

Lib<sup>r</sup> et<sup>o</sup> F.

of London near Bishop gate in Bedlam the other two third Parts of my Plantation and the other two third Parts of my housing thereon for and During her time if likewise give to the said Minder Two Cows and their Increase for ever if the said Minder shall in her own Person come and Demand them of my Executors here after named within one whole Year after the Date hereof if not then is my Gift void and of None Effect

Ily I give and bequeath four Thousand Pounds of Tobacco to be put into the hands of my friends known by the name of Quakers for the relief of those that shall be in want amongst them and to order my Executors hereafter named to pay it for the aforesaid use

Atly I give unto Robert Davis my fowling piece and to Arthur Hoyle Five hundred and fifty seven pounds of Tobacco which he doeth me Atly I give unto my Irish man one boy called Browning and to my Boy and woman Servant Each them one Year old the first

Atly I give and bequeath unto John Homewood and Rob<sup>t</sup> Davis both of the County of ann arundell all the said and housing above named at the Expiration of the appointed time and likewise what said sever doth or may belong to me in the Province of Maryland with all the rights and profits that to them belong given to the above named John Homewood and Rob<sup>t</sup> Davidge to have and to hold to them their heirs Exec<sup>rs</sup> Adm<sup>rs</sup> or assigns or any of them for ever Likewise I give unto the said Homewood and Davidge all my Moveable Goods as Servants hous all Goods whether new or Old Cattell horse hogs and what so ever Else may befall mine to them the said John Homewood and Rob<sup>t</sup> Davidge give I them all and I do make Ordain and appoint my Loving friends John Homewood and Robert Davidge both of this County of ann arundell to be my and the sole Exec<sup>rs</sup> of this my Last Will and Testam<sup>t</sup> in witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seal the Day and Year above Written 1681

William Davis Sealed

Signed Sealed & Delivered

This to be my Last will and Testam<sup>t</sup> in the presence of on the back Part of this will was thus Written

Edmund Duncasse  
Thomothy Corner  
his Marks  
John Smith

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Philip Calvert Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Chief Judge for Probate of Wills &c  
By vertue of a warrant bearing Date

(the)

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Lib<sup>r</sup> et<sup>o</sup> E.

The 19<sup>th</sup> day of August in the sixth Year of his Lordships Dominion Over Maryland Anno D<sup>ni</sup> 1681 and to me Directed  
I called before me Edmund Duncasse and Timothy Corner who did by their Oaths upon the holy Evangelists prove the within written to be the last Will and Testam<sup>t</sup> of William Davis late of the County of ann arundell Deed and that he appeared at the time when he signed sealed and acknowledged the same to be of perfect sense and sound memory all which I do certify unto the officers this second Day of Sept<sup>r</sup> Anno D<sup>ni</sup> 1681 Richard Hill

In the Name of God Amen I John Hudson of Northampton County in ahamack in Virginia planter being in good health and of sound and perfect Memory do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testam<sup>t</sup> in Manner and form following hereby Revoking and Renouncing all manner of Wills and Testaments what so ever by me the said J<sup>n</sup> Hudson heretofore made or done Inp<sup>ts</sup> I give and bequeath my soul into the hands of Allmighty God hoping by the Merits of Jesus Christ my blessed Saviour and Redeemer to receive Remission and Pardon for all my sins and as for the Temporal Estate the which it hath Pleas'd God to bestow upon me I give and bequeath unto my very Loving friend Robert Collier immediately after my decease all that my Plantation called by the Name of Windsor with all and Every the Lands Fountains Exloit<sup>s</sup> hereditaments and appurtenances to the said Plantation belonging or in any wise appertaining as the same is situate lying and being in Dorset County in the Province of Maryland and which plantation he hath and purchased of the said Robert Collier by Deed of feoffm<sup>t</sup> in Court recorded more plainly will appear to have and to hold the said Plantation with all the rights Members &c appurtenances to the same belonging after my decease to him the said Robert Collier and his heirs for ever

Item I give and bequeath unto Thomas Paruell Son of Thomas Paruell of ahamack aforesaid planter after my decease one Yearling Cow Calve &c If further I give and bequeath unto the said Robert Collier and to his heirs and assigns for ever after my decease five Cows belonging and of right appertaining four of which Cows are now in the hands and possession of Edward Joynes and Casar Podwin

Item I further give and bequeath unto the said Robert Collier

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(Collier)

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Collier and his heirs and assigns for ever one Iron Gray Mare and one black horse Colt Steer & further give and bequeath unto the said Robert Collier and to his heirs and assigns for ever after my decease all such sum and kind of Tobacco as are now or hereafter shall become due to me the said J<sup>n</sup>. Hudson by virtue of any bill or bills Contracts or accounts what so ever them I give and bequeath unto the said Robert Collier one piece first with all and all manner of apparall Linen or Woollen whatsoever which now is or hereafter shall be my Land - John Hudson Sealed

Signed Sealed & published in presence of - James Dashiell

J<sup>n</sup>. H Haynes -

his Mark.

Jos. Sherly -

And lastly I do make and Ordain my said doing friend - Robert Collier to be Exec. of this my last will and Testament hereby once more revoking all and all manner of former and other wills heretofore made or Executed in Witness whereof I have to Every Sheet hereof sett to my hand and fixed my Seal the fiftenth Day of October in the year of our Lord God one Thousand six hundred Seventy and Six J<sup>n</sup>. Hudson Sealed

Signed Sealed and Published

in presence of -

James Dashiell

J<sup>n</sup>. H Haynes

his Mark

Jos. Sherly -

Maryland ps -

Som<sup>r</sup> County. This Day to wit the 12 day of June in the second year of the Dominion of the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> Charles Lord and Bishop of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Barone of Baltimore &c. Anno q<sup>ue</sup> D<sup>omi</sup>ni 1677. came the above said James Dashiell J<sup>n</sup>. Haynes and Jos. Sherly before his Lordships Justices there in Court sitting and made oath upon the holy Evangelist that they did see the within named John Hudson sign and seal the before going writing This proved by the Oaths of James Dashiell J<sup>n</sup>. Haynes & Jos. Sherly humbly Certified by Will. Stevens Clerk Co<sup>t</sup>

(Som 250)

Libert<sup>o</sup> E. J<sup>n</sup>. Erett ff.

Know all men by these presents That I Nehemiah Louington Sen<sup>r</sup> of the County of Sommersett in the Province of Maryland Planter for many good causes and Considerations there unto moving Do constitute and appoint my well beloved wife Ann Coughton to be my true and Lawfull Attorney for me and in my Name to sue persue Receive Discharge acquit Release and to take into her husbandly alleas singular whatsoever I att the signing and sealing or perfected of both moveable and unmoveable as Goods and Chattells or any other Debts due to me by bill or account and further if I should please God to take me away that my said attorney and lov<sup>ing</sup> wife I make my Exec<sup>ut</sup> to whom at her Disposing I give and bequeath all and singular what I have Lands Goods and Chattells and do ratifie allow and Confirm all and singular whatsoever my said attorney shall do in my stead or behalf in as good & ample Manner as if I were personally Present allowing more att any under her if occasion serus to Act and Do in My place & stead So far forth as the Law can Devise in such Cases in Confirmation of the truth & the above written have to these presents sett to my hands and fixed my Seal this seventeenth Day of January Anno Domini 1677

Signed Sealed & Delivered in the Presence of Us -

William Stevens Benjamin Walker

Handeal of Nehemiah Louington Sen<sup>r</sup>

And on the back side of this Will was thus Written - By virtue of a Commission to me Directed from the Judge and Comisary Gen<sup>l</sup> for probate of Wills &c. I called the within named William Stevens before me who made oath that Nehemiah Louington signed and sealed the within mentioned as his Act and Deed and further that Benjamin Walker was a Witness with him who is Departed out of this Countrey which is humbly Certified by William Stevens

In the Name of God a men, I Samuel Jones Sen<sup>r</sup> being sick and knowing the frailty of this life make this my last will and Testament I Imp<sup>o</sup> & bequeath my Soul to God that gave it me hoping that Through the Merits and Mediation of my Saviour - Jesus to Receive it to his Mercy and my body to the Earth

(to)

24<sup>th</sup> E

to be decently buried and for my worldly Estate as followeth  
 I give unto my two Sons Samuel and John all that Tract of Land  
 that I now live upon which is Six hundred acres and that they  
 Live together till Samuel is Twenty and Two years old and then  
 to be divided Equally between them Two for ever and my will is  
 that Samuel have his choice and if he takes the plantation that  
 now is that he helps his brother John to build and fence for a four  
 fifts and further my will is that for all Chattells and bedding and  
 Pewter brass and all that is Moveable or shall be purchased till  
 Samuel is Twenty Two years old be Equally shared with the  
 Advice of the Overseers w<sup>th</sup> Henry Hall and John Bishop whom  
 I desire to Over look and see that they make no bargains without  
 their advice and that they all four Samuel John, Mary & Elizabeth  
 have Equall Share of all the Moveable that is or shall be and  
 further my Son Samuel be adm<sup>or</sup> of this my Last Will  
 signed sealed in the presence of us Samuel Jones sealed  
 Ellis Colman. Henry the 19<sup>th</sup> 1675  
 Henry Hall  
 Anne H Patrick

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Mark -

On the back Side of the afo<sup>r</sup> Will was thus Written -

February the 8<sup>th</sup> 1670 -  
 Then the within mentioned will and Testament of Samuel  
 Jones Deceased was proved by the Oaths of Ellis Colman Henry  
 Hall and Anne Patrick by Virtue of a Commission to me Directed  
 which is humbly Certified by William Heavens

In the Name of God Amen the 30<sup>th</sup> Day of December  
 1680 Daniel Curtis 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 Do 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 & be saved  
 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 and Christian  
 (manner)

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Manner as to my Exec<sup>r</sup> hereafter named shall be thought meet  
 and convenient and as touching such worldly Estate as the Lord  
 in Mercy hath sent me my will and meaning is the same shall be  
 Imployed and bestowed as hereafter by this my will is expressed  
 and first I do Revolve Renounce 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 unto my Son James Curtis this  
 plantation whereon I now live and his Mother my well  
 beloved wife Mary Curtis to have and Enjoy her third of the  
 afo<sup>r</sup> plantation During her Natural life at the Expiration  
 whereof it shall return to my Son James Curtis to his proper use  
 behoof and to his heirs for ever and in case that my Son James  
 Dies without issue I give it to Alice Hall the Daughter of  
 Charles Hall and Alice his wife of Annam<sup>er</sup> per<sup>pet</sup> Mariter  
 Item I give unto my well beloved wife my horse Bush and I give  
 unto my Son James a horse named Robin and my Mare  
 called Bonny Item I give unto my Son James three Cows  
 and in the next place I give unto my wife all the rest of my  
 Stock of Cattel in Gen<sup>l</sup> and all my hogs further I give unto  
 my wife all my Debts due to me abroad together with all  
 my Debts made and being upon my plantation Item I  
 give unto my Son James one hanger and one back Rapier  
 with a belt belonging to it further I give unto him the long  
 st of my Two Guns further I give unto my wife one feather bed  
 with Curtains and Valains belonging to it and to my Son  
 James I give a Chest called mine and for the rest of my Goods &  
 Chattells I give unto my wife in Gen<sup>l</sup> and further my  
 will and pleasure is that my Son James Curtis be Exec<sup>r</sup> im-  
 mediately after my decease and that my Dearlly well be-  
 loved wife is by me absolutely constituted appointed &  
 ordained to be my whole and Sole Executrix to this my Last  
 will and Testament and lastly I give unto my said  
 wife what servants I have during their full time

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The last will & Testament of Daniel Curtis Signed Sealed  
 and Delivered in the presence of us  
 Alice H Hall } On the back Side was thus Written -  
 Mark  
 Int. Heaths } March the 9<sup>th</sup> 1680

(Then)

And by virtue of a commission to me directed from the Judges of our Majesty the within mentioned Will was proved by the oaths of Alice Hall and In<sup>r</sup>. Heath and Charles Hall and Thomas Bull was sworn app<sup>rs</sup> of the Goods and Chattells of Daniel Curtis Deceased and the Oath of an Executor administered to Mary Curtis within named all which is humbly Certified by William Stevens

I NOW all men by these presents that I John Gary one of the Clifts in Salvert County in Maryland being at present sickly and not knowing how soon the Lord may require this life which must once be yielded up unto Death and now finding myself in perfect mind and memory do make for title Deceased and

this my last will and Testament in manner & form as followeth Revoking and annulling all other will and wills Testament or Testaments heretofore made and this alone & no other to be taken for my last will and Testament.

Committing my soul and body into the hands of God my Creator whose right it is for him the giver of life to dispose of as it seemeth good in his sight

And now for the settling of my Visible Estate both moveables and immoveables as Goods Moneys Tobacco Cattell Sheep horses servants Lands and all other Chattells and things what soever now or here after due as it hath pleased God by his blessing to bestow upon me the same well ordering of which to the true intents and meanings of this my will I leave and wholly resign to my well beloved Dear and Loving wife Alice Gary as whole and sole Executrix and hereby me Ordained and made herain and my well loved Brother William Sharp and Loving friend Francis Billings as Overseers to assist and help my wife as aforesaid Exec<sup>r</sup> and here in the true end well management and ordering my Estate according as here is disposed of to all intents and purposes as if I were personally present to Effect the same you being the very Persons I have chosen to well order and Manage the same without Council at Law or the Ordinary for Probate of Wills having any thing to do with or in or about it Only to take the Probate hereof Upon Record admitting my whole trust & confidence in you my Executrix and Overseers as aforesaid in the prosecution and Management as aforesaid. First I will that all my Just Debts be well and truly paid as soon as can be well and my Legacies that I here after dispose of next as soon as can be

2<sup>dly</sup> I give and bequeath unto my Dear Mother Edith Sharp & Sister Elizabeth Dixon if living thirty shillings a piece and to my Sister Elizabeth the Harwood I give thirty shillings a piece valued in Cattel or some things Else as my Overseers and Exec<sup>r</sup> shall think fittest for them to Buy (Charleson as silver spoon further I give and bequeath unto Sister Elizabeth Sharp and her Daughter Sarah Sharp thirty shillings a piece or to the value as thought fit and further I give more to my Mother Edith Sharp two lb of Tobacco if living then and furl<sup>r</sup> for I give unto my Cousin Stephen Gary Sen<sup>r</sup> a hhd of good Tobacco and to Every one of his Children a silver spoon a piece of Ten shillings price and further Wills and gives to my Overseers as aforesaid a hhd of good Tobacco a piece as some small request of their assisting and acting as above said and to Brother Sharp more I give all my best wearing Cloaths as he thinks fit to wear and a powder Limb and what belongs to it and further to my Cousin Alice Churruely I give one feather bed and a hugg blanket and bolsters pillow and Sheets and curtains & valances and two Cross and Gales and Two Thousand pounds of Tobacco or to the value in something Else that you may Judge most needfull for her or to her Advantage the which I leave to the Discretion of my Exec<sup>r</sup> and Overseers and they are to be delivered to her at the Day of her Marriage or when she comes to the Age of Eighteen Years

AND further I give unto Elizabeth Slooper four pounds herd and good stuff such as she would have it made and a pair of Perigon bodys and a hood and scarf and what other things she wants of her freedom Cloaths and to be delivered her as soon as can be provided

And now unto my Loving wife Alice Gary I do will give and bequeath all the remainder of my visible Estate both moveables and immoveables to her and to her heirs or Disposall for Ever that is to say all Lands houses and appurtenances belonging there unto and servants Cattell horses Money Goods &c and all other Chattell and things belonging or may belong to my Estate I say I give and bequeath w<sup>th</sup> my Estate named and unnamed unto my Dear and Loving wife Alice Gary and her heirs or Disposall for Ever taking and holding possession of the same as my self without Lett or Molestation from or by any Relations that may after to seek any Right or Title

liber et E. Claimor Interest to any Thing or Things moveables or Immoveables that have given and bequeathed to my Dear wife Alice Gary herein or hereby further willing and declaring him her or them that shall Chance or require by Challenges or Demand any part or part of what I have here given my self witness this last Will and Testament Disinherit for ever by me to any kind or other Things to the Frutt of this my last Will and Testament I have hereunto sett my hand and Seal this 19<sup>th</sup> Day of the seventh Month called September 1681

In<sup>o</sup> Gary Sealed  
Signed Sealed & acknowledged  
in the presence of Us  
Christopher Wittay  
Leonard Spivins  
his Mark  
Robert T Barloe  
his Mark  
On the back side was thus written viz  
Leonard Spivins and Robert Barloe  
came before me this 19<sup>th</sup> day of October  
and took their Oathes upon the Holy  
Evangel that they did see In<sup>o</sup> Gary  
Sign Seal and Deliber the within  
mentioned as his last Will and Testament  
Sworn before me Samuel Bourne

I Joseph Padley of Salbot County in the Province of Maryland Planter being visited by the Good hand of God with sickness & not knowing how soon it may please God to take away this outward life which must once be yielded unto Death in Consideration whereof being at present in perfect Memory Do make Constitutz or ordain and Declare this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form as followeth to wit  
I do hereby by these presents all and Every Testament and Testaments to will & wills heretofore by me made and this to be taken onely for my Last Will and Testament and no other viz  
First I Do Commit my self sou' and body into the hands of God my Creator whose Right it is for him the power to dispose of as it seemeth good in his Right whose tender Mercies I endure for ever to those that trust in him I praise be to his Name for ever and now for the settling of my Temporal Estate Even such Goods Lands Chattells Moneys Tobacco Bills Bonds Debts or accompts or what Else it hath pleased God to bestow upon me and Do by these presents Order give or Dispose the same in maner & form as fo'll  
I do say that all my Just Debts as I owe be well and truly paid within convenient time after my Decease

(and)

liber et E. And also particular Legacies to be paid by my Exec<sup>r</sup> or Overseer of this my will to see that it be fully accomplished according to the very intent and purpose of this my Declaration for which I have chosen my truly and well beloved friend W<sup>m</sup> Sharp my sole Exec<sup>r</sup> and overseer of this my will aforesaid or hereafter shall be expressed to all intents and purposes without the counsel or advice of the Learned at the said he being the very Man that I have chosen to act and Do all things in righteous ness for the best advantage of the preservation of my Estate Comitted to thy Charge and if full pursuance in the defense of the same to all intents and purposes as if myself were personally present to perfect the same as follows viz

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First I do give and bequeath unto my brother Benjamin Three hundred acres of land lying att Tuckahoe it being the one half of tract of six hundred acres the which I purchased of William Sharp viz I do will and bequeath unto my other two brothers William and John Padley the other part or moiety of my aforesaid six hundred acres  
viz I do give and bequeath unto Sarah Sharp and her heirs for ever all that tract of land where I now dwell with housing and fencing that shall be upon it at my Decease viz I give and bequeath to friends in the Minister two thousand pounds of Tobacco att convenient time after my Decease  
viz I give to John Spoons my Bay horse and four hundred pounds of Tobo. to be paid att convenient time after my Decease  
viz I give and bequeath unto William Stevens of Dividing Creek fifty shillings sterl to be paid att convenient time after my Decease, I also give to William Stevens one good sole hind ready shaid viz I give and bequeath unto W<sup>m</sup> Sharp my Gray horse if ever he shall be found and as touching the above said land given to my three brothers I do freely quit it as it is declared as above said to them and their heirs for ever to possess and enjoy the same and also the lands and what Else given to Sarah Sharp I will it be to her and her heirs for ever and now to my Exec<sup>r</sup> all my Personal Estate that shall be left after my Just Debts and Legacies be full filled and satisfied to be his the Care whereof I have committed to my Exec<sup>r</sup> So to the truth of this my last Will & Testament I have hereunto sett my hand and put my Seal in the presence of those with me for this 13<sup>th</sup> Day of the 3<sup>d</sup> Months called May 1681

Joseph Padley Sealed

(Aller<sup>m</sup>)

W<sup>ch</sup> E.

Alexander Willson  
his  
In<sup>t</sup>. B<sup>r</sup> Raine  
Mark  
his  
Catherine I. Cauncydey  
Mark

On the other side was thus written  
viz. I scilicet. Octob<sup>r</sup>. the 17<sup>th</sup> 1681  
I the same before alex<sup>r</sup> Willson  
In<sup>t</sup>. Raine and Catherine Cauncydey  
the three witnesses to the within  
mentioned will and upon their

Corporall Oaths proved the same to be the last Will & Testament  
of Joseph Padley of this County Late Deceased  
Jurat for same William Combes

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In the Name of God Amen I Thomas Speake of  
A Mary's County in the Province of Maryland being sick &  
weak of body but of sound and perfect Memory and mind  
praise be therefore given to Almighty God for itt. Domine hec  
vidain this my present Last will and Testam<sup>t</sup>. in manner &  
form following that is to say first and principally I Commend  
my Soul unto the hands of Almighty God hoping through the  
Merits Death and passion of my Saviour Jesus Christ to  
have full and free pardon and forgiveness of all my sins and to  
Inherit Everlasting life And my body I Commit to the Earth  
to be Decently buried at the Discretion of my Exec<sup>r</sup>. here  
after named and as touching the Disposition of all such Temporal  
all Estate as it hath pleased Almighty God to bestow upon me  
I give and Dispose thereof as followeth

First I will that my Just Debts and funerall Charges  
shall be paid and Discharged -  
Item I give unto my Loving Son John Speake all my Lands  
after the Decease of my Loving wife Elis. but in case the my  
said wife shall marry then shee to Enjoy only her third Accord-  
ing to Law my will is also that my Loving brother in Law  
James Bouring hath the Disposall of my Children to be brought  
up in the Roman Catholick Faith.  
And I desire that my body may be Decently buried att the  
Discretion of my Loving brother James Bouring my above  
said Exec<sup>r</sup>. and I do hereby revoke & annull and make void  
all former wills and Testaments by me heretofore made in  
writings whereof I the said ~~Thomas~~ Thomas Speake to this  
my last will and Testam<sup>t</sup>. have set to my hand and seal  
this 6<sup>th</sup> of May 1681.  
My meaning is to give him In<sup>t</sup>. Speake my Loving  
(Son)

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Son all my Lands to him and his heirs for Ever and to my per-  
sonall Estate to be Equally Divided my wife first having her  
third the best amongst my Children  
Declared and sealed in presence of us Thomas R. Speake  
Richard Edelen - Thomas R. Speake  
Thomas Liches Mark

On the back side was thus written  
According to a Commission to me Directed I Call this day  
before me Richard Edelen who made Oath that he saw  
the within named Tho. Speake Declare the within men-  
tioned to be his last Will and Testament as written by my hand  
this 17<sup>th</sup> day of Aug<sup>r</sup>. Anno D<sup>ni</sup> 1681 Thomas Milled.

In the Name of God Amen I Robert Heigh of Albert-  
County in the Province of Maryland being weak in body but  
of sound and perfect Memory and being made sensible of the  
Uncertainty of this Mortall life and the certainty of Death  
have therefore thought convenient to will and bequeath of  
my Worldly Estate as fo<sup>l</sup>. in this my last will & Testam<sup>t</sup>  
I Imp<sup>r</sup>. & I bequeath my Soul to my Redeemer and my body  
to the Dust from whence it came. Imp<sup>r</sup>. I give all my  
Moveable Estate unto my wife and my four Children  
Equally to be divided amongst them after my Debts is  
paid and my wife to Continue on my Plantation during  
her pleasure and this plantation half wo<sup>r</sup>ss purchase and  
One hundred acres of Land backlie next adjoining to it and  
a parcell of Land called Little Land to my Son James Heigh  
and his heirs for Ever and I give unto my Son Robert Heigh  
Five hundred acres of Land Joining to the Land of Pleun feint  
to him and his heirs for Ever and I give unto my Son Samuel  
Eight two hundred acres of Land Joining to Robert to him &  
his heirs for Ever. I give unto my Daughter Elis Heigh  
a parcell of Land called Robt Chance to her and her heirs  
for Ever if any of these Children should dye before they attain  
the Age of sixteen then there shall to be Equally divided among  
the living and in token of my Love I leave unto my Loving  
friend Thomas Heigh my best Saddle pistolles and sword  
I do make my Loving wife my Lawfull Executrix of  
this my last will and Testament and in case of her mor-  
tality my son James and tis my Desire that all  
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my Children be attage when they attain the years of sixteen -  
Likewise it is my Desire that my wife act nothing without  
the advice of Thomas Starling In witness hereof I have  
hereunto set my hand and Seal this 26<sup>th</sup> Day of July 1679  
Signed & Sealed in presence of us - Rob<sup>t</sup> Heighe Sealed  
Jn<sup>r</sup> Cobreath.  
Jn<sup>r</sup> Scott-

Upon further Consideration I the above written Rob<sup>t</sup> Heighe  
being still in perfect memory blessed be God Do hereby revoke  
and is annull and take from my Daughter Elis Heigh that  
Parcell of Land which I left her by this my above written will  
which parcell of Land lyes behind adjoining upon my Three  
Sons Land which said parcell of Land I leave to be Equally  
Divided amongst them and in Stead of it I do give & bequeath  
unto my said Daughter Elis Heigh two hundred acres of Land  
Lying and being upon the Main Branch of hunting Creeke  
to her and her heirs for Ever witness my hand and Seal 27<sup>th</sup>  
of November Ann<sup>y</sup> Dny 1679. Signum

Festes Robert Heighe Sealed

Jn<sup>r</sup> Cobreath

Peter Brown

Jn<sup>r</sup> Froster

December the first

ON the back Side was thus Writton

Then came before me Jn<sup>r</sup> Cobreath Jn<sup>r</sup> Froster & Peter  
Brown and took their Corporall Oathes upon the holy Evangelist  
that they did see the within Menconed Signed Sealed & Delivered  
by Robert Heigh as his last Will and Testament -

Sworn before me Samuel Bourne

Maryland

In the Name of God Amen I Robert Heigely  
of St Inegoes Parish in the County of St Marys in the Province  
of Maryland Gent<sup>l</sup> being in sound and perfect health  
Thanks be to God for the same Yet considering how many  
and various Accidents may and Do suddenly take the Son of  
Man Out of this Transitory Life Do make this my Last  
and Testament in Manner and form following Revoking  
and by these presents annulling all other Will or Wills by me  
heretofore made & do declare & publish this to be my Last Will & Testat-

(Wist)

Liber A E. First I give my Soul to Allmighty God my Creator which  
he of his fatherly Goodness gave me when he first fashion'd me  
in my Mothers womb nothing Doubting but that of his infinite  
Goodness and Mercy through the only Merits of my Saviour -  
and Redeemer Jesus Christ he will receive it into his Glory  
2<sup>dly</sup> My body I give it unto my Mother Earth from whence  
it came to be decently interred according to the Will of my Exe<sup>r</sup>  
hereafter Named -

3<sup>dly</sup> As Touching my Dear and well beloved wife Martha  
Kedgely with whom I joined myself in the face of God refusing  
all other Women in the blessed Estate of Hon<sup>l</sup> & blessed Matrimony  
by whom also by the blessing of God I have now 3 Sons and one  
Daughter living viz<sup>t</sup> Robert my Eldest Son Charles my  
second Son and William my Youngest Son and Martha  
my only Daughter in the first place Do hereby make  
Constitute and appoint her my said Dear & Loving wife  
Martha Kedgely to be the full and whole Exe<sup>r</sup> of this my  
Last Will and Testament and I do give and bequeath to her  
and her heirs for Ever the tract of Land whereon now live  
Called Van Sweringens point being in two parcels Containing  
in the whole Ninety four Acres and the Tract of Land in Wilcoo  
more River in Somerset County I bought of Edward Southerne  
together with all additions by me made to the said Lands now  
Called by the Name of Little belean and now Containing  
Sixelve hundred Acres to have and to hold the said Sev<sup>l</sup> Tracts  
of Land before mentioned to my said Dear wife her heirs and  
assigns for Ever and also I do give and bequeath unto her all  
my household Goods Plate Negro Serv<sup>ts</sup> Cattell horsof hogs  
Sheep Debts Money in England and all other my personall  
Estate what so ever Either here or Else where as he paying there  
out my Lawfull Debts funeral Expenses and Legacies here  
after mentioned -

4<sup>thly</sup> for my Son Robert it is my will and Desire that he  
be Educated in the protestant Religion according to the  
Cannons of the King of England and that he be kept at  
School by my said wife until he be of convenient age  
to be put to a Trade and when of that age when to be put to some  
Trade such as his Natureall inclination shall most lead him  
to at the sole Charge of my said Exe<sup>r</sup> Also I give and bequeath  
unto my said Son Robert the Tract of Land Containing Eight  
hundred Acres lying in Worcester County Called Friends Choice

(Which)

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which though at present in the possession of the Duke of York  
yet I doubt not in the least that the same will appear in short  
time to be the Right and within the said. of the Lord Baltimore  
Lord property of this Province also I give and bequeath unto my  
said Son Robert Six hundred acres of Land called Balcon lying  
in Loucomoco River in Somersett County to have and to hold  
the said two parcels of Land to him and his heirs for Ever  
Item I give and bequeath unto my said Son Robt. when he  
shall be of bigness and capacity fit to be putt an Apprentice  
the sum of fifty pounds Sterling to put him out to a Trade  
Such as his Naturall Inclination shall most lead him to and  
during the said time to be Educated at School at the discretion  
and proper Charges of my Executrix and at the End of his ap-  
prenticeship I give unto him more Twenty pound Sterling  
and this as his full share and portion out of my Estate

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4<sup>thly</sup> for my Son Charles my Will and Desire is that he be  
likewise Educated in the Protestant Religion according to  
the Canons of the Church of England and that he be kept at School  
by my Executrix and att her Charge till he be of convenient  
Age to put to Trade and when of that Age to be putt to some  
Trade such as his Naturall Inclination shall lead him to  
att the sole Charge of my Exec<sup>r</sup>. and also I give and bequeath  
unto my said Son Charles all those two Tracts of Land called  
the Gent. Trust and Dunberly lying in Calvert County att the head  
of Patuxent River in the western Branch Earle containing five  
hundred acres to have and to hold the said two parcels of Land  
to him and his heirs for Ever also I give and bequeath unto my  
said Son Charles when he hath served his time of Apprenticeship  
Twenty pound Sterling and this as his full share and portion  
out of my Estate

5<sup>thly</sup> for my Son William it is my Will and Desire that he  
be likewise Educated in the Protestant Religion according  
to the Canons of the Church of England and that he be kept  
att School by my Executrix and att her Charge till he be  
of convenient Age to put to a Trade and when of that age  
to be putt to some Trade such as he most fancyes att the proper  
Cost of my Executrix also I give and bequeath to my said Son  
William fourteen hundred Acres of Land lying att the head of  
Muscomoco River in Somersett County called the Western  
Tracts to have and to hold the said parcel of Land to my said Son  
William and to his heirs for Ever also I give and bequeath unto

(my)

my said Son William Twenty pounds Sterling to be paid him when  
he hath served his time of Apprenticeship and this as his full share  
and portion of my Estate

7<sup>thly</sup> In Case that my Son Robert or my Son Charles or my Son  
William should happen to Depart this Life before they arrive  
to the Age of one and Twenty years then my Will and meaning  
is that the said hereby bequeathed to him that shall dye before  
he be of the said Age shall be and Enure to the use of the two Survi-  
vors and their heirs and assigns for Ever to be Equally divided be-  
tween them and in Case which God forbid two of my said Sons  
happen to Depart this Life before they arrive to the Age of one  
and Twenty years then my Will and meaning is that the said  
hereby bequeathed to them that so dyes shall be and Enure  
to the use of the survivor and his heirs and assigns for Ever  
and in Case which God forbid all three of my said Sons shall  
dye before they arrive to the Age of one and Twenty years  
then my Will and meaning is that the said hereby bequeath-  
ed shall be and Enure to the use of my Daughter Martha  
and her heirs for Ever and in Case she shall also dye without  
Issue then the said and Every part and parcel thereof that  
I have hereby bequeathed to them or Either or any of them  
I give and bequeath unto my said Loving wife Martha  
and her heirs for Ever

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8<sup>thly</sup> for my Daughter Martha it is my Will & Desire  
that she be likewise Educated in the Protestant Religion  
and kept att School by my Exec<sup>r</sup> att her Charge till she be  
seventeen years of Age or she shall be married also I give and  
bequeath unto my said daughter Martha the sum of  
one hundred pounds Sterling to be paid to her att the day of her  
Marriage or if she shall arrive to the Age of one  
and Twenty years before she shall first happen

9<sup>thly</sup> I give and bequeath unto my Ever Honored friends  
William Howens of Somersett County Esq<sup>r</sup> and Elizabeth his wife  
Each of them a m<sup>o</sup>urning Ring of the value of Twenty Shillings  
to be delivered them in some convenient time after my decease  
by my Executrix

10<sup>thly</sup> Whereas I have been an attorney in this Province  
and may leave severall Suits unfinished of severall of my  
Creditors for which I have received the fees or portions for the  
same to refund which would be a great prejudice to my poor  
Wife and Children my request and Desire is that my Dear

Libert E.

Soving friends Christopher Rousby Henchur (Christy Bayn) Robert -  
 Carville George Parker & Charles Boteler Gents would if they are not  
 concerned against me finish the said Causes in my behalff and be assist  
 ant to my Dear wife in any other business to whom I order & appoint  
 my said Executrix to give a mourning Ring of the price of thorty  
 Shillings to each of them to wear in remembrance of the said  
 friend Lastly I do hereby Desire my soving friends the said Willm  
 Stevens and Christopher Rousby to be my Overseers of this my last  
 Will and Testam. and to be assistant to my said Dear wife to  
 see the same Accomplished fulfilled and performed  
 This is my last Will and Testament Revoking and by this  
 presents annulling all other Wills in wittness whereof I have  
 hereunto set my hand and Seal the Twentieth day of December  
 in the year of our Lord God One Thousand six hundred eighty  
 Signed sealed & published Robert Pidgeley Deceased  
 in the presence of us  
 And. Und Wood

The mark of  
 Daniell C. Cocher  
 William Jaylor

On the back side was thus written  
 Memor<sup>du</sup> the 24<sup>th</sup> day of December 1681 came before me  
 Philip Calvert Comitary Genl. of this Province Anthony  
 Und Wood and made o that Robert Pidgeley Deceased  
 did own the within wra to of his last will and devised his  
 Name & wittness therey to and that William Jaylor Dece.  
 Deceased was then by and present and put his hand as Wittnes  
 to the same  
 And. Und Wood

Sworn before me the day and  
 Daniell Cocher made Oath U  
 him the said Cocher this paper  
 it to be his Act and Deed and doved him to set his hand to it  
 as a wittness

we said Philip Calvert  
 at Pidgeley Deceased showed  
 and and sealed and declared  
 Philip Calvert

Kent Sr. December the 2<sup>d</sup> 1680  
 I know you that I Robert Williams of Long Point and Near  
 of the bay in the North Side of New York Shire in America  
 now lying sick and weak of body but in perfect sense & Memory  
 So make this my last Will and Testament first I give and  
 bequeath to my well beloved wife Sarah Williams all my  
 (Plantation)

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Libert E.

Plantation now brok up with Orchard Pasture and Land hous  
 ing and whatso ever is in being made us on now for that plant  
 ation and further for what wood land she shall make (Rule of  
 ordell for her Occasion for her life time if she keep her self a widow  
 2<sup>d</sup> I give unto my son J<sup>r</sup> Williams one hundred acres of  
 Land more then I have given him already 3<sup>d</sup> I give unto my  
 young son Robert Williams forty acres of Land in some  
 convenient place 4<sup>th</sup> if my Daughters Marry and they  
 want Land if their husbands will come and dwell upon mine  
 they shall go to my Overseers and they shall give them  
 Land to Live on for them and their heirs for ever and after  
 all my Debts are p<sup>d</sup> by bonds bills and acc<sup>ts</sup> any where what  
 Ever the Overseers of this my last Will and Testam<sup>t</sup> being my  
 well beloved wife and Samuell Spicar and John Horn and if  
 any of my Sons and Daughters doth walk disorderly according  
 to the Truth then they shall have no part or share in this  
 Will according to the true intent and meaning hereof I have  
 hereunto set my hand and Seal the day and year above written  
 Testes by us  
 Isaac Winchester  
 Daynold Hawk  
 And 5<sup>th</sup> I give unto my Son Hope Williams that which he  
 hath already it being one hundred acres of Land

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On the back side was thus written  
 December the 18<sup>th</sup> 1681  
 This Day came before me these persons viz<sup>t</sup> Isaac Winchester  
 Richard Kempston and made to the within written will al  
 lording to the true intent and meaning thereof wittness  
 my hand  
 And the same to be the last will  
 and Testam<sup>t</sup> of the within  
 written Robert Williams will  
 wittness our hands and seal the  
 Day and year aforesaid  
 Isaac Winchester  
 Richard Kempston  
 Seal

In the Name of God Amen this 19<sup>th</sup> day of Dec<sup>r</sup>  
 in the year of our Lord God One Thousand Six hundred Eighty  
 and One I William Albestone of St. Marys County in the  
 Province of Maryland being weak in body thanks praised by  
 (Almighty)

Liber A<sup>E</sup>

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allmighty God of perfect mind and memory & knowing the  
Uncertainty of this life on Earth and being desirous to settle  
all things before Death takes me out of this Earthly habita-  
tion Do here by Constitute make and Ordain this to be my  
Last Will and Testament in manner and form as follows That is to  
say first and foremost I Commit my Body to its Mother the  
Earth from whence it Came to be buried in such decent and Christian  
Manner as my Executor hereafter named shall see convenient  
and Soul to allmighty God that gave it in full and certain  
hope of pardon and Remission of all my Sins and a Joyfull  
Resurrection through Jesus Christ my Saviour & Redeemer  
and as touching my worldly Estate as follows first I renounce  
all former Wills by me made and Declare this to be my last  
Will and Testament Imp<sup>o</sup>. I give unto my Son William my  
Dwelling plantation all my Land belonging to me and my  
bed and furniture that belongeth to it and to have it as soon  
as please God to take me to His Mercy It I give Samuel bed to  
my Daughter Winifred and the other bed to be set in two between  
my two youngest Daughters Isabell and Rebecca It I give  
a Mare called by the Name of Nancy and her increase to be  
Divided between my Son William and my Daughter Rebecca  
and one Mare called Eagle she and her increase I give between  
Isabell and Winifred more I give unto my Son one horse called  
by the Name of Spark to have him at the present It I give  
unto my Daughter Mary one bay horse and one Cow called  
Spott and her Calve and another called Merrigold to her to  
have them presently It I give to my Daughter Winifred  
one Cow called Pye and a heifer called Berry It I give to my  
Daughter Rebecca one Cow and a heifer called Bluffell & Peck  
Horn I give unto my Daughter Isabell one Cow and a heifer  
called by the Names of Stone and blackwell It I give to my son  
more one Cow and a heifer called by the Name of Brindle and  
Drumrose this I give unto my Children present Down this  
Present Day their Cattle and their bedding and for the house  
hold I do give unto my Son Only Jonathan Busto to have the  
use of them till my son Come to age I do here by Ordain &  
appoint my well beloved friend Jonathan Busto to be my

(Executor)

Liber A<sup>E</sup> Executor of of this my last Will and Testament and if my Son  
Do dye then I do desire his Estate to be Equally divided amongst  
the three Girls and if any one of the Girls do dye then the Survivo  
to enjoy I do Institute Jonathan Busto to have my Son William  
Come to age Except at Eighteen years of age to work for himself  
only Jonathan Busto shall have a government over him till he be  
One and Twenty years of age In witness hereof I have here unto  
set my hand and Seal the day and year above written

Festes

William Albrostone Seal

Richard Burgis

Edward Chester

Richard Jones.

Whereas Jonathan Busto refuseth  
to be my Executor I Ordain Richard Atwood to be my law-  
full Executor and Seal as witness my hand and Seal

On the back side was thus written  
1681<sup>1/2</sup> the 11<sup>th</sup>

This Day this will was proved by the Oathes of Richard  
Burgis Edward Chester and Richard Jones, Philip Calvert.

In the Name of God Amen I Thomas Coates of Portobac  
in the Province of Maryland being weak in Body but perfect in  
mind and Memory Thanks be given to the allmighty God this  
23<sup>th</sup> Day of June 1681 Do make and Ordain this my last  
Will and Testament in manner and form as follows first I  
bequeath my Soul unto God my Creator almighty and most  
mercifull and to Jesus Christ my most blessed Redeemer by  
whose Merits I hope for a Joyfull Resurrection for my body I be-  
queath it to the Earth and for my worldly Goods it is my Will  
and Desire that they be disposed of in manner & form as follows  
It is my Will and Desire that all my Debts as shall appear due  
from under my hand or shall otherwise be made appear Just  
and due that they be well and truly Satisfied after which I  
do give and bequeath unto my Dear and Loving son Gilbert  
Clark all my Stock of Cattel Male and female and all my  
Stock of Hogs and one black bay gelding and what Debts is  
due unto me from any person what ever and likewise all my  
household Goods in Gent unto him the said Gilbert Clark

(his)

Liber et E

his heirs for Ever Herein it is my desire that if the said Clark  
Dye without issue then what ever I have given unto my said  
Green to return unto my dear Green Couzins Clark and to the  
heirs of her body for Ever This my last Will and Testament &  
Seal and Subscribe the day and Year above written In  
Witness hereof I have here set my hand and Seal

Signed & Delivered in the Presence of  
Thomas Coates Seal

Ralph Shaw  
Eleborne Semax

June the 23<sup>th</sup> 1681

I within named Thomas Coates Do hereby appoint and  
ordain my loving friend In<sup>o</sup> Clark the father of the  
within named Gilbert Clark to be the Exec<sup>r</sup> of this my last  
Will and Testament within written as Witness my hand &  
Seal the Day and Year above written

Signed Sealed & Declared — Thomas Coates Seal

in presence of us —  
and also the within written —  
will to be his last will & Testament

Ralph Shaw  
Eleborne Semax

ON the back side was thus written

Heb<sup>r</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 1681

Then was the Will of Thomas Coates proved in Common form  
by the Oathes of Ralph Shaw and Eleborne Semax within  
mentioned Witnesses thereunto  
William Chandler

Heb<sup>r</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 1681

By virtue of a Commission to me Directed from the Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
Philip Calvert Esq<sup>r</sup> Chief Judge for Probate of Wills and  
Granting of Adm<sup>ons</sup> bearing date the 5<sup>th</sup> of October 1681  
I have administered the Oath of an Exec<sup>r</sup> to In<sup>o</sup> Clark the  
Exec<sup>r</sup> of the last Will and Testament of Thomas Coates late  
of Charles County Deceased by virtue of another Commission to me  
Directed bearing Equal date with the former I have sworn  
John Martin and Ralph Shaw well & Truly to appraise  
all and singular the Goods and Chattells Debts and Credits

(of)

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Liber et E

of the above named Tho: Coates what shall be brought to their  
Eyes according to the best of their knowledge with my  
hand and Seal the Day and Year first above written

Wm Chandler Seal

In the Name of God Amen This 10<sup>th</sup> day of July in  
the year of our Lord God 1681 I Bernard Johnson of Spataront  
River in the County of Calvert Cooper in the Province of Mary-  
land being weak in body but sound and perfect in memory  
and my knowledge thanks be unto allmighty God Do constitute  
and ordain this to be my last will and Testament renouncing  
all former made Wills and Legacies what so ever and Confirming  
this only and I only steadfastly believing through the  
Merits of my Saviour Jesus Christ to have full redemp-  
tion from my sins and after the Resurrection of my Body  
to Enjoy Everlasting Life Committing my Body to the Earth  
to be decently buried as my Exec<sup>r</sup> shall think fit and my  
Soul into the hands of Allmighty God who gave itt for my  
Temporall Goods where with it hath pleased Allmighty God  
to bless me with all first I will and ordain that all Debts  
that I of Right owe be in convenient time satisfied & paid  
and for the Remainder I do bequeath in firm & maner sold  
Imp<sup>d</sup> Thereby constitute ordain my well beloved wife  
Eliz: In<sup>o</sup> son to be my Sole Exec<sup>r</sup> to see that my last Will  
performed and do give and bequeath unto her my Plantation  
known by the name of Doves Nest with all profits and  
Comodities thereunto belonging to have Occupy and  
Enjoy during her life and afterwards to the proper use  
of my Son Bernard In<sup>o</sup> son and in case the said Bernard  
In<sup>o</sup> son shall decease without Issue then the said plantation  
to be Equally Divided amongst these Daughters I have by  
my wife furthermore I will give and bequeath unto my  
well beloved wife Elizabeth Johnson all my Temporall  
Goods of what kind and Condition what so ever Solely and wholly  
unto her for her proper use and behoof Only except for the good  
of my Son Bernard I shall not sell nor make any use of  
any Timber beyond the bridge branch and in Witness  
that this is my last will and Testament I have hereunto  
set my hand and Seal the Day and Year above written  
Signed Sealed in the presence of us — Bernard Johnson Seal

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(Joseph)

Libert<sup>e</sup> E.

Joseph Frye  
James 3<sup>rd</sup> Huntfield  
his Mark

On the back Side was thus Written

gber 14<sup>th</sup> 1681

This may humbly Satisfie that then came James Huntfield  
and John Fry before me and made Oath that this was the  
Last will and Testament of Bernard Johnson Deed Writing  
my hand and Seal Richard Marsham (Seal)

This will is be-  
cause in the book  
of 24

In the Name of God Amen I Thomas Alexander  
being weak of body but sound and perfect of my Remembrance  
Praise be to Almighty God Doth make this my last Will  
and Testament the 28<sup>th</sup> day of Nov<sup>r</sup> in the Year of our Lord  
God 1681

First I give and bequeath to my Son John and to my Son  
Edward after the decease of my Wife all my Land called Henry  
Point with my plantation and all other small tracts  
belonging to itt John price Living in one Excepted these  
being of Land by Estimation Two hundred and fifty acres  
Equally to be divided betwixt them

I give to my Daughter Mary and Daughter Susanna  
and to my Child in it Mothers womb to be divided amongst  
them four hundred Acres of Land which is called Taylors Neck  
and a hundred and fifty Acres of Land of Suchahoe (called  
high fild Addition it being delivered to them as they come to  
Age of sixteen years old

58.

Also I make my wife Anna my whole and sole Exec<sup>r</sup>  
of all my Goods and Chattells only after her goods be payed  
to pay to Every One of my Children two Shillings a pece the  
price to be allowed as the Goods is prized

And I give to my five Children the 4<sup>th</sup> Negro Every one  
to have One as they come to the Age of sixteen years old  
the 4<sup>th</sup> Children to allow their due proportion to that Child to  
be born as it comes to the Age of sixteen years old

also I give to Every One of my Children a Mare or a horse  
to be delivered to them in the Year of our Lord God 1685

I give to Will Cello my Coasting Boat and my Serge Suit  
Witness In<sup>o</sup> <sup>his</sup> private handwriting Thomas Alexander (Seal)  
Mark

Robert Boulden

(Merridun)

Libert<sup>e</sup> E.

Memorandum M<sup>e</sup> Sowley is Debt<sup>r</sup> 2100<sup>l</sup> of Tobacco.  
In<sup>o</sup> Stanley 700<sup>l</sup> In<sup>o</sup> Price 800<sup>l</sup> In<sup>o</sup> Crue 800<sup>l</sup> In<sup>o</sup> Henry Howing  
500<sup>l</sup> In<sup>o</sup> Tho. Anderson 780<sup>l</sup> In<sup>o</sup> Oliver Billington 1500<sup>l</sup>  
In<sup>o</sup> James Sawell 1400<sup>l</sup> Thomas Baurie 660<sup>l</sup> In<sup>o</sup> Francis  
Neal 200<sup>l</sup> In<sup>o</sup> Tho Datorson 500<sup>l</sup> In<sup>o</sup> Geo. Mathew  
400<sup>l</sup> In<sup>o</sup> Tho. Vawghan 1400<sup>l</sup> In<sup>o</sup> more 700<sup>l</sup> of Tobacco -  
These Debts with all the rest of Debt which is to be struck or  
pachett I give to my wife Hannah  
Salbott. Is. March the 7<sup>th</sup> 1681

This Day came before me In<sup>o</sup> Price and Robert Boulden  
the two witnesses subscribed to the within mentioned  
will and upon their Corporall Oathes proved the same to  
be the Act and Deed of Thomas Alexander of the County a bove  
said Late Deed I Seal for me

The following Will is record in the William Combes  
Year 82

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In the Name of God Amen the 14<sup>th</sup> Day of November in the  
Year of our Lord 1681 I Francis Wynn of Charles County in the  
Province of Maryland Gentl being sick in body but of good and  
perfect Memory thanks be to almighty God and calling to  
Remembrance the uncertain Estate of this transitory life  
and that all flesh must yield unto Death when it shall  
please God to Call I make Constituta Ordain and declare  
this to be my Last will and Testament in Manner & form  
following revoking and annulling by these presents all  
Every former will and Testaments will and wills heretofore by  
me made and declared either by word or writing and this  
to be taken only for my last will and testament and none  
other and first being penitent and sorry from the bottom  
of my heart for my sins past most humbly desiring  
forgiveness for the same I give and Commit my Soul unto  
almighty God my Saviour and Redeemer in whom  
and by the merits of Jesus Christ I trust and believe assuredly  
to be saved and to have full remission and forgiveness of  
all my sins And that my Soul with my body at the general  
Day of Resurrection shall rise again with Joy and through

(the)

Libert E.

The Merits of Christs Death and Passion shall possess and inherit the Kingdom of Heaven prepared for his Elect and chosen and my body to be buried in such place where it shall please my Ex. here after named to appoint and now for the setting of my Temporall Estate and such goods Chattells and Debts as it hath pleased almighty God far above my Deserts to bestow upon me I do Ord. give and Dispose the same in manner and form following. That is to say first I will that all those Debts or Satis that I owe in right or Conscience to any Manner of person or person whatsoever shall be well and truly Contented & paid within convenient time after my decease by my Ex. hereafter named. I do give and bequeath unto my Son Henry Loyne now living in London the Kingdom of England the one half part or Moitie of a parcell of Land Commonly known or called by the Name of Ireland Close and the one half part or Moitie of a parcell of Land Commonly known or called by the Name of Angell Close and the one Moitie or half part of a parcell of Land Commonly known or called by the Name of Pinwells Close slyng & being at Ditchley in Northampton Shire in the Kingdom of England to him and his heirs for ever.

Item I do give and bequeath the other Moitie or half part of the above said three Closes vizt. Ireland Close Angells Close and Pinwells Close unto my Daughter Elis Wyne to her and the heirs of her body lawfully begotten for ever. And in case either my Son Henry Loyne or my Daughter Elis Wyne shall happen to dye before they come to full age to enjoy and possess the aforesaid three Closes and without heirs then the Moitie or half part belonging to either of them so dying without heirs shall be equally divided betwixt the Survivor and my Son John Loyne to them and their heirs for ever but in case both of my Sons Henry Wyne and my Daughter Elizabeth Loyne shall dye before they come to full age to enjoy the same and without heirs then I do give and bequeath the aforesaid three Closes vizt. Ireland Close Angells Close and Pinwells Close unto my Son John Loyne to his heirs for ever.

I do give and bequeath unto my Son J<sup>n</sup>. Wyne all that parcell of Land slyng situate and being in Portobacco in Charles County afo Commonly known or called by the Name of

(Simpsons)

Libert N<sup>e</sup> E. Simpsons Delight Containing Three hundred acres and Three parcells of Land more lying att Portobacco afo the one called Wapoll Contain two hundred acres of Land the other called London Contain one hundred acres of Land and one more called Black sitch Contain one hundred acres of Land and a parcell of Land slyng situate and being at Nanjomy in Charles County afo Commonly known or called by the Name of Glowers point Contain two hundred acres of Land and a parcell of Land slyng situate and being near Piscataway in Charles County afo Commonly known or called by the Name of Pittly Containing two hundred acres of Land and also Three parcells of Land slyng situate and being att the head of Looecomoco River in Charles County afo the one called by the Name of Burton Contain ninety acres the other called by the Name of Fiddmores Adventure Contain 87 Acres of Land and one more called by the Name of Susquahana Contain 87 Acres of Land unto him and his heirs for ever out of which parcells of Land afo I do give and bequeath unto my Loving wife Elis Wyne one Third part of them or any of them she having her choice to take which of them she likes best for her third part out of the aforesaid parcells of Land.

Or I do give and bequeath unto my Son J<sup>n</sup>. Wyne one Negro man called by the Name of longer and one Negro woman called by the Name of Black Niah with her increase that she shall have if she have any to be delivered unto my Son J<sup>n</sup>. Wyne above said when he shall arrive att the age of Twenty one Years and also I give and bequeath unto my Son J<sup>n</sup>. Wyne one good breeding Mare to be delivered unto him within twelve Months after my Decease.

It. I do give and bequeath all the rest and Residue of my Estate not herein before devised and bequeathed (my Funerall Expences and Just Debts being there out satisfied) unto my Loving wife Elis Wyne whom I do hereby make and appoint my full sole Executor of this my Last Will and Testament In Wittness whereof I have hereunto Sott my hand and Seal the day and Year first above written.

Francis Wyne Seal  
Signed Sealed published & declared to be his Last will & Testament in presence of us Geo: M Proves. his Mark - Rob<sup>t</sup> R Price his Mark - (born Comag  
(and)

E. An on the back Side was thus written  
March the 6<sup>th</sup> 1682.

Then came before me Robert Henly one of his Majesty's Justices for Charles County George Groves Robert Price and Colborne Somers the 3 Witnesses to the within written Will and did in Common Form prove the same by their Oaths that Francis Wynnedeed did own the same to be his act and Deed and published the same in the presence of them to be his Last Will and Testament and also I administered the Oath of an Exec<sup>r</sup>. to the within named Ellis Wyne Exec<sup>r</sup>. of the said last Will and Testament and administered also the Oath of App<sup>r</sup>. unto Tho: Cypsham and unto John Paving the two app<sup>r</sup>. appointed for the appraisment of the goods and Chattells of the said Francis Wyne Deed by virtue of a Commission from the Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Chanc<sup>er</sup>. Chief Judge in Testamentary Causes and for Probate of Wills and granting of adm<sup>ns</sup>. bearing Date the 31<sup>th</sup> Day of January 1682

Jurad foram meo Eodem die & anno - Robert Henly

In the Name of God AMEN. I Tho: Cooke now lying on my sick bed very weak but in perfect sense and memory do make my last Will and Testament -  
First I bequeath my Soul to my Maker which gave it and my Body to the Earth from whence it came hoping I shall find Mercy in the world to come -  
2<sup>ly</sup> I do give and bequeath to my Daughter Ann Cook one Iron pot of the bigger sort of my Dotts also a feather bed and furniture which now belongs to it being the best of the two - also I give her a brown Cow marked with a black on the right year and a hop and whole in the left year with her increase Male and female also I do bequeath my Daughter Ann a young heifer aged 2 years marked with a black in the right Ear and a hop and a Kitt and an Und<sup>er</sup> hel in the left year also I give my Daughter Ann fifty acres of Land and fifty more with the plantation it being in all one hundred acres also do and bequeath to my Daughter into the Custody of my loving friends Wm Burdett and Israel Seckton to be her Guardians and Exec<sup>r</sup>. after the Decease of my said Daughter Ann Cooke and all my whole Estate after my decease and if my Daughter live to be married then to pay or Deliver her all the above said Goods and Chattell

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Liberal E. 3<sup>ly</sup> I do give and bequeath to Mary Cordius at her day of marriage fifty acres of Land after my daughter hath made her choice or my Exec<sup>r</sup>. William Burdett and Israel Seckton they being my Executors in the time of my Daughters life and if she dyed I do bequeath all to the 2. Ex<sup>rs</sup>. and their heirs for Ever solely - Excepting one heifer of about one year and a half old and about with two Hoates now by her - marked the Mark of the said Mary is recorded in Court.

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4<sup>ly</sup> I give and bequeath my Daughter my Mare which is running in the woods and after the Decease of my Daughter if she dyes without issue then the Exec<sup>r</sup>. to have all after my death 5<sup>ly</sup> I do give and bequeath to Michael St. John my horse-coalt which now runs in the woods -

This being my last Will and Testament I leave you all to the Protection of all mighty God Amen this being the 19<sup>th</sup> day of Feb<sup>r</sup> 1682

Signed Sealed in the presence of Us - Michael St. John }  
Tho: Cooke }  
his

Thom. H. Harris  
Signum

Jane I. St. John  
Signum

On the back Side was thus written

The will on the other Side mentioned was proved the 13<sup>th</sup> Day of February in the Seventh Year of the Dominion of Charles Annoq. Dni 1681 by Michael St. John Thomas Harris and Jane St. John being sworn on the holy Evangelist before me Jn. Waterton one of the Comiss<sup>rs</sup>. for the County of Baltimore hereunto impowered by a Commission from the said Prop<sup>r</sup>. Dated at St. Mary's the 11<sup>th</sup> Day of Janry in the seventh Year of the Dominion of the said Lord Prop<sup>r</sup>. of the Province of Maryland Annoq. Dni 1681 in Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand the same day & year above mentioned

Jn. Waterton  
1682

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In the Name of God Amen the Twenty Eighth day of October 1680 according to the Computation of the Church

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N<sup>o</sup> E.

of England I William (Noie of Baltimore County in the Province of Maryland) Planted being of perfect Memory and Reason  
 -brained praised be God Do make and Ordain this my last  
 Will and Testament in Manner and form following first I  
 bequeath my Soul to the hand of the almighty God my  
 Maker hoping by his Meritance and protection of  
 Jesus Christ my only Saviour and by his Grace to receive free  
 pardon and forgiveness of my Sins as to my Body to be buried  
 in Christian Buriall according to the discretion of my Executors  
 hereafter nominated from my will is if my wife Jane  
 should be with Child my will is to give my Goods and Chattells  
 and Tobacco to my wife Jane provided she pays my Debts  
 and a parcel of Land Eighty Two Acres and a half Called Coycos  
 supposed lying in bush River I give and bequeath to my  
 Child from my will is if my wife should not prove with Child  
 to give my personall and Real Estate to my wife Jane  
 In Witness hereof I hereunto Set my hand and Seal  
 Signed & Seated in the presence of  
 James Collyer and  
 John F. D. Lurem  
 Geo. Hoopfer.

On the back side was thus written  
 Entered upon Record in Baltimore County in Sub. l. March  
 the first Anno Domini 1682  
 By Virtue of a Commission to be John Waterton Director  
 to Call before me Witnesses to the within Mentioned Will  
 On the 17<sup>th</sup> of October 1681 appeared before me Geo. Hooper and  
 Mr. Durham both Witnesses to the within written Will of  
 William Hooye of the County of Baltimore Dead who having  
 both taken their Oaths on the holy Evangel. Declared that  
 they were both Witnesses to the said Will and that they saw  
 the same signed sealed and Delivered and their Names being  
 shewed them as witnesses to the said Will did on othe the same  
 to be their hands and they further Declare that James Collyer  
 made the said Will and witnessed the same but he being now  
 in England could not witness the same in witness where of  
 I have here unto Set my hand and Seal the 17<sup>th</sup> Day of October  
 Anno 1681  
 John Waterton  
 1681

In the Name of God amen I Thomas Alexander being  
 weak of body but sound and perfect of my Remembrance prais-  
 ed be to almighty God Doth makethis my Last Will and Testam<sup>t</sup>  
 the 23<sup>rd</sup> Day of November in the year of Our Lord God 1681  
 First I give and bequeath to my son and to my son Edward  
 after the Death of my wife all my Land Called Pine Point  
 with my Plantation and all other small Tracts belonging to it  
 John Rice during in One Excepted there being of Land by Estima-  
 tion two hundred and fifty acres to be divided Equally betwixt them  
 Secondly I give to my daughter Mary and Daughter Susanna and  
 to my Child in its Mothers Womb to be divided amongst them  
 four hundred acres of Land which is called Taylors neck and a  
 hundred and fifty acres of Land at Cuckahoe Called High field ad-  
 vition it being delivered to them as they come to age of sixteen years  
 old also I make my wife Hanna my whole and sole Executor of  
 all my Goods and Chattells Only after her Goods be prais'd to pay  
 to Every one of my Children two cows a peece the price to be  
 allowed as the Goods is apprais'd - and I give to my five Child-  
 ren the four Negroes Every One to have One as they come to the  
 age of sixteen years old the four Children to allow their due  
 Proportion to that Child to be born as when he comes to the age  
 of sixteen years old - Also I give to Every One of my Children  
 a Mare or a horse to be delivered to them in the year of Our  
 Lord God 1685. I give to Wm Callie my Casting Cat and  
 my Vargo Suite  
 Thomas Alexander Seal  
 Wittness In. J. Rice brick maker.  
 Robt. Fowler.

AND on the back side was thus written vizt  
 Memorandum M<sup>r</sup> Cowley is D<sup>r</sup> 2100<sup>lb</sup> Tobacco John Stanley  
 700<sup>lb</sup> of Tob. In. Price 800<sup>lb</sup> of Tob. Henry Owen 500<sup>lb</sup> of Tob.  
 Thomas Anderson 700<sup>lb</sup> of Tob. Oliver Billington 1500<sup>lb</sup> of Tob  
 James Sawell 1400<sup>lb</sup> Thomas Bowe 684<sup>lb</sup> of Tob Francis Neal  
 200<sup>lb</sup> of Tob. Thomas Peterson 500 and 600 pounds of Tob George  
 Mathew 400<sup>lb</sup> of Tob. M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Laughan 1400<sup>lb</sup> of Tob more  
 700<sup>lb</sup> of Tob. These Debts with all the rest of Tobacco which is  
 to be struck or packed I give to my wife Hanna -  
 and sover thus.  
 Talbot Is March the 7<sup>th</sup> 1681  
 This Day came before me John price and Robert Fowler.

liber et<sup>o</sup> F the two witnesses subscribed to the within mentioned Will and upon their Corporall Oathes proved the Same to be the Act and Deed of Thomas Alexander of the County above Said deceased  
Juraverunt Praem mo Wm Combes.

4. In the name of God Amen the fourteenth day of Nov<sup>r</sup> in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Six hundred Eighty and One I Francis Worne of Charles County in the Province of Maryland Gentle. being Sick in body but of good and perfect Memory thanks be to allmighty God and calling to remembrance the Uncertain Estate of this Transitory Life and that all flesh must yield unto Death when it shall please God to Call I do make constitute ordain and appoint and Declare this to be my last Will and Testament in manner and form following Revoking and annulling by these Presents all and Every Testament and Testam<sup>t</sup> Will and Wills heretofore by me made or Declared Either by word or writing and this to be taken only for my last Will and Testament And none other and first being penitent and sorry from the bottom of my heart for my sins past most humbly desiring forgiveness for the Same I give and Commit my Soul unto allmighty God my Saviour and Redeemer in whom and by the Merits of Jesus Christ I trust and believe assuredly to be saved and to have full Remission and forgiveness of all my sins and that my Soul with my body after the Generall day of Resurrection shall rise again with Joy and through the Merits of Christ's Death and passion shall Possess and inherit the Kingdom of Heaven prepared for his Elect and Chosen and my body to be buried in such place where it shall please my Exec<sup>rs</sup> hereafter named to appoint and now for the settling of my Temporall Estate such Goods Chattells and Debts as it hath pleased allmighty God favor above my Deserts to bestow upon me I do order give and Dispose the Same in manner and form following That is to say first I will that all those Debts or Duties that I owe in Right or Conscience to any manner of person or persons what soever shall be well and truly Contented and paid within convenient time after my decease by my Exec<sup>rs</sup> hereafter named Item I do give and bequeath to my son Henry Worne now living in London the Kingdom of England the one half part

liber et<sup>o</sup> E or moiety of a parcel of Land Commonly known or called by the Name of Ireland's Close and the one half part or moiety of a parcel of Land Commonly known or called by the Name of Angells Close and the one moiety or half part of a parcel of Land Commonly known and called by the Name of Pinwells Close lying and being att Pithy in Northamptonshire in the Kingdom of England to him and his heirs for Ever  
6 Item I do give and bequeath the other moiety or half part of the above said three Closes vizt. Ireland's Close Angells Close and Pinwells Close unto my Daughter Elizabeth Worne to her and the heirs of her body lawfully begotten for Ever And in case Either my son Henry Worne or my Daughter Elizabeth Worne shall happen to dye before they come to full age to Enjoy and possess the three aforesaid Closes and without heirs then the moiety or half part belonging to Either of them so dying without heirs shall be Equally divided between the Surviv<sup>r</sup> and my son John Worne to them & their heirs for Ever but in case both my son Henry Worne and my Daughter Elizabeth Worne shall dye before they come to full age to Enjoy the same I do give and bequeath the aforesaid three Closes vizt. Ireland's Close Angells Close and Pinwells Close unto my son John Worne & his heirs for Ever  
7 Item I do give and bequeath unto my son John Worne all that parcel of Land lying Situate and being att Portobacco in Charles County last Commonly known or called by the Name of Sympsons Delight Cont: Three hundred acres and three peels of Land more lying at Portobacco as the one called Waswell Cont: Two hundred acres of Land the other called London Cont: one hundred acres of Land and one more called black sites Cont: one hundred acres of Land and a parcel of Land lying Situate and being att Mansemy in Charles County aforesaid Commonly known or called by the Name of Glovers point Cont: Two hundred acres of Land and a parcel of Land lying Situate and being near Piscataway in Charles County last Commonly known or called by the Name of Ditchly Containing Two hundred acres of Land and also three parcels of Land lying Situate and being att the head of to uicocomoco River in Charles County last  
8 The one called Burton Cont: 80 acres the other called by the

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Seymours adventure (and thirty seven acres of land and no more called by the Name of Susquahanna (and thirty seven acres of land unto him and his heirs for ever Out of which parcels of Land I do give and bequeath unto my Loving wife Eliz<sup>o</sup> Wynn One third part of them or any of them She has another Choice to take which of them she likes best for her third part out of the aforesaid parcels of Land -

Item I do give and bequeath unto my Son J<sup>o</sup> Wynn One Negro Man called by the Name of Coger and one Negro woman called by the Name of black Mann, with her increase that she shall have if she have any to be delivered unto my son J<sup>o</sup> Wynn above said when he shall arrive at the age of Twenty one Years and also I give and bequeath unto my son John Wynn One good breeding Mare to be delivered unto him with in Twelve months after my decease

Item I do give and bequeath all the Rest and residue of my Estate not herein before devised and bequeathed my Funerall Expences and Just Debts being there out satisfied unto my Loving wife Elizabeth Wynn whom I do here by Make and appoint my full and sole Exec<sup>o</sup> of this my Last will and Testament In witness whereof by the hand and Seal of the Day and the Year first above said

Signed Sealed published and Delivered to be his Last Will and Testament in presence of us

Geo: M Groves  
Robt<sup>o</sup> Druce  
Cledwin Lomax

Francis Wynn (Seal)  
AND the back side of the Will was written

March the 20<sup>th</sup> 1682  
Then came before me Robert Henly One of his Maj<sup>ties</sup> Justices of the peace for Charles County Geo: Groves Robt<sup>o</sup> Druce and Cledwin Lomax the 3 Witnesses

to the within written Will and did in common form prove the same by their Oathes that Francis Wynn said did own the same to be his Act and Deed and published the same in the presence of them to be his Last will and Testament and also I administered the Oath of an Exec<sup>o</sup> to the within named Elizabeth Wynn Exec<sup>o</sup> of the said Last Will and Testament

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and administered also the Oath of app<sup>o</sup> unto M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Capshaw and M<sup>r</sup> John Dranning the two app<sup>o</sup> for the appraisment of the Goods and Chattels of the said Francis Wynn by virtue of a commission from the Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Chancell<sup>r</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> Pidge in Eastm<sup>r</sup> Causes and for probate of wills and granting adm<sup>o</sup> bearing date the 21<sup>st</sup> Day January 1682

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Jurat Gramme Eodem die anno Robert Henly

Maryland Pr.

This 29<sup>th</sup> Day of September in the Year 1681 - In the name of God amen I John Neck of the County of Kent in the Province of Maryland (and waiver being very Sick and weak of body but having my perfect Sences and Remembrance I make this my Last will and Testament - Revoking and Making void all other wills formerly made and this my Last will and Testament I make in mane and form following

Item first I commit my body to the Ground to be buried after Christian Manner at the discretion of my Exec<sup>o</sup> here after mentioned and my soul unto Jesus Christ hoping and firmly believing that his Meritorious Death and passion hath Purchased Eternall Salvation for the same and as for my worldly Goods and Estate I dispose of as followeth -

Item I do Ordain and Appoint my well beloved friend Mary Peck of the County aforesaid to be my whole and sole Exec<sup>o</sup> of this my Last will and Testament and I do appoint - Major James Kingd and Wm Bateman to be Overseers to see this my last will and Testament performed -

Item I give and bequeath all my whole Estate both the all and personall att my Decease unto my said Exec<sup>o</sup> unto her heirs and assigns for ever my debts and Legays first being paid

It is my willis that if my sisters son do come into this County in order to my Covenant with M<sup>r</sup> Walter Post that my said Exec<sup>o</sup> do pay and pay the Charges of his coming into this County and give him the better halfe of my Wearing clothes and also pay for his passage and send him home again by the same Shipp. And to the true intent

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are meaning here of shew unto do sett my hand and seal -  
the 24<sup>th</sup> year above written In. Elect. Seal  
Signed sealed & Delivered  
in the presence of us und<sup>r</sup> written -

John P. Percepsit  
M<sup>rs</sup>  
Elizabeth & Percepsit  
M<sup>rs</sup>

The within will was proved by the within named  
witnesses In. Percepsit and Eliz. his wife being first sworn  
on the holy Evangelists as witness my hand this 10<sup>th</sup> Day  
of Jan<sup>y</sup> - 1684<sup>1/2</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup>. Fory

In the Name of God Amen -

The 24<sup>th</sup> of November 1680 I Henry Lambertson of Talbot  
County in the Province of Maryland being very Sick and  
weak in body but of sound and perfect Memory God be  
praised 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 to allmight  
ty God my Creat<sup>r</sup> assuredly believing that I shall receive  
full pardon and Remission of all my Sins and be saved  
by the precious Death and Meritts of my blessed Saviour  
and Redeemer Christ Jesus and my body to the Earth  
to be buried in such Decent Manner as my Dear wife  
shall think fitt and convenient and as touching such  
worldly Goods thereof in his Mercy hath sent me My  
Will and Meaning is that the same be employed & bestowed  
as hereafter by this my will is Expressed and first to revoke  
all former wills by me made and Do declare and appoint this to  
my Last Will and Testament.

Item I make my Dear Wife Katharina Lambertson to be  
my Sole Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament  
and do will and bequeath my whole Estate both Real and  
Personal unto her to do by my Children as she shall see  
Convenient  
Lastly I Do appoint M<sup>r</sup>. Lewis Blauger to be Overseer.

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business witness my hand and seal  
Witness In. Eustice  
In. Offley -  
Hendrick Lambertson Seal

In the Name of God Amen I Samuel Lane of Ann arun  
Dell County in the Province of Maryland being Sick and weak  
in body but of perfect mind and memory praised be God  
Do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament in  
Manner and form following vizt. Imp<sup>ts</sup> I bequeath my Soul  
to God that gave it and my body to the Earth from whence  
it came and as for my worldly Goods I dispose of them as  
followeth In p<sup>ts</sup> I give and bequeath to my Daughter  
Grace Burdigo one Cow and one young Mare with their  
Increase. From my Will and mind is that my personal Estate be  
Divided into three equal parts and disposed of as followeth One third  
part thereof I give and bequeath to my loving wife Margret Lane  
and one third part thereof I give and bequeath to my daughter  
Sarah Lane at her age of 14 years or the day of her Marriage  
which shall first happen and the other third part I give & bequeath  
to be equally divided between my two Sons Sam<sup>l</sup> and Dutton  
as they shall severally attain to the age of Eighteen years -  
Item I give unto my son Samuel Lane my plantation called by  
the name of Browfleley hall and five hundred acres of Land be-  
longing to the same to have and to hold the said plantation and  
Land to him his heirs and assigns for ever Item I give to my  
son Dutton his heirs and assigns for ever three hundred acres  
of Land being part of the afo<sup>r</sup> Land called Browfleley Hall Item  
I give and bequeath to my son Dutton his heirs and assigns -  
for ever my part of this now my dwelling plantation which  
I bought of Francis Hushins and if it shall happen either  
Sarah Samuel or Dutton Lane to dye before they come to enjoy  
their Estates afo<sup>r</sup> bequeathed my will is that his or their  
Parts so decreasing shall go to the Survivor or Surviv<sup>rs</sup> and if  
they all happen to dye without issue or before they come to enjoy  
their Estates as aforesaid then I give the same to my nephew  
Thomas Lane in the Kingdom of Ireland. Item I do nominate  
and appoint my loving wife Margret Lane to be Sole adm<sup>r</sup>.  
of this my Last Will and Testament and my well beloved bus  
in Law Nathaniel Smith and Francis Hushins to be

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Sub<sup>r</sup> A<sup>r</sup> F<sup>r</sup>

Supraoisors of the same In Witnes whereof I have here unto sett  
my hand and Seal this 18<sup>th</sup> Day of Jan<sup>r</sup> A<sup>o</sup> D<sup>ni</sup> 1681

Signed Sealed published

and Declared to be the last

Will and Testam<sup>t</sup>. of the Testat<sup>r</sup>.

in the presence of Arthur Browne

John X<sup>r</sup> Davis,

Mark

Int. Hall. Thom. Meridale

themark of  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Lane

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In the name of God amen I Tho<sup>s</sup> Sprigley of Annarounded  
County in the province of Maryland Cooper being sick  
weak in body but of perfect mind and Memory praised be  
God and giving to mind the Uncertainty of this transitory  
Life and the Certainty of Death when it shall please God to  
Call So make and ordain this my last Will and Testament  
utterly revoking and Disannulling all former & other  
Wills and Testaments heretofore by me made either by  
word or writing Inp<sup>ts</sup> I bequeath my Soul to God that gave  
it assuredly believing in and by the Merits of his only Son  
Christ Jesus to Receive free pardon and Remission of all  
my Sins and my Body I Commit to the Earth from whence it  
Came to be decently buried according to the direction of my  
Ex<sup>rs</sup> hereafter named And as for those worldly Goods that  
it hath pleased Almighty God to bestow upon me far  
above my deserts I give and bequeath the same in maner  
& form following Viz<sup>t</sup> I give and bequeath unto my  
two brothers Nathaniel Sprigley and Othniel Sprigley of  
the Kingdom of England Jointly and severally and their  
heirs if they or either of them within five years next after  
my decease shall Come Sett dwell and take possession of  
the same at that my now dwelling plantation Situate  
in Herring Creek in the above said County being part of a  
parcell of Land Called broad Washly Cont<sup>g</sup> Two hundred  
Acres of Land with all and singular the dwelling houses  
ToD Houses p<sup>r</sup>misses and appertinances to the same be-  
longing or in any wise appertaining Item my mind &  
will is that my Ex<sup>rs</sup> hereafter named with the first oppor-  
tunity after my decease shall send a copy of this my Will

(unto)

Sub<sup>r</sup> A<sup>r</sup> F<sup>r</sup>

Unto my two brothers Nathaniel & Othniel Sprigley aforemen-  
tioned and likewise with all opportunity within the afore-  
mentioned Term of five years after my Decease shall send  
unto them Concerning my Bequeast unto them Item my  
mind and will is that in case my two brothers Nathaniel &  
and Othniel nor neither of them s<sup>t</sup> ll Come Sett dwell and  
take possession of my afo<sup>r</sup> plantation within five years after  
my decease as afore expressed then I give and bequeath the  
same unto the eldest Son of my Sister Deborah Inp<sup>ts</sup> and  
his heirs and for want of such heirs to the next heir begotten  
or to be begotten on the body of the said Deborah Inp<sup>ts</sup>  
I give and bequeath unto Geo. Inp<sup>ts</sup> of Maryland my gray  
Mare with her increase Item my Will and meaning is  
that my personall Estate be brought to a lawful apprais<sup>t</sup>  
and be disposed of by my Ex<sup>rs</sup> here after named for the pay-  
ment of my Debts the p<sup>r</sup>ivate of this my Will my Funerall  
Expences and other necessary Charges And if there be any Over-  
plus I give and bequeath the same to my two brothers Na-  
thaniel and Othniel Sprigley Jointly and severally or either  
of them if they or either of them shall Come to Seat  
dwell and take possession of my afore mentioned plant-  
ation within five years after my Decease as afore is  
Expressed and if not I give and bequeath the same unto  
the eldest Son of my Sister Deborah Inp<sup>ts</sup> afore-  
mentioned Item I do nominate and appoint my trusty  
and well beloved friends M<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Smith and  
M<sup>r</sup> J<sup>n</sup> Sellers of Maryland to be the Executors of  
this my last Will and Testament In Witnes whereof  
I have here unto sett my hand and seal this Eighteenth  
Day of Feb<sup>r</sup> Anno D<sup>ni</sup> 1681

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Signed Sealed published and

Declared to be the last Will and

Testament of the Testat<sup>r</sup> in

the presence of Arthur Browne.

Wm P<sup>r</sup> Powellm<sup>ke</sup>John X<sup>r</sup> Swalwell. Thomas Meridale  
m<sup>ke</sup>.

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and on the back Side of the said Will was thus Written  
 Memorandum that upon the 19<sup>th</sup> Day of April A<sup>o</sup> 1682  
 Three of the Wittneses to the within Written Will Came before  
 me and made Oath that the Testato<sup>r</sup> within mentioned did  
 Sign Seal publish and Declare the within Written Will  
 to be his Last Will and Testament vizt. W<sup>m</sup> Cowell Sn<sup>r</sup>  
 Swalwell and Thomas Meridale In Testimony whereof I have  
 Subscribed my Name In W<sup>m</sup> Wells

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Maryland Is  
 In the Name of God Amen I Robert Knapp of Talbot  
 County being weak and sick of body but of Sound and perfect  
 memory praise be to God Do order and appoint this my last  
 Will and Testament setting a part all other Wills formerly by  
 me made  
 Imp<sup>t</sup> I do give and bequeath my Soul to God who gave it me  
 in hope of a happy Resurrection with my blessed Saviour  
 and my body to the Mother Earth to be decently buried at the  
 Discretion of my Exec<sup>rs</sup> whom I shall hereafter nominate ap-  
 point  
 1<sup>ly</sup> I do give and bequeath to my Grand Child Robert  
 Coathier Son to Lewis Coathier fifty acres of Land called  
 by the Name of Poplar Neck also I do give the said Rob<sup>t</sup>  
 Two Cows and Calves and one Mare (ill) now about 4  
 months old. Item I give to the said Robert one bed half  
 feathers and half flock with bouldster Bugg and Blanket  
 to itt also I do give unto the said Robert one long Mus-  
 kett, also one hon Pott these things to be delivered unto  
 him the said Robert when he Comes to the Age of Eighteen  
 Years and the Increase of the Cows and Calfs to be for his  
 use and benefite this I do seele, give and bequeath to him  
 and his heirs for Ever but to remain in the hands of my  
 Loving Wife Elizabeth Knapp till he Comes to the age of  
 Sixteen and then to be delivered to him or his heirs.  
 2<sup>ly</sup> I do give and bequeath to my Grand Child Mary  
 Coathier Daughter to Lewis Coathier Two Hous and  
 Bounds of Tobacco which the said Lewis Coathier is Justly  
 indebted to me and the said Tobacco to be laid in Cows for the  
 Use of the said Mary and she the said Mary to have the  
 Cattel with their Increase and to be delivered to her the

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said Mary upon the day of her Marriage this I do freely give  
 and bequeath to her and her heirs for Ever but the said Cattel  
 to remain in the hands of my Loving wife till the time  
 above mentioned  
 4<sup>thly</sup> I do give to an orphan Child called Elizabeth Co-  
 more one Cow and Calfs to be delivered to the said Elizabeth  
 Co more when she Comes to be att the age of Twenty one  
 Years with their Increase from the hour of my Death  
 of the said Cow but to remain in the hands of my Loving  
 wife till she Comes to Age  
 5<sup>thly</sup> I do give to my Loving friend Michael Turbutt  
 thirty six Ells of Canvas which M<sup>r</sup> Anthony Mail is  
 Justly indebted to me.  
 6<sup>thly</sup> and Lastly I do give and bequeath to my dear and  
 well beloved All the rest of my Estate Real & personall  
 when all my Debts paid Only my plantation I give unto  
 her but during her life and after her Death I do give to  
 my Grand Child Robert Coathier and to his heirs for Ever  
 and so also leave her my Sole Exec<sup>rs</sup> of this my last Will &  
 Testament as witness my hand and Seal this 12<sup>th</sup> Day of  
 August A<sup>o</sup> D<sup>ni</sup> 1680.  
 Signed Sealed & Delivered  
 in the presence of us  
 Michael Turbutt  
 J<sup>n</sup>. Swayne  
 Robert Knapp  
 In the presence of us  
 Michael Turbutt  
 J<sup>n</sup>. Swayne  
 On the back Side was thus Written  
 J<sup>n</sup>. Swayne Came before me this day being the 22<sup>nd</sup> of this  
 Instant April annoq<sup>ue</sup> D<sup>ni</sup> 1682, and made Oath that he  
 saw the within mentioned Will signed Sealed and Delivered  
 by Robert Knapp of this County.  
 Jurad coram me James Murphy  
 24. Ab<sup>ts</sup> Michael Turbutt made Oath before me this Day  
 being the 24<sup>th</sup> of this Instant April annoq<sup>ue</sup> D<sup>ni</sup> 1682  
 that he saw Rob<sup>t</sup> Knapp sign Seal and Deliver this  
 annexed Will before his Decease  
 Jurad coram me James Murphy  
 In the Name of the Light that Enlighteneth  
 Every Man that Cometh into the World this was my  
 Do

(Condemned)

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condemner but nor my Saviour. So be it, I George Johnson of  
Somerset County in the Province of Maryland being sick in  
Body but of good perfect Memory Thanks be to allmighty  
God and Calling to Remembrance the uncertain Estate of  
this transitory Life and that all flesh must Yield unto  
Death when it shall please God to Call To make Constitute  
Ordain and Declare this my Last Will and Testament in  
manner and form following Revoking and Mannulling  
by these presents all and Every Testament, Will &  
Wills heretofore by me made and Declared Either by word  
or writing and this is to be taken for my Last Will and  
Testament and none other and first I give and bequeath  
to my well beloved wife Katharine Johnson a parcel of  
Land whereon I now Live Called Straights with all the  
Orchards Gardens Pastures Feedings with all the appurte-  
nances therunto belonging during her natural Life with  
all the Stock hoggs and Cattel the number of <sup>as</sup> well to be  
Restored att the day of her Death to my Exec. or Exec hereafter  
menconed I give to my said beloved wife further a pecc  
of Land Called Johnston containing 300 acres also a  
Parcell of Land Called Discovery of 200 acres these lying  
and being att the head of the afore mentioned Sand Called  
the Straights also a parcel of Land Called Sondons Gift  
of 50 acres, one other parcel of Land Called Sondons  
advisment of 50 acres and two parcels of Land vizt one  
Called Poplar Ridge of 200 acres one other Called Johns ad-  
venture of 200 acres Item I give and bequeath to my well  
beloved wife Katharine Johnson the Negro Boy Called Wm  
During her natural life and after her decease to be free  
Item I give and bequeath unto the widd Meinshall during  
my wifes natural life 400<sup>th</sup> of good yearly provided she  
Remains a widdow Item I give and bequeath the one  
Quarter part of the Sloop Called the In and Katharine to  
my well beloved wife Katharine Johnson to sell after  
my Decease and the produce there of to be given to such  
Poor people as the Free Fees in trust here after shall think  
fitt, I give and bequeath the one Moytie of a house lying

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and being in the City of Cantorbury in the County of Kent  
in England unto the Eldest Child of my brother In<sup>r</sup> Johnson  
Living in Woburn in new England Item I give and  
bequeath unto the Eldest Child of my Sister Susan Johnson  
that shall be Living att the time of this my Last Will &  
Testament is performed four Pounds Left me by my dear &  
Loving Father and a bill of 16<sup>th</sup> Money Sterling due from my  
Brother Edward Johnson in New England and to him &  
the heirs for Ever Item I give and bequeath to my brother  
William Johnson in New England his Eldest Child that shall  
be Living att the time of my Decease One house lying and  
being in Cantorbury Kent County Old England in a parish  
Called affige over against the Bishops Palace that was  
left to me by my Father Edward Johnson after the decease  
of my Grand Father William Johnson Item I give and bequeath  
unto my Daughter Katharine Eldest Child the wife of In<sup>r</sup>  
Godding the one half of the Moveables and Cattel that I am  
now possesed withal after my wifes Decease and for want of  
I have lawfully begotton on the Body of the said Katharine to  
the second Child of my Brother In<sup>r</sup> Johnson Item I give and  
bequeath unto the Eldest Child of my son George Johnson  
lawfully begotten the one Moytie or half of the Goods Lands  
and appurtenances therunto belonging afore mentioned  
and for want of such issue, I do by this my Last Will and Tes-  
tament give unto the 2<sup>d</sup> Child of my Sister formerly  
Called Susanna Prentice alias Johnson the said Moytie as  
to be understood after my wife Katharine Johnsons decease  
not with standing what is above mentioned I give and  
bequeath unto the Child of Susan Prentice al<sup>s</sup> Johnson all the  
Moytie or one half of the above mentioned given to my son  
George and my will is in this my Last Will and Testament  
that my well beloved wife Katharine Johnson is my whole  
and sole Executrix I do by these presents constitute ordain  
and appoint and by these presents be it Ordained Consti-  
tuted and appointed as my Last Will and Testament  
these persons following Roger Woolford Living Demward  
Wm Berry and Thomas Fay for all inhabitants in the  
Province of Maryland to my Lawfull Executors -  
(adm<sup>d</sup>)

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F. Adm<sup>rs</sup> or Overseers of this my Last Will and Testament and that the said persons as they stand related to dispose of Hoops in trust all the said houses Barns Pastures pooring what other appurtenances shall at that time belong unto the wife of me the said Geo. Johnson in this Will before Expressed after her decease provided that my well beloved wife Catharine Johnson doth in the time of her life dispose of the parcell of land called poplars Ridge of 200 Acres and Jones his adventure of 500 Acres of London's aduison<sup>t</sup>. Containing 50 Acres and a parcell of Land called Discovery of 200 Acres and that the said Sold Merchandises or Monneys she shall have Liberty to make use of so long as she liveth and after her decease to be at the dispose of the Hoops in trust as fore mentioned and that the said Exec<sup>rs</sup> or Hoops afore mentioned in trust of this my Last Will and Testament doth dispose of unto what I shall hereafter mention which is as followeth -

Imp<sup>ts</sup> I give and bequeath unto Rogor Woolford Living Fernwood Wm Berry and Thomas Fay for 50<sup>ts</sup> Each person to be paid by my Exec<sup>rs</sup> but if any should Decease this mortall world before my wifes reparture that then this to return to the Exec<sup>rs</sup> or to such as shall be Living att the Day of the Death of my wifes Catharine Johnson but in case that any of the aforementioned Exec<sup>rs</sup> do depart this naturall life before my loving wife as fore mentioned then it shall be Lawfull and good for any of them or the half year meeting held att Hop tank or Elsewhere that is a meeting which People gathered together to serve the Gods in spirit and in Truth to put any in their Room always provided that this Last Clause be Employed for the Closest (Pleasur of the above named for a piece of silver plate marked -

G. J. that this is my Last will and Testament Wittnes my hand and seal this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November anno 82 -

Dec<sup>ed</sup> 1680.

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I do give and bequeath to the Youngest Child of George Wilson a parcell of Land called Londons Gift but in case my wife should dispose of it before her Decease that then the said Goods or Merchandises

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F. I do for shall return unto the said Child or his heirs Item I give and bequeath to Stephen Cady Tenn pounds money Sterling after the Decease of my loving wife. Item I give and bequeath unto my friend Stephen Crispwarty shall in money Sterling Item I give and bequeath unto my friend Henry Jackson forty sh: in Money Sterling after my wifes Decease Item I give and bequeath to Wm Dobrow after the decease of my wife forty sh: money said Item I give unto the Youngest Child of Geo. Johnson of Muddy Creek in Accomack if it be Living att my wifes decease that then my Exec<sup>rs</sup> as fore mentioned shall purchase one Male Serv<sup>ts</sup> for the said Child where as it is above mentioned that the One Moiety or the One half of the Lands Goodsk Chattols of me the said Geo. Johnson doth goe unto the Closest Child of my Son George. I here by this my Last Will, Testament Do give and bequeath unto Rogor Woolford Living Demwood Wm Berry Thomas Fay for the Other Moiety for them or

Such of them that shall be Living att the Departure of my wife this Natural life or unto such as shall be Chosen by the Meeting above Expressed for them to give such Legacies as in the said Will is Expressed and for the Remainder to be given unto such poor friends as the said Rogor Woolford Living Demwood Wm Berry and Tho<sup>s</sup> Faylor or such as shall be Chosen at the Departure of my well beloved wife Catharine Johnson by the Meeting Above mentioned and Lastly if any person whatsoever shall molest any of these Legates to whom in my Will I have bequeathed anything unto or seek to deprive by Law that then that Mortie belonging unto him in the Disturber shall be converted to the person so disturbed

That this is the Last will and Testament of Geo. Johnson Sealed by him was the Wittneses that here unto Subscribed do testifie

This sealed and delivered as the absolute will and Testament of George Johnson the 28<sup>th</sup> Day of November anni 82 Domini 1680 before us

In<sup>o</sup> Weath. Tho: Beauchamy }  
 Thomas Price } On the back side was thus written viz.

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 F. Somersett County do.  
 Whereas the Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Philip Calvert Esq. Judge or Com<sup>r</sup> Genl. for probate of Wills and granting adm<sup>o</sup> cons<sup>o</sup> did Em<sup>po</sup> me Wm Jones of the County of Somersett by his Writ<sup>r</sup> bearing Date the 20<sup>th</sup> of September last past to Call before me In<sup>o</sup>. Heath Thomas Price & Edmund Beauchamp Witnesses subscribed to the Last Will and Testament of Geo. Johnson late of the said County Deceased and that by their Oathes the same to be proved These are therefore to Certifie that this Day to witt the 9<sup>th</sup> Day of December in the 7<sup>th</sup> year of the Dominion of the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Charles Lord Barron of Baltimore anno<sup>o</sup> Dni 1681 In<sup>o</sup>. Heath and Edmund Beauchamp made Oath on the Holy Evangelists before me the R<sup>o</sup> Wm Jones that they did see Geo. Johnson sign seal and Deliver the within mentioned writing as his Last Will and Testament in man<sup>er</sup> and form as is therein Express<sup>ed</sup> and further at the same time Thomas Price came before me and did Declare (but not upon Oath) that the within mentioned was the will and Testament of Geo. Johnson Deceased this taken and done before me 17 Sides  
 Wm Jones

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The 28<sup>th</sup> Day of the 7<sup>th</sup> Mo<sup>o</sup> (called September in the Year 1681) I Robert Davidgo of Annarundell County in the Province of Maryland Carpenter finding my self not well in health but of perfect Sense and Memory Do from my own freedom Make Make and Ordain this to be my last will and Testament in manner and form following  
 First my Will is that my Just Debts of what kind soever be paid by me Exec<sup>r</sup> hereafter named I Give and bequeath unto my wife Providence Davidgo one Third part of my Plantation I now Live on and one Third part of the howings During her Natural life  
 I Give and bequeath unto my son In<sup>o</sup> Davidgo my whole plantation I now Live on two Thirds to be poss<sup>ed</sup> of at 20 years old the other part at the Decease of his mother all which Land I give unto my Son John Davidgo to have and to hold for ever  
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F. Libel<sup>l</sup> F. 4<sup>thly</sup> as for my Moved my Will and Desire is that after my Debts are paid In<sup>o</sup>. Hamowood and In<sup>o</sup>. Hamon att this my Request do Divide them e<sup>o</sup> Equall as they Can then my wife Providence Davidgo have her first Choise and my son John Davidgo the other half  
 5<sup>thly</sup> my will and order is that what Chattells or Hoggs falls to my part on the plantation of Wm Davis Deceased be sold and their produce goes to the paym<sup>t</sup> of my Debts  
 6<sup>thly</sup> my will and order is that what Debts shall be found due from the Estate of the Deceased Wm Davis my Exec<sup>r</sup> hereafter named shall Pay the One half of them  
 7<sup>thly</sup> as for my part of the plantation whereon the Deceased Wm Davis lived I have alienated all my Right Title & Interest therein from me and my heirs for ever to John Hamowood of Annarundell County to have and to hold to him and his Exec<sup>r</sup> for ever for a value already Received which value is his part of Two hundred acres of Land lying on the North Side of Patapsco River it being formerly the of Deceased Wm Davis all which parcel of Land and its Appurtenances I give unto my wife Providence Davidgo to have and to hold for ever and do make Ordain and appoint my Loving wife Providence Davidgo to be my and the sole Exec<sup>r</sup> of this my last will and Testament In witnesses whereof I have here unto set my hand & Seal the Day and Year first above writton 1681  
 Signed sealed and Delivered  
 to be my Last will and Testament in the presence of  
 Arthur H<sup>o</sup>  
 Charles W Cow  
 his Mark  
 James F O. Offord  
 his Mark } and on the back side was thus writton  
 By Virtue of a Commission from the Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Philip Calvert Esq. Chief Judge or Com<sup>r</sup> Genl. for probate of Wills  
 E<sup>o</sup>. Dated the 24<sup>th</sup> of April Anno 1682 and to me directed this Day I called before me Arthur H<sup>o</sup> Charles Cow and James Offord witnesses to the within writton will who

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did by thow Oaths upon the holy Evangelists in Common form  
proue the same to be the last will and Testament of Robert Dardridge  
decd, all which I do Certifie and my hand in to the office for  
Probato of wills & Wittness my hand this 18<sup>th</sup> Day of May anno  
1682 - - - - - Richard Hill

In the Name of God Amen I Elis. Sashely of Above County  
in the Province of Maryland being weak in body but of perfect  
mind and Memory Do make this to be my last will and Testament  
in Manner and form following first I give my soul to God  
who gave me my being my body to the Earth from whence  
it came and as for my worldly Goods that God hath sent me  
after my Debts are paid and my funeriall Expences dis-  
charged I bequeath as here after follows the

Imp<sup>o</sup> my Will is that what I have received of Cap<sup>t</sup> Minian  
Beall more then comes to my Share of the Estate of my late  
husband Robert Sashely that it be returned to Cap<sup>t</sup> Beall  
Exec<sup>r</sup> of my late husband to be disposed of according to my  
husbands will in Goods according to Appraisim<sup>t</sup> and that my  
son Freeman be saved harmless from his Engagem<sup>t</sup> to Cap<sup>t</sup>  
Beall in my behalf

Item I give to my Daughter Mary Freeman my best bed  
Trunitture my wedding Ring a Table Cloth and Ten Napkins  
Six new plates a large basin and my biggest Saucer dish  
and Six Rupsia leather Chairs

Item I give to my Daughter Katharine Brightwell a gown  
a red petycoat and a white petycoat and my Serv<sup>t</sup> after  
this Cop is finished -

Item I give to Philip Cooksey this Ensuing years looke of  
my Serv<sup>t</sup> to be Employed for the use of my daughters Children  
Item I give to my Grand Child Henry Cookses a cheif Colled  
Brundle and her Calf and an Iron spole.

Item I give to my Grand Child Rich Southerne a yearling heifer  
Item I give to my Daughter Mary Freeman all the rest of  
my Estate Goods Chattell and Grand Children according to her  
Discretion. Item I make Constituto and Appoint my

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my said Daughter Mary Freeman Solo Exec<sup>r</sup> of this my  
last will and Testament hereby Revoking all Wills by me  
formerly made as Wittnes my hand and Seal this 18<sup>th</sup> of Nov<sup>r</sup>  
1681

Sealed and Delivered in presence of } Elis<sup>r</sup> Sashely Seal  
his } mke  
John D B. Burras  
mke

Thomas F Frotman } And on the back side was thus  
mke } written VIZ<sup>t</sup>  
Thomas Freeman.

Then came before me this 15<sup>th</sup> Day of May 1682, the within  
Subscribed Wittneses In<sup>t</sup>. Burras, Thomas Frotman and  
Thomas Freeman and have taken their Oaths that this with-  
in Will was the true will of this within named Elis. Sashely  
I say this Will proved before me. Thomas Brooke

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In the Name of God Amen this twelfth day of Janry  
in the 6<sup>th</sup> Year of the Dominion of the right Hon<sup>ble</sup> -  
Charles 2<sup>d</sup> Anno D<sup>ni</sup> 1681 I Wm Smith of the western Branch  
in Mount (about hundred in the Province of Maryland planter  
being sick and weak of body but of sound and perfect Mem-  
ory 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 Do make this my last will and Testament  
in Manner and form following that is to say first and  
principally I Commit my soul into the hands of Almighty  
God my Creator assuredly believing I shall receive full pardon  
and Remission of all my Sins and be saved by the precious  
Death and Meritts 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 and Christian Manner as to  
my Exec<sup>r</sup> here after named shall be thought meet & Convenient  
and as touching such worldly Estate as the Lord in mercy  
hath sent me my will and meaning is after my Debts  
are paid and funeriall Charges and Expences fully Satisfied  
that the same shall be Employed and bestowed as by this  
my last will and Testament is mentoned and Declared

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Renouncing frustrating and making void all wills and Testaments by me formerly made. Either by word or writing and do only Declare and appoint this my last will and Testament and no other. And first I give and bequeath unto my wife Elizabeth Smith the plantation called by the Name of Greeces Clifts with all the Rights and privileges thereunto belonging During her Natural life with all the Stock of Cattell hogs and other Creatures thereunto belonging and after the Decease of my said wife Elizabeth Smith to be given to my wifes Grand Daughter Jane Gashin Only the half of the Stock of Cattell and hogs I give and bequeath unto my wifes Grand son Wm Gashin with the one half of all the furniture belonging to the house as bedding pewter brass Iron and other household stuff and in case either of the Children called by Name Jane or Wm Gashin Dyeth the longest Survivor of them to Enjoy the said Land with all the rest of the Stock & household stuff thereunto belonging to them and their heirs for ever and I do hereby authorize and appoint my loving friends Robt Norman and Edward Brock of the above said hundred in the Province of Maryland to be Overseers of this my last Will and Testament who with their best care and Diligence do give them to see this my last will and Testament to be performed truly and Really In Witness to the truth I the said Smith here unto set my hand and seal the Day & Year first above written published and Declared Signed Sealed & Delivered in the presence of

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In presence of -  
Henry Towles -  
Edward Brock -

the mark of -  
Wm W Smith Sealed

And on the back side was thus written  
Vizt. Edward Brock and Robert Norman was sworn before me Francis Colyer that this was the last will and Testament of Wm Smith May the 29<sup>th</sup> 1682 -

43.

In the name of God Amen. I being now at this present in my Right and senses Do Declare this to be my last

(will)

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Will and Testament I give and bequeath my precious Immortall Soul to God Almighty that gave it and my Body to the Grave. From I give unto my Blood son in the plantation and all the land appertaining to the same whosoever now live separate and lying near the head of Broad River when he shall accomplish the full age of twenty years quietly and peaceably to Enjoy the same to him and his heirs for ever the said not to be mortgaged or sold but in case of Mortality the said to fall to the next heir -  
From I will and bequeath unto my son Henry One Set of Land Containing 200 Acres or there abouts lying near the head of South River adjoining to the Land of Mr Ratteson to him and his heirs for ever quietly to Enjoy the same when he shall accomplish the full age of twenty years the said Land not to be sold or mortgaged but in case of Mortality the said to fall to the next heir if he dies his part of my personal Estate to be Equally divided between my two Daughters -

44.

From I give unto Each of my sons vizt John and Henry when they shall accomplish the Years above said 3 Cows with Calve or Calves att their Sides 3 Horses Such as shall then be found in the Stock and to my son John One horse with a bad face and Iron Pray called by the Name of Dorbey and to my son Henry One bay horse called by the Name of buck besides what Cattell I have already given them & likewise I give Each of them Three Breeding Sows -

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The Remainder of my personal Estate I give unto Jane my wife and my Daughter Mary and Daughter Elizabeth so long as my wife Jane shall remain alive but in case she doth Marry then she to have and receive only one fifth part of the said personal Estate and the Remainder to be Equally divided between my two Daughters & I do appoint my well beloved wife Jane to be wholly and sole Exec<sup>r</sup> for my Estate and Children & as witness my hand and seal this 5<sup>th</sup> Day of April in the year of our Lord One thousand six hundred Eighty Two

Signum  
1682  
Andrew Roberts Seal

(Signed)

Liber Cl<sup>F</sup>

Signed sealed and Delivered  
In the presence of us  
Ragnum  
Katharine 1<sup>st</sup> Parkins  
Mary Farmer?  
Wolfran Hunt.

And on the back here was  
thus written vizt.  
May the 22<sup>th</sup> 1682 came  
before me Katharine Parkins  
Mary Farmer and Wolfran  
Hunt of the County of Anna-  
rundell and made oath upon the Holy Evangelists that  
andrew hob<sup>ts</sup> Late of Annarundell County Deed did in  
his life time sign seal publish and Declare this within writ-  
ten to be his Last Will and Testam<sup>t</sup>. as Witness my hand and seal  
Thomas Francis Sealed

46.

In the Name of God amen. This first day of  
Jan<sup>y</sup> 1682, I John Taylor of the County of Annarundell in  
South River in the Province of Maryland being sick and  
weak in body but of sound and perfect memory, blessed  
be 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 as followeth that is to say first and principally I  
Commend my soul to Almighty God my Creator assuredly  
of all my sins and hope to be saved 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  
and to be buried in such Decent manner as my Exec<sup>rs</sup>  
named shall be thought meet and as touching such my  
worldly Estate as they did in mercy hath sent me my  
will and meaning is the same shall be Employed and  
bestowed as hereafter by this my will and Testam<sup>t</sup>  
is Expressed And first I do Revok and Renounce  
and make void all Wills by me formerly made or declared  
and this to be taken as my last will and Testam<sup>t</sup> as  
followeth Item I do make constitute and Ordain my  
Loving wife Susannah Taylor my full and whole Exec<sup>tr</sup>  
to do as please she being the Longest Door  
from I do give and bequeath my plantation or Land unto  
my kinsman Thomas Harris and his heirs living in  
Sedanley in Sutton Parrish in the County of Kent in

(England)

Liber Cl<sup>F</sup>

England after the Decease of my wife and if he do not come  
to Rain she to give it to whom she pleaseth but no ground to  
be cleared nor timber felled upon it The Mark of  
This being the last will and Testam<sup>t</sup> of Fr<sup>s</sup> M Taylor setting  
his hand and seal thereunto  
and ours as Witnesses  
the Mark of  
Wm W Bateman.  
Charles Whitehead  
the Mark of  
Basill B Sparkman

And on the back here was  
thus written vizt.

This Day came before  
me Charles Whitehead  
and Basill Sparkman  
who swear they saw the

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written named John Taylor Late of Annarundell County  
Deed Deliver this within mentioned will as his last Act  
and Deed and also this Day Susannah Taylor came and  
took her Oath before me according to a commission sent  
to me concerning an Exec<sup>tr</sup>. Wm Burgess

I John Markes of the County of Talbot in the Province  
of Maryland Planter being sick in body and willing to  
settle what outward Estate I have Do make this my  
will and Testam<sup>t</sup> as followeth I do give and Grant unto my  
son John Markes that Land of mine in such a hood called by  
the name of Stevens field when he shall attain to the age  
of Eighteen years to him and his heirs for ever I do give  
and bequeath unto my Daughter Sarah Markes my  
Land called Littlefield I do give and bequeath unto my  
son James Markes My Land called Markes his place  
unto him and his heirs for ever when he shall come to  
the age of Eighteen years and for what personal  
Estate I have it is my will and desire that it may be  
Equally Divided betwixt my wife Mary Markes my son  
James Markes and my Daughter Sarah Markes It is  
my will that John Baynard and to me thereunto be my  
overseers to see this my will performed to the best of their  
understanding to the full intent and meaning thereof  
as witness my hand and seal this 7<sup>th</sup> Day of Jan<sup>y</sup>  
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John Markes

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