Lands aforesaid to the use aforesaid after my Decease and the better to
 Enable him to make a good Title thereof to any Purchaser I do here
 by give and Devise my said house and Lands in Maryland aforesaid
 unto the said John Keynes and his heirs to the sole and only use &
 upon the Trust herein before particularly mentioned and do hereby
 Desire and my Will is that my Executor in Trust before named do
 forthwith after my Decease give unto my Dear Mother his now wife
 and unto my Brothers Mr. Isaac and Daniel Burgeis and unto
 my Sister Elizabeth Parker and unto each of them severally One
 Gold Ring of Twenty Shillings Price in Remembrance of me and
 I do hereby give my said Executor in trust Twenty Shillings to buy
 him a Gold mourning Ring for his great Care and pains to be
 taken in the true and just performance of this my Will and to
 Revoking and annulling all other Wills I do Declare this to be
 my last Will Witness my hand and Seal this 22th Day of
 October Anno Domini 1677. Joseph Burgeis Sealed
 Sealed published & Delivered
 in the presence of us —

Robert Gough. William Ellis

To all People to whom these presents shall Come
 Sir Robert Hanson Knight Lord Mayor of the City of
 London and the Aldermen of the same City Greeting
 at the Instance and humble Request of John Keynes of
 Marleborough in the County of Wilts Gentle. We the said
 Lord Mayor and Aldermen do Certifie for undoubted Truth
 that the said John Keynes is Sole Executor of the last Will &
 Testament of Joseph Burgeis late of Marleborough Esq.
 and of Ann Arundell Countess in the Province of Maryland
 Merchant Deceased and hath produced the said last Will and
 Testament as to us sufficiently appears by the probate of
 the said last Will and Testament now produced in Court
 Under the Seal of the prerogative Court of the Archbishop
 of Canterbury bearing Date the twenty seventh Day of

(this)

Lib. P. C. N. C. this Instant November in Wittness whereof wee the Lord Mayor and Aldermen have caused the Seal of the Office of Mayoralty of the City of London to be put to these presents and the said probate to be hereunto annexed Dated at London the 30 Day of November Anno Dni 1672. and in the twenty and fourth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord Charles the Second by the Grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland KING. Defender of the Faith &c. Wagstaffe.

Whereupon ordered that the said Thomas Taylor have administration of the Goods Chattells and Rights of the said Joseph Burgen Lying within this Province to the use and behoof of the said John Heyns Executor in Trust of the said Last Will and Testament of the said Joseph Burgen Deceased with the said Testament annexed he the said Taylor giving Bond for his Due ad con. and taking the Oath of admin. and that the Inventory and appraisement be returned unto this Office by 22th of August next.

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235.

Die Lunæ 25th of May

Elizabeth the Widow of James Warner of Gunpowder County Exhibited the Last Will and Testament of the said James Warner and Requested that Commission may Issue to Thomas Marsh of the said County to prove the said Will and that Cornelius Howard and Richard Hill be appraisers which will is as followeth. I James Warner being weak in Body but yet in Sound and perfect Memory I make this my Last Will and Testimony I bequeath my Body unto the Earth from whence it Came & my Soul unto my Lord and Maker. Item I bequeath unto my wife Elizabeth Warner all moveables and unmoveables what soever I am now possessed withall and after her disposing only the plantation and Lands after her Dayes to my Daughter Johanna Sewell and her heirs for Ever and not to be disposed of to none from them but my said Daughter and her heirs for

(Ever)

Lib. P. C. N. C. Ever and unto my said Wife all Debts and Dues what soever to be at her whole disposing and so I finish and here unto Enterchangeable I hereunto sett my hand and Seal this thirtieth day of November in the year of our Lord 1673 -
Signed Sealed & Delivered
IW Sealed.

in the presence of us

James Warner his Mark &

Abraham Child

John F F Jacobs his Mark -

236.

Enterlyne I bequeath unto my son Samuell Howard my Cloath Suite and a farge Coat and unto Philips my Nephew and unto my son Henry Sewell all Cloath Suite that I now wear and unto Abraham Child all Cloath Coats James IW Warner -
Abraham Child his Mark Sealed -

John F F Jacobs his Mark -

Ordered that Commission do Issue as is requested and that War^r do Issue for the said Cornelius Howard and Richard Hill to appraise the Goods & Chattells of the said Warner and to the said Thomas Marsh to swear them con.

3rd Dec.

Die Martis 26 May

Returned by Philemon Lloyd of Talbot County Gent. and one of his Lordships Justices of the Peace for the said County the Will and Testament of Charles Masters of the said County deceased with the Commission Directed unto him to swear the Executor and appraisers of the said Charles Masters Estate whose Oaths are Indorsed upon the said Will and Inventory Returned by the said appraisers.

April the 5th 1674

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In the Name of God Amen. I Charles Masters Do make this my Last Will and Testament as followeth. First I do bequeath my Soul to God that gave it and my Body to the Earth to be buried and my worldly Goods as followeth. Imprimis I do give that parcel of Land called the Vine yard unto Alice and Elizabeth the two Youngest Daughters of Richard Wollman Secondly I do give unto Rebecca

(Wollman)

1674. P.C. N.C. Wollman my hoife being about two year old Thirdly I give unto Mary Wollman my old Saw fourthly I give unto Richard Wollman my Chest and what is in it, being now at Mr. Thomas his house.
Edward Winckles Charles Masters.
Euen Piffers his mark.
Edward Winckles approved this within Writton Will to be the last Will and Testament of Charles Masters Late of this County Deceased by his oath taken this 9 day of May anno 1674
Coram me - Thi. Lloyd.

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Die martis 9 Junij 1674
Came Emmanuell Hatchiffe of St. Georges Hundred in Mary's County and Exhibited unto the Judge here a Certain Writing Intituled the last will and Testament of Daniell Gover which followeth in these words (Viz) -

May 23. 1674 -
The last will and Testament of Daniell Gover. In the Name of God amen. First I bequeath my Soule to Almighty God that gave it me and my Body to the Grave being in perfect Memory. In primis I give and bequeath one old white Horse branded O.C. on the buttock and one three year old dark Gray Mare with a pair of Tobacco Hongs Cross her buttock with her Increase and a pair of french falls shoes and a pair of leather Stockins and 14 lb of Tobacco which Mr. Spenser State oweth Death me all to my Brother Emmanuell Hatchiffe. Then I give unto Elizabeth Exons a black running by the mare or the first Colt she bringeth to be delivered unto her. I have a Bill of 12 hundred pounds of Tobacco of Henry Exons which I desire may be to pay towards my buriall and other Charges which I may be at there -

his Mark
Testes George G. F. Hennix 9 Daniell Gover Seated.
his mark
Edward Secroft.

George Hennix and Edward Secroft made oath that the said See Daniell Gover of a sound disposing mind Seal and publish this his last Will this 9 June 1674.
Thos. Calvert.

(Die)

1674. P.C. N.C. Die Veneris 12 Junij -

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Eodem Die.
Bryan Odaly and Constantine Hesse Executors of the last Will and Testament of Roger Shehee Exhibited the said last will and Testament and upon hearing of Constantine Odaniel and his Wittness in disproof of the said Testament and also of Daniell Duine and Hugh Manning in proof of the said Will the Judge pronounced the will well made and ordered Sellers Testamentary to be granted and that William Marshall and Thomas Decker be appraisers and Colouell William Calvert to swear them - Executors Sworn and Sellers Testamentary &c. Spued with will and Testament. Inocud. red. 12th September next.

April 25th 1674.

In nomine Dei Patris Amen -

In the beginning of the last will and Testament of Roger Shehee who is Sick and weaker but thanks to God of good and perfect Memory - First I bequeath my Soule to God that gave it - next I bequeath my Body to the Earth from whence it Came to be buried in a decent way as a Christian - Ought to be. - Next I Constitute Ordain and appoint my well beloved Countrymen Bryan Odaly and Constantine O Kiffe my whole Executors of all my Personal Estate which God hath been pleased to bestow on me the which Estate is for the use of my Son Edward Shehee which is now in Virginia and if my said Son should be dead I freely give and bequeath all my Estate unto my well beloved Countryman Brien Odaly and Constantine O Kiffe and to their heirs for ever after my Debts be all paid and so Revoking all Wills whatso ever I acknowledge this to be my last Will and Testament - and no other and I have hereunto sett my hand and seal in good and perfect Memory. Thank be to almighty God for itt,

Signed Seated in the presence of us Signum

Daniel Duine
Hugh X Manning
Signum -

the mark of
R. S. Seated.
Roger Shehee.

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16. N.E. I bequeath upon the Church and to be given to my Ghostly Father
 Mr. Roster a h^l of Tobacco weighing near four hundred pounds —
 I freely give unto Betty Manning two halfe peeces of Ribbons —
 I freely give to Deique O Frany my two Shirts & my old Cloathes —
 I freely give unto Constantine O Trise my Coat and Waistcoat —
 and my hatt and a p^l of Bacon —
 I freely give to m^r. Hall my Stockins a black Worsted pair —
 I freely give to Brian O Dally a silver Platt band —
 I freely give to Constantine O Daniel my Pistelle —
 I freely give to Soue O Daniell a silver Dram Cupp —
 This Deed of Gift of Gift is sett Down for us Ex^{ts}. for our know-
 brance — — — — —
 Daniell Duine and Hugh Manning made Oath that —
 they did see Roger Sheker of a sound disposing mind Seal and —
 publish this his Last Will as also bequeath the above Legacies —
 this 15th Day of June 1674 Philip Calvert —

257. Die Veneris 24 Julij
 258. Eodem Die —
 Returned by James Kinggold the Last Will of Lewis Stephens of —
 Chester River in Kent County Deceased. which Return and Will —
 is as followeth —

Con. S^r

These may inform you that according to a Commission to me —
 Directed bearing date the 14th Day of February 1673 for to —
 Impower me to Call before me the witnesses of the last Will —
 and Testament of Lewis Stephens which said Commission is —
 according to my Weak understanding Duely Executed and —
 m^r. Henry Hoyer have taken the Oath on the behalfe of his —
 Daughter for the fulfilling of the said ad con. Which is all att —
 present from Yo^r. Hon^{rs}. & most humble Serv^t Will. Deane —
 from Cecil County June — James Kinggold —
 the 27th 1674.

In the name of God amen. the 13th January in the —
 year of Our Lord One Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Three —
 Lewis Stephens of Chester River in the County of Kent being —
 (sick)

Lib^{ty}. E. C. M^r. Such and weaker in body but of sound and perfect memory praise —
 be unto God for the same. and knowing the uncertainty of this life —
 on Earth and being desirous to settle things in Order Do make —
 this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following —
 (That is to say) first and principally I Commend my Soul unto —
 Almighty God my Creator, assuredly believing that I shall re-
 ceive full pardon and free Remission of all my Sins and be —
 saved by the Redeemer ^{Christ} Jesus ~~Christ~~ and my Body unto the —
 Earth from whence it was Taken to be buried in such decent —
 and Christian manner as to my Excutrix hereafter named —
 shall be thought most and convenient And as touching such —
 worldly Estate as the Lord in Mercy hath sent me my will —
 and pleasure is the same shall be Imployed and bestowed —
 as hereafter by my Will is Expressed and first I do Revocate —
 Renounce frustrate and make voyd all wills by me formerly made —
 and Declare and appoint this my Last Will and Testament —
 Item I make Mary Hoyer Daughter unto m^r. Henry Hoyer —
 of Langford Bay in the County of Kent my sole and whole —
 Excutrix of this my Last will and Testament With of my —
 hand and Seal this Day and Year above Written —
 Sealed and Signed — Lewis E. Stephens —
 in presence of us — Marthe Seated. —
 Joseph M. Masons. Marthe. I Henry Hoyer —
 Morgan M. Jones Marthe. I On the Back. —
 This within Written Will was proved before me this 2^d Day —
 of March 1673 by m^r. Henry Hoyer Joseph Masons & —
 Morgan Jones for me James Kinggold —
 Ordered the said Will of the said Deceased to be Recorded —

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Eodem Die
 Returned by George Utty the Last Will of Wm Robison —
 Late of Baltimore County Deceased as also Inventory —
 of Estate which shoud be Recorded —
 The Last Will and Testament of William Robison —
 In the Name of God Amen. Be it known —
 (unto)

Lib. P. C. No. 6.
260.

Unto all Christian people to whom these presents shall come that I William Robison now Resident in Bush River in the County of Baltimore in the Province of Maryland being very young Sick and Weak but yet in my perfect Sense not knowing how soon the Lord may please to call for me out of this Mortall life; I here first bequeath my Body to the ground Second my Spirit to the Maker that gave it me and I hope will restore me again; Item I bequeath half that doth pertain unto me Lands house Goods Chattell and all Moveables that doth belong unto me the said above named Wm Robison the one half thereof to my beloved Wife Henerica Robison to have and to hold and to Enjoy without Molestation further more if it should prove so that the above named Henerica Robison do prove to be with Child by me the above named Wm Robison then do I bequeath the other half to the said Child and likewise do desire to have the same Recorded for the said Child but if it be that it should prove that she be not with Child that then do I freely bequeath all the whole Estate that doth belong unto me the said Wm Robison unto her and none else to hold and Enjoy for ever without Lett molestation or Gain saying of any as Wittness my hand and seal this Twenty fourth Day of April in the Year of our Lord God one Thousand six hundred seventy one.

Testes. The P mark of Thomas Fleath
The T mark of Mary Elidge
The Mark X of William Robison (Sealed)

8 April 1672 — " — "
Henerica Robison Adm't of Wm Robison Edward Burstone Married the said Henerica Adm't Sworn 26 May 1672 Com^o to George Utz Gentl to take Bond of the said Adm't 1000 s^{td} 1672. prove the Will Swear him Make Return & Taken 25th May 1672. Wm York and Wm Osburn Appraisers George Utz Gentl. to Swear them Sworn 10th May 1672 Invent^y Return. Em. Inventory Taken

(Se)

Lib. P. C. No. 6. Die Martis 4 Augusti

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Came George Parker of Calvert County Gentl. One of the Wittneses to the last Will and Testament of Henry Beede of Herring Creek in the County of Ann Arundell Deceased and y^e and the Wife of the said Henry Beede which desired to be proved which Will was proved by the said George Parker and John Hauco both of Calvert County before the Judge at St Marys for Probate of wills and granting of administrations which ordered to be Recorded and set forth Testamontary to Sophia Beede the Widow and Executrix of the said Henry Beede last Will and Testament to be granted Cap^o Wm Burgen and M^r Rich Evans to be appraisers Saml Chew Esq^r to Swear them as also the Executrix to & Bond in Double the Value of the Estate with two sufficient Securitys: Inventory recd. 4. 9. 1672. In the name of God Amen. I shew and sheweth Day of May in the Year of our Lord God one Thousand six hundred and seventy and four I Henry Beede of Herring Creek of the County of Ann Arundell in the Province of Maryland Gentl. being Sick and Weak in body but in good and perfect Remembrance and Thanks be given unto almighty God for the same and Considering that all flesh must yield unto Death. Do therefore Make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament in Manner and form following: First and principally I give and bequeath my Soul unto almighty God which gave it, and my Body to be decently buried at the direction of my Executors hereafter named and for those worldly Goods which God in his Mercy hath been pleased to bestow upon me here I give and bequeath in Manner and form following: Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Sophia Beede all those two several parcels of Land which I had of my forgoing Father in Law M^r Wm Courbey Situated lying and being in Talbot County in the said Province of Maryland Containing and formerly laid Out for five hundred Acres be they more or less together with all the Mesuages

(Tenements)

&c. H^c C. Tenonents Dwelling houses Tobacco houses Offices and building
 and all and singular the premises with their appurtenances there-
 unto belonging or in any wayes appertaining to have and to hold
 the said two severall parcels of Land and promises aforesaid unto my said
 Daughter Sophia and to her heirs lawfully begotten of her body
 for ever and for want of such heirs to my Loving Wife Sophia -
 and to her heirs and assigns for ever. Item my Will & mind is -
 that my said Daughter Sophia shall Enjoy the said two severall
 parcels of Land and promises at the Day of her Marriage or when
 she shall attain unto her full age of One and Twenty years which
 shall first happen: Item I give and bequeath unto my said
 Loving Wife Sophia all that parcel of Land late taken up
 by me and sett out in my name Called and known by the name
 of Beedes out Set Situate lying and being in Talbot County
 aforesaid and said Out for four hundred Acres of Land both same
 more or less to have and to hold the said Parcel of Land Called
 Beedes Out sett unto my said Loving Wife Sophia and her heirs
 and assigns for ever. Item I give and bequeath unto my said
 Daughter Sophia Ten Cows with Calves by their Dair to be
 Delivered unto my said Daughter at her Day of Marriage or at
 her age of One and Twenty years which shall first happen by my
 Executrix hereafter named. Item I give and bequeath unto my
 said Daughter Sophia five and twenty Thousand Pounds of
 good Sound Merchandable Tobacco and Cargo to contain the
 same to be paid and Delivered unto my said Daughter Sophia
 at her Day of Marriage or at her age of One and Twenty years
 which shall first happen by my Executrix hereafter named. Item
 I give and bequeath unto my Loving Brother W^m Cursey one
 Golden of Twenty Shillings price to be paid and Delivered
 within one twelve Months next after my Decease by my
 Executrix hereafter named. Item all the rest of my Goods
 Chattells and Estate what soever I give and bequeath unto my
 said Loving Wife Sophia whom I do here by make and Ordain
 my full whole and sole Executrix of this my Last will and
 Testament In Witness whereof I have Set my hand &c.

(Seal)

H^c C. Seal to this my Last Will and Testament Dated the Day and
 year first above Written in the two and fortieth year of the Do-
 minion of the Right Hon^{ble} Charles II &c. Anno Domini
 1674. Henry Beede Seal

Signed Sealed and published
 to be the Last Will and Testament
 of Henry Beede in the presence
 of John Haico -

Geo. Parker -

John Haico and George Parker both witnesses to the within
 Will took Oath that they have seen Henry Beede the within
 Testator in good and sound memory Sign Sealed and Deliver
 this his Last Will and Testament before me this 1st of
 August Anno Domini 1674. Signed by Order of the Judge in
 Testamentary Causes Michael Rochford Clerk

262.

The Mercury of the Augustice

Was Exhibited the last Will and Testament of George Notthof
 found of Anna and dell County by Thomas Smithwick one of
 the witnesses to the said Will who immediately made Oath for
 the proof of the said Will the Tenour of which Will followeth in
 those words (P^{re} 19)

In the name of God Amen I George Notthof found
 of Rhode River in County of Anna and dell in Province of
 Maryland planter being Sitt and weak of Body but of
 perfect mind and Memory praised be God Do make this my
 Last Will and Testament Revoking and by these presents
 Disannulling all former or other Wills by me made or
 pretended to be made and Do acknowledge this to be my last
 Will and Testament in manner and form following In
 primis I recommend my Soul into the hands of God my
 Maker hoping to be saved by the Merits of Jesus Christ
 and my Body to be decently buried where it shall please
 my Executrix hereafter named and for what words by
 Estate it hath pleased God to Endow me with I give and
 bequeath as followeth. Item I give and bequeath unto

(my)

Lib. N. C. my Loving Wife Mauding Neale to the plantation whereon I now live during her life and for my personall Estate my Debts being paid I give and bequeath unto my Loving Wife in Case she marries the Estate to be divided into two parts the one halfe for her and the other to be Equally divided betwixt Mary Dunkin wife of Patrick Dunkin the one party and Phoebe Thomas wife of John Thomas of the other party Item I give and bequeath unto George Burgess the Son of Capt. William Burgess of this County after the decease of my Wife the Plantation whereon I now live with all the housing Edifices and buildings therunto belonging the members and appurtenances to have and to hold to him the said George Burgess his heirs &c. Adm. & a sign for Ever and further I make my Loving Wife the sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seal this third Day of July Anno Domini 1674

Signed Sealed & acknowledged George Neale in the presence of us
 Tho: Smoothwicks
 George Smith
 Humphrey W. Jones
 his Mark Sealed
 On the back was thus Written -
 August the fifth 1674.
 Thomas Smoothwicks One of the Witnesses to this Testament made Oath that the said George Neale did Sign Seal and publish

This his last Will and Testament with an Intent to make his Will and Testament and that he was at the time of the making and publishing the said Testament of a sound disposing mind

Philip Carter
 And then the Commission was prayed to Mr. Nathaniel Heath sent forth to prove the said Will and after proof to Deliver Letters Testamentary and that Capt. William Burgess and John Cumber be appraisers of the said Estate Ordered thereupon that Commission do issue to the said Nathaniel Heath come to prove the Will Administer the Oath of Executrix to Magdalene Neale the Widow and Executrix in the said Will named and that Carr & Co. Issue unto Capt. Burgess and the said Cumber

Lib. N. C. to appraise the said Estate and to the said Nathaniel Heath to Swear them and the said Commission Letters Testamentary and warrant to Appraisers and to Swear them Issue under the Seal immediately

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The Mercury 5. august 1674.

Codem Die Came John Southy of Dorchester County one of the Executors of the last Will and Testament of a late and deceased of the aforesaid County deceased and Exhibited the last Will and Testament of the said Deceased which being proved by two of the Witnesses to the said Will, Ordered to be Recorded which followeth in these words Vizt. In the name of God amen I Alex. Roche of the County of Dorchester in the province of Maryland finding me self Sick and weak in body but of Sound and perfect Memory and in my Right mind think it correspondent with prudence to make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following

In primis I after the Dissolution of this my Earthly body I give and bequeath my soul to God my Creator &c. Redemmer hoping through the merits of Jesus Christ to receive Salvation & the life I give and bequeath my body to the Earth to be decently buried according to the Christian manner of Buriall. Item I give and bequeath unto Dennis Croomen in Barbadoes Sixpence hundred pounds of York and I do appoint Mr. John Southy to see him satisfied therewith likewise and bequeath unto him the said Dennis Croomen all the money that I did leave in his hands be it more or less Item I give and bequeath unto Mr. John Southy and John Machell Edmund Braunnack and John Button a pece of blue fire Cloath that I have to divide it amongst them as they shall think fit Item I give and bequeath unto Mr. John Southy John Machell Edmund Braunnack all the money I brought with me out of Barbadoes to divide it amongst them as shall think fit also I give and bequeath unto the aforesaid Three five pounds ten Shillings and three pence in money that I have lying by me and to see my funerall kept withall Item I give and bequeath unto Mr. John Southy my Chest that I brought with me

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Lib. B. C. No. 6. and one now shut and again of Sliders Item I give and bequeath unto Jane Brannack the wife of Edmund Brannack one now hammock which is in her keeping. Item I give and bequeath unto Owen Murphy three hundred pounds of Tobacco and a shirt Item I do ordain & appoint Mr. John Southy John Mackell and Edmund Brannack my true and Lawfull Executors in all Causes whatsoever to receive and take in all my Debts that I have due in this Countrey or Province and by these presents do Ordain them myforesaid Executors to See all the Legacies herein mentioned fulfilled presently after the Disolution of this my Earthly Body In Wittnes I have hereunto sett my hand and fixed my Seal this fifteenth day of July in the year of our Lord One Thousand six hundred seventy & four.

Signed & Sealed & Delivered the mark of -
in the presence of us - Alexander I Roche Sealed.

John Button
Owen Murphy
Wm Seacell
John & Miles
his mark -

On the back was thus Written
August 6th 1674
John Button and John Miles two of
the Wittneses to this Testament made
Oath that they saw Alex. Roche Sign

Seal and Deliver this his Last Will and Testament with an Intent to make his Will and Testament and that he was at the time of the sealing and publishing of the said Testament of a sound disposing mind before me Signed by Order of the Judge in Testamentary Causes Michael Rockford H. Clerk &

Edmund Die John Southy John Mackell and Edmund Brannack Executors of the Last Will and Testament of Alex. Roche the within Testator took Oath of their due Execution of the said Will before me this 6th of August 1674 Signed by Order of the Judge in Testamentary Causes Michael Rockford Clerk Ordered that Comission Issue unto Doctor Robert Winsmor to prove the said Will and after proof to Deliver Vellors Testamentary unto Mr. Southy John Mackell and Edmund Brannack Executors named in the said Will and that Thomas Skinner and Thomas Mattie be appraisors of the said Estate and that Comission Issue unto the said Doctor Robert Winsmor to prove the Will and Swear the appraisors the Executors within

(named)

Lib. B. C. No. 6. named having taken their Oathes of their due Administration of the Estate of the said Deceased and the said Comission Lettors - Testamentary and Warrants to appraisors with bond in double the Value of the Estate issued out immediately & passed the Seal.

265.

The Mercury 12 August 1674
Came Richard Gardner son and heir of Capt. Luke Gardner Late of St. Marys County deceased and Exhibited the last Will of his father Desiring to have the same by Robert Carville and Plomont Hill Gents two of the Wittneses to the said Will to be proved whereupon the said Robert Carville and the said Plomont Hill upon the holy Evangelists made Oath that they saw the said Luke Gardner of a sound disposing mind Sign Seal and publish the Will now shewed them the Tenor of which will followeth in these words (Viz^t)

In the name of God amen.

Luke Gardner of St. Marys County in the Province of Maryland being in perfect health and Memory (thanks be to God) but yet Calling to mind the uncertain Condition of this Transitory Life Do make Ordain and Declare this my Last Will and Testament by these presents - Revoking annulling and making void all wills by me formerly made whether by word of mouth or in writing. Imprimis I give and bequeath my Soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it, and my Body to be decently buried in the Earth according to the Ceremonies of the holy Roman Catholick Church believing assuredly that I shall be saved by the Merits Death and passion of my Redeemer and Saviour Jesus Christ and that at the Gent. Day of Judgment my Soul shall be united with joy Eternally to possess the Kingdom of Heaven prepared for the Elect and Cho. son of Almighty God Item my Will is that all those Debts and Duties that I owe in Right or Conscience to any person or persons whatsover be well and truly satisfied and paid or ordered to be paid in convenient time after my Decease Item I give and bequeath unto the Pastor of the Church at -

(Newtown)

Lib. B. N. C. Newtown One Thousand pounds of Tobacco and unto the Pastor of the Church at Portobaccoe four hundred pounds of Tobacco and unto the Pastor living at the Good by name M^r. Mafey four hundred pounds of Tobacco and unto M^r. Carver living at the Chancellors four hundred pounds of Tobacco in Token that I do a Roman Catholic and do desire the prayers of the holy Roman Catholic Church. Item I give and bequeath unto my Ever Loving Wife Elizabeth Gardner my plantation and house and all that Tract of Land of mine at Camoe neck for Ever and St Clements Island the term of time that I have not my Decade in it, Item I give and bequeath unto my Eldest Son Richard Gardner all that Tract of Land lying on the north Side of Piscataway Creek in Charles County called by the Name of Barberston Mannoe with all the houseing thereon to him and his heirs for Ever and likewise one of my horses the which my said Son Richard Gardner shall chuse out of all my Stock of horses to him for Ever. Item I give and bequeath unto my next Eldest Son John Gardner all that houseing and Land of mine lying in the Woods in St. Mary's County called St Johns to him and his heirs for Ever. Except Three hundred Acres thereof which I give and bequeath unto my Son Luke Gardner to him and his heirs for Ever Injoining my said Son Luke Gardner to take his said Three hundred Acres of Land on the west Side of Annan branch running by the said Tract of Land called St. Johns unto the head of St Clements Bay but at which End of the said Land the said Luke Gardner please to take it — Item I give and bequeath unto my Son John Gardner all my Right Title and Interest in a tract of Land lying at the head of St Clements Bay called St Johns Landing to him and his heirs for Ever. Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Luke Gardner all that Tract of Land of mine lying near the head of Chaptio Bay called Hilllee and the Landing by Chaptio Bay called Gardeners Landing containing about two Acres of Ground with all the Marsh that lyeth opposite to the said two Acres called Gardeners Landing to him and his heirs for Ever. Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Luke Gardner to him and his heirs for Ever.

(all)

Lib. B. N. C. All that Tract of Land of mine called Grinditch with the Slave thereunto belonging situated lying and being in Charles County near Mattawoman: Item I give and bequeath unto my Youngest Son Thomas Gardner to him and his heirs for Ever all that Tract of Land of mine that goeth up the branch of Piscataway Creek the which I have a Warrant to survey and to make it 7 Eight hundred Acres and likewise my half of a tract of Land that is betwixt my Brother in Law M^r. Zachary Wade and I to him and his heirs for Ever: Item my will is that immediately after my Debts that I owe and my Legacies aforesaid are paid that then my Ever Loving Wife Elizabeth Gardner and my four sons Richard John Luke and Thomas Gardner make choice of four sober honest men of their Relations which shall divide all my personall Estate whatsoever that they can or may come to the knowledge of into five Equall parts all Except that horse afore mentioned the which I have given unto my Son Richard Gardner. Item my will is that immediately after the Division of my personall Estate as aforesaid that my Ever Loving Wife Elizabeth Gardner have her fifth of my personall Estate the which I give and bequeath unto her for Ever and that my Eldest Son Richard have immediately his part being the first part of my personall Estate so divided as afore mentioned the which I give and bequeath unto him and his heirs for Ever. Item I give and bequeath unto my three sons John Gardner Luke Gardner and Thomas Gardner to Each and Every of them his fifth part of my personall Estate divided as aforesaid to them and their heirs for Ever. Item my Will is that my Children be not of age untill they attain unto the age of Eighteen years and that they be not of age to sell or give any part or parcel of Land untill they attain unto the age twenty and five years. Item my Will is that Each of my sons know his own particulae Estate but not to possess any part of his Estate untill he attain unto the age of Eighteen years and not to dispose of or sell any part of his said Land untill he attain unto the age of Twenty —

(five)

267. I do bequeath five years as ^{is} Item my Will is that if any of my ^{fore} said
 Children should Chance to dye before he attain unto the Age of
 Eighteen Years that then his part of Land and goods shall be
 Equally divided amongst the rest of his brothers which are alive
 to them and their heirs for ever Item I do constitute and appoint
 my Son Richard Gardner Overseer over the Estate of my Son
 Thomas Gardner in the behalf and for the profit of him the said
 Thomas Gardner untill the said Thomas Gardner attain unto
 the Age of Eighteen Years and then the said Thomas to have his
 Estate in his own possession
 Item I do constitute and appoint my Son John Gardner
 Overseer over the Estate of my Son Luke Gardner when
 my Son John Gardner do attain unto the Age of Eighteen
 Years and that then he Oversee and Manage his said Brother
 Luke Gardners Estate untill his said Brother Luke Gardner
 do attain unto the Age of Eighteen Years and then his said
 Brother to have his Estate in his own possession. Item
 my Will is that my Ever Loving Wife Elizabeth Gardner
 and my Son Richard Gardner be Guardians over the Estates
 of my Sons John and Luke Gardner for and in the behalf
 and profit of them the said John and Luke Gardner untill my
 said Son John Gardner attain unto the Age of Eighteen Years
 and then the said John Gardner to have his Estate in his own
 possession and be Guardian over his Brother Luke Gardner
 as aforesaid. Item my Will is that my three Sons John Luke
 and Thomas Gardner be kept at School and have such Edu-
 cation as this Countrey and their Estates will afford them
 untill they successively attain unto the Age of Eighteen Years
 Item my Will is that if in case my Eldest Son Richard Gardner
 should dye before my Youngest Son Thomas Gardner cometh
 to Age that then the next Eldest Son with his Mother shall
 be guardians over the Younger and so successively and if the
 Mother and all the Eldest Brothers should dye before the
 Younger come to the Age aforesaid then I constitute & appoint
 my Brother in Law Major Thomas Brooke Guardian over
 my said Youngest Son Thomas Gardners Estate and if in
 case my Brother in Law Major Thomas Brooke should dye
 (before)

268. I do bequeath before my Youngest Son come to the Age of then I appoint
 Thomas Brooke the Eldest Son of my Brother in Law Major
 Thomas Brooke to be Guardian over the Estate of my
 Youngest Son untill he attain unto the Age of Eighteen Years

Sealed & Luke Gardner

Item my Will is and I Command all my Children that
 they be obedient to their Mother and to take her advice in
 all their undertakings that are of any consequence and
 if any Difference should arise amongst them that they
 Chuse some sober honest men amongst their own Relations
 to End all Differences betwixt them that in no ways they
 go to Law one with another Item my Will is that if any
 of my Children before he cometh unto the Age of Twenty and
 five Years should prove Irrelevant and Stubborn and
 change his Religion that he be no Roman Catholic
 that then that part of his Land and Goods that doth
 appear of what I gave him shall be divided Equally
 amongst his Brothers to them and their heirs for ever
 Item my Will is that if my Sons should Chance all to
 dye before they come to Age then I give and bequeath
 unto my Ever Loving Wife Elizabeth Gardner all my
 Land and half the Moveables belonging before to my
 said Children to her for ever and the other half of the
 Moveables to be given as followeth (Vizt) One Moiety
 to the Church the other Moiety to poor people such as
 my said Wife shall think convenient to give it unto
 and if my wife and Children should all be dead before
 any of my Children shall come to Age then I give and
 bequeath all my Land aforesaid unto my Brother in
 Law Major Thomas Brookes his Children and the
 half of my Moveables unto my God Daughter Mary
 Brooke and the other half of my Moveables to
 be divided as followeth (Vizt) One Moiety to the
 Pastor of New Town Church and the pastor of St.
 Marys Church the other Moiety to be divided a-
 amongst poor people to whom the said Pastors shall
 see fit In Testimony of this my Last Will and

(Seftamby)

Attest N^o C. Testament Thereunto put my hand and seal the fourth day of
December in the year of Our Lord God One Thousand Six hundred
Seventy and Three - Luke Gardner. Sealed -
Said Signed and published
in the presence of

Robert Carville
Clement Hill -
Elizabeth Rider

Richard T. Lanchford marks.

And the said Robert Carville further made Oath that upon the
Seventh day of July prout Affidavit (viz) Whereupon the
Judge here Considered that there being no Executor in the Will
named, the said Luke Gardner was Dead as Intestate and
therefore Ordered Letters of Ad^{con} to Elizabeth the Widow of
the said Luke to be Committed and that Maj^r Thomas Brooke
Zachary Wade. William Hatton and Randall Hanson
or any two of them be appraisers of the said Estate and that
Benjamin Solley or John Stone Gent^l. Do swear them and
in regard Elizabeth the Widow of the said Luke is Unable
to traivale. So far as to St Marys Ordered further that Com-
mission Issue to Thomas Nottley and Benjamin Solley
Gent^l. to administer unto her the Oath of Adm^{con} and to
take Bond in Double the Value of the Good and Chattells
of the said Luke for her true Ad^{con} of the said Good & Chattells.

Which Affidavit being for gotten to be Recorded in its due
place follows in these words as followeth -
Robert Carville of the City of St Marys Gent^l. aged thirty
Eight years or thereabouts being sworn and Examined
before the Hon^{ble} Philip Calvert Esq^r. Chief Judge for
Probate of Wills and granting of Adm^{cons} touching the probate
of the Will of Capt^l Luke Gardner lately deceased Deposeth
and sayth that he was by and present and did see the said
Luke Gardner Seal Sign and publish his Last Will bearing
Date the fourth Day of December 1673 and now shewed to
him and that he this Depoant with Mr. Clement Hill -

(and)

Attest N^o B. N^o C. and others Subscribed their names as Wttn^{es} to the same
and that the said Luke was then of sound mind and under
standing and this Doct^r further sayth that the said Luke
Gardner having been visited with a grievous Sickness -
and being upon Monday the sixth day of July last
past in some probable hopes of recovery being able to
walk out of Doors and the said Luke Gardner being at that
time of good sound and perfect mind Memory and under-
standing though weak in body and this Depoant having some
Discourse with the said Luke and his wife Concerning that
part of his the said Luke's will wheroin he declares his will
to be that none of his Children should be of age to Sell give or
dispose of any part of his Land by the said will to them be-
queathed until he or they attain unto the age of Twenty &
five years and his wife and this Doct^r then advising him
to alter his said will in that particular and make them
of age to sell give or dispose of the same at one and Twenty
years of age or to Explain himself more fully in that Case
if any of his said Sons should happen to marry and have
Children before they attained the said age of five and twenty
years what provision should be made for such wife and
Children in Case such Son should Dy before five and
Twenty years of age to which the said Luke replied -
that if it pleased God to Recover him in his health he
would have the said Will in that particular amended
but however he then did Express and Declare his true
Intent and meaning to be that the reason why he
mentioned it so in his Will was that they might not
sell away any part of their Respective Estates, being
that he said he had no Said but what was special good
Land and he would not have it go from his Children
but he did never Intend that the wife or Children of
any of his said Sons should be hindered or Debarred from
having or Claiming their Rights thereunto as the law
in that Case do provide for them nor should the said Will
nor any part thereof hinder or Debarr any of his said
Sons in Case they married before five and twenty from
selling any of their Lands by way of Jointure or -

(other)

Lib. B. No. 6. Other provision for Wife and Children or words to that or the like Effect. Robert Carville: Juravit Die 12^a Augusti 1674. Coram me

Philip Calvert
The Will hereunto annexed was proved the twelfth day of August 1674. by the Oaths of Robert Carville and Clement Allen Comissioners.

Whereupon Letters of adm^{on} with the Will annexed and Com^{on} unto Thomas Motley and Benjamin Solley Gent^l with Warrants (26th) to appraisers with Bond Spiced out and passed the seal immediately.

270. Die Veneris 14^a Die Augusti. . . .
Returned by W^m Hambleton the Last Will and Testament of Henry Frith Late of Talbot County Deceased as Substantive which followeth in these words 17th 67

In the Name of God amen.

I Henry Frith being weak of Body but of perfect Sense and memory Do hereby make my Last Will and Testament in manner & form following In the first place I will and bequeath my Body unto my Mother Paritt and my Soul unto God who gave it me.

2. I make my Wife Elizabeth Frith my Executrix to Enjoy my whole Estate Moveable and Immoveable During her Widowhood
3. I give and bequeath unto my Son Henry Frith One hundred and fifty Acres of Land beginning at Weathers bounded tree and the rest of my Land to be Equally Divided betwixt my three Daughters as for the Moveables they are Equally to be divided betwixt my four Children I leave my Son to be of Age at Sixteen if his mother Marries or otherwise at one and Twenty my Daughters to be at age at fourteen I leave my Children to the tuition of my Wife until she Marries but if she Marries and that their Stepfather doth abuse them then to the Discretion of my Overseers whom I do appoint to be my beloved friends M^r W^m Hambleton and Hugh Sherwood if my Children dye before Married I leave my whole Estate to my Wife and to her Heirs possessing and if one or more of my Children dye what is their parts to fall to the Rest

Witness Humphrey Dauensport?

Henry E. Frith
his mark.

(Wm)

Lib. B. No. 6. Will^m of Gathings Senior

his marks
Richard T. Harrington
his marks.

On the back was thus written

July the 25th 1674.

This Day this will proved by the Oaths of Humphrey Dauensport and Richard Harrington of the W^m Hambleton - Whereupon Letters of adm^{on} with the Will annexed issued out and passed the seal immediately unto Elizabeth the Widow of Henry Frith now married unto Ed. Elliott

Video Will & probat Cecilius C. To William Dayns and Thomas Jeynes Gent^l of the of W^m Copers Wile Last Will and Testament of M^r Anne Cooper Late of our said Province of Maryland Widow deceased in trust for the Managing of her the said Testatrix Estate for the best Benefit and Advantage of her Children and to all others whom it may Concern. Greeting Whereas it appears by the testimony of Thomas Hatton Gent^l that the said Testatrix M^r Cooper was of sound disposing Memory and Understanding When she made her said Last Will and Testament a true Copy whereof is hereunto Annexed the Original together with the said testimony Remaining upon Record with our said Secretary by us authorized for the probate of Wills and granting of Letters of Administration within our said Province & by us therefore that We giving Credit to the testimony of our said Secretary before mentioned have approved of and do by these presents by our said Secretary authorized as aforesaid approve and allow of the said Last Will and Testament of her the said Testatrix in all things as Lawfull and fitt to be performed by you the said Executors therein named to all intents and purposes according to the Tenor and true intent and Meaning hereof and according to your Oaths in that behalf Given at Maryland the 21st day of September Anno Dom^o 1664
Witness Our said Secretary - Tho: Hatton

Enrolled 10 475
In the Luck Side of the Last Will and Testament of John Paine dated 10 475 was thus written (viz) March 1st 1671 Thomas Matthews & Rob^t Masters M^r D^s Call that the will written on the other Side was the last will of John Paine Late of this County deceased - Tho: Matthews sworn before me John Tidans - Robert Masters his + Mark

Walter Dallas, and W^m Buckingham Severally make Oath on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God that they Read such part of the Old Books from whence the contents of this Book were Transcribed, that they were Employed to Read, Carefully, Deliberately, and Distinctly, to the best of their Ability, to Mr Nathel Denton who Examined the same. And the said Nathel Denton Likewise makes Oath on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God that he faithfully, Deliberately, Diligently, and Truly Examined and Compared the Contents of this Book with the Old Books the said Contents were Transcribed out of into this and that the Contents hereof Agree exactly with the said Old Books, But that such Blanks as are Left in this Book are for words Defaced or otherwise not Legible in the said Old Books, to the best of his Knowledge.

Sworn to this sixth Day of October... 1725 before me the Subscribor One of the Justices of his Lordships provincial Court of Maryland

Present

George

Edwards

John Scale

John Scale

Nathel Denton

W^m Buckingham

Walter Dallas

Thos Addison