First I give and bequeath to my Grand Daughter Elizabeth Pickering (Daughter of my deceased Daughter Ann Smith one negroe Woman named Sarah and one negroe Woman named Cassy those Negroes being bequeathed by my late deceased Husband Mr Samuel Smith to my Daughter Ann Smith and to her Heirs and to be by me delivered to my aforesaid Daughter Ann Smith or her Heirs at a time when I should think most convenient

2ndly I give and bequeath to my aforesaid grand Daughter Elizabeth Pickerings one negroe Girl named Bett one Negroe boy named Harry One negroe Boy named Simon one negroe Boy named Will and one negroe Girl named Sarah also one feather Bedd One dozen pewter Plates and three Pewter Dishes

Lastly I constitute and appoint my loving Son in Law Gassaway Wathins to be my whole and sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all other Will or Wills Testament or Testaments heretofore by me made and this only to be taken and received as my last Will and Testament

In Witness whereof I have hereunto sett my Hand and affixed my Seal this twenty first day of January in the Year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and seventy four

Signed Sealed & published by the Testatrix to be her last Will and Testament in the presence of . . . } Eliz. Smith (Seal)

Stephen Watkins, William Knighton

Ann Arundel County Sc. } Came Stephen Wathins one of
October 4th 1779 . . . } the Subscribing Witnesses to the within Will and made Oath that he saw Elizabeth Smith the Testatrix sign and seal this Will and heard her publish pronounce and declare the same to be her last Will and Testament and that at the time of her so doing she was of a sound and disposing Mind & Memory to the best of his Apprehensions and that he together with William Knigton signed their Names as Witnesses to this Will in the presence and at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other

Sworn before Elie Vallette Regr. Wills aa Cty

In the Name of God Amen the 13th of October in the Year of our Lord God one thousand and hundred and seventy nine I Thomas Holmes of Annarundel County and State of Maryland Planter being verey weak in body but of perfett mind and memory thanks be to God for the same therefore calling to mind the Mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make this my last Will and Testament that is to say Principally and first of all I give and recommend my Soul to the Hands of God that gave it and for my Body I recommend it to the Earth to be buried in a christain like and a descent manner at the Discretion of my Executry nothing Doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty Power of God and as touching such worldy Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give bequeath and dispose of the same in the following manner and form

Imprs I give and bequeath unto my loven Brother William Holmes one Gun called a Buckennear Gun and no more

Item I give and bequeath unto my loven Wife Sophifer Holmes all that Tract or parcel of Land known by the Name of the Discovery lying and being in Ann Arundel County in the State of Maryland likewise I give and bequeath unto my loven Wife all the Rest of my personal Estate what some ever and wharesoever also Constitute and ordain my loven Wife to be my whole and sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament declaring this to be my last Will and Testament and none other In Witness hereof I have set my hand and affixed my Seal the day and year above written

Signed sealed and declared by the Testator in the presence of us } Thomas Holmes his (Seal)

Witness John his X mark Williams

Willi Marsh Jur.

Jo. Cromwell Jur.

Ann Arundel County Sc. } Came William Marsh and Joshua
November 10th 1779 } Cromwell two of the subscribing Witnesses to the within Will and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they saw Tho. Holmes the Testator sign and seal this Will and heard him publish pronounce and declare the same to be his last