The Deposition of John Gook of Charles County Gent. Aged [redacted] 42 years or there abouts
Concerning the Last Will and Testament of Thomas Burford Gent. Dec. which is
hereunto annexed
Also Saith that he Saw Mr. Walter Story bring this same paper annexed to the Said
Thomas Burford On the Day mentioned Here in and Delivered it to him the Said
Burford Who took it and read it and then Called this Deponent to him and the Other
Witnesses and before them Signed and Sealed and Delivered the Same as his Last
Will and Testament Desiring us the Subscribers to Witness the Same Which this
Deponent Did And this Deponent Saith that at the time the Said Burford
Signed and Sealed the Same he appeared to this Deponent and he Verily
believes he was of Sound and Perfect Mind and Memory and in his perfect reason
and Sensy Enough he Discoursed reasonably and Humbly as well Concerning ye Sd
Will as Severall other Matters that he Discoursed of and remained so for a
Considerable time after he had Signed and Sealed the Same About Four or five
Hours Ae

March fifth 1697 Sworne & Examined by Ri: Boughton Dep^ty Comm^ry Carol Court.

The Deposition of Nicholas Warren Concerning the Same Will — Also Saith Saith that
he was also present at Mr Storys Delivering the Said paper to Mr Burford Who then
Signed Sealed and Delivered the Same as his Last Will and Testament And Desired
this Deponent and the Other Witness to Witness the Same And this Deponent Saith y^t
At the Same time And Some hours after he Seemed to be as this Deponent
Verily believes he was) in perfect Sound and reason And of Sound Mind and
Memory though Sick and Weak in Body

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Comm^ry Carol Court.

The Deposition of Richard Morris touching the Same Will Saith that he Was
also present When Mr Story Delivered the Said paper to Mr Burford And Did he Saith
Burford Signe Seale and Deliver the Same as his Last Will and Testament being then
as Appeared to this Deponent in his perfect Sound and Reason And Discoursing
Sensibly and Reasonably as well of the Said Will as other Matters And this Dep^t
by request Did Sign the Said Will as a Witness

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Comm^ry Carol Court.

Maryland ss

In the Name of God Amen I John Lemon of Ann Arundell County in the province of Maryland
being Ann body Sick and Weake of Body but of good and Sound perfect Mind and Memory
Colored be the Almighty God I Do Ordaine this to be Last Will and
my Body to the Ground from whence it Came I Do ordaine this to be Last Will and
Testament Revoking and Revoking all former Will or Wills by me Made or Dec
by Writting or otherwise whatsoever And my Body to be Decently buried According
to the Discretion of my Executor hereafter named After my Legacies and Lawfull
Debts being paid (vizt)
I Do ordaine my Well beloved Wife Mary Lemon and my Well beloved Son John Lemon to be my
Whole and Sole Executors of this my Last Will and Testament. C

Item

Item I Do give and bequeath unto Thomas Wooth one Bible one Sallter [illegible]
or three other Books.
My Will is that my Wife Should have my Feather bed and What Doth belong to it
And three great pewter Dishes Marked with E:M one pewter Tankard three pewter
porringers three pewter plates one pewter Sallsiller one pewter Candlestick C
My Will is that my Sonne John Should have foure Small pewter Dishes Marked
E:M Three pewter porringers Three pewter plates one pewter Candlestick And one
Mutchkin and one pistoll one Drawing Knife And One hand Saw And One hedge
bill And One Cross Cutt Saw Six foots p^r the pleals And one Swarm of Bees
Item I Do give and bequeath unto Thomas Wooll More one Small gunn about foure
foot and A half p^r the Carroll And as for the Rest of my personall Estate to be
Appraised by two good Neighbours And to be Equally Devided Except my Executor
before Named — My Will is that my Sonne John Should have my Track of Land
that I Now Dwell on Being three hundred Twenty five Acres Called p^r the Name
of Hurkell Bay Range unto him and his heirs for ever After my Well beloved Wife
Bequeath In Witness Whereof I have hereunto Affixed this to be my Last Will C
Testament this Twenty Sixth Day of May in the year of our Lord God 1695

his
John E: C Lemons (Seal)
mark

This is Allowed to be the Last Will
of John Lemon. Before us

Tho: Reynolds
Willm Jones
Elizabeth Smith

Mark

June 30th 1695

Then Did Eliz^a Smith one of the Witnesses Mark
to the above Written Bequest upon her Oath that she
See the Testator within Mentioned Sign Seale and
Deliver the Same as his Last Will and Testament And that at the
time thereof to the best of her judgement he was of a Sound Disposing
Mind and Memory And further Saith that she See William Jones
Now unapable of Coming to give his testimony by reason of Sickness
to put his Mark to the Same as an Evidence to the Said Will

Lowder Ridgely
Comm^ry Gen^ll

July 6th 1695

Then Came Thomas Rowden Another of the Evidences of the Said Will and Made Oath
that he Saw the Testator within Mentioned Sign: Seale and Deliver the Same
as his Last Will and Testament And that at the Same time he was to the
best of his Knowledge of Sound and perfect Memory And also that he See Willm
Jones Another of the Evidences put his Names to the Said Will as a Witness
thereof

E Worm Reg^r

John Lemondson of Talbot County in Tredhaven Creek of Maryland March the [illegible] being Weak
of Body but in perfect Mind and Memory thanks be Gideon to my Creator I Do make
this my Last Will and Testament in Writting Revoking all former and all other Wills by
me Made In Manner and forme following first I Committ my Soule into the Hands
of Almighty God Who Soever he Shall take me Home Who is the Creator of Heaven
And Earth Who hath given to man Life Breath and Being And regulated the
Beginning Bounds and Ends of his Days Under Him In Christ Jesus my Lord and Saviour