In the Name of God Amen I Daniel Smith of Annearundal County being weak in Body but of perfect mind and memory blessed be God for it do make, constitute and appoint this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say first I leave to my two oldest sons Basil Smith and Patrick one dollar a peice and no more Secondly I leave my Daughter Ellin Hobs my bed with all the furniture that belong to it at my death Thirdly I give to Rachel Hammond one Dollar and no more and as for the residue of my property be it real or personal It is my Will and desire that Sabrett Smith and his heirs and aforigins shall peacably Enjoy for ever Whereunto I have set my Hand and fixt my Seal this 31st Day of January 1809.

Daniel Smith (Seal)

Aaron Thornton
Thomas Hawkins

Anne Arundel County sct. } Then came Aaron Thornton one of the subscribing Witnesses the 22d Day of April 1817 } to the within Will and made Oath on the holy Evangely of Almighty God, that he did see the said Daniel Smith late of Anne Arundel County deceased sign and seal the within Will and that he heard him publish, and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of his apprehension of sound disposing mind memory and understanding and that he together with Thomas Hawkins the other subscribing Witness respectively subscribed their names as Witnesses to this Will in the presence and at the request of the Testator and all in presence of each other.

Sworn before — Jno Gassaway Reg Wills AA Cty

The last Will and Testament of Ralph Dorsey of Ann Arundel County.

First. I recommend my Soul to Almighty God; and my Body to be decently interred at the discretion of my Executor hereafter named. And as to my worldly Estate I give and dispose thereof as follows: I give and devise to my dear Wife the house and lott wherein I now reside, together with the land to the same belonging, being about two acres more or less, during her Widowhood, for the use and benefit of herself and my children:- And in case of her marriage or death I devise and direct that the same be sold by my Executor and conveyed to the purchaser or purchasers thereof; by a good and sufficient deed in fee simple and the money arising from the sale thereof, I give and bequath to be equally divided among my children or the survivor or survivors of them.

Item. I give and bequath to my dear Wife one third part of my personal property, and the remaining two thirds to be divided equally among my children, and if any of my Slaves should misbehave, or conduct themselves improperly towards their Mistress, then and in those cases, I direct and empower my Executor to sell and dispose of the same or any of them to the best Advantage and the nett proceeds to divide among my Wife and children, in the same proportions and in the same manner, as my other personal property.

Item. I request my Executor, as soon as he conveniently can, to collect all my outstanding Debts, and pay all just Demands against my Estate.

Lastly I nominate and appoint my friend, Richard G Stockett, sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament: In Witness whereof I have hereto set my hand and affixed my Seal, this Eighteenth Day of February, in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred & seventeen

Witnesses, present at the Execution of the aforegoing Will, who signed the same as such, in presence of the Testator, and in presence of each other.

Ralph Dorsey (Seal)

R. Ridgely
Nicholas Watkins
William B Spencer.

Anne Arundel County sct. } Then came Richard G. Stockett and made Oath on the the 22d Day of April 1817 } holy Evangely of Almighty God, that the within Instrument of Writing is the true, whole and last Will and Testament of Ralph Dorsey late of Anne Arundel County deceased; that hath come to his hands or possession and that he doth not know of any other.

Sworn before — Jno Gassaway Reg Wills AA Cty

Anne Arundel County sct. } Then came Richard Ridgely one of the subscribing Witnesses to the the 23d day of April 1817 } further last Will and Testament of Ralph Dorsey late of Anne Arundel County deceased, and made Oath on the holy Evangely of Almighty God, that he did see the testator therein named sign and seal this Will and that he heard him publish, pronounce and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament, that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of his apprehension of sound disposing mind; memory and understanding and that he together with Nicholas Watkins and William B. Spencer the other subscribing Witnesses respectively subscribed their names as Witnesses to this Will, in the presence and at the request of the Testator and all in the presence of each other.

Sworn before. — Jno Gassaway Reg Wills AA Cty

I Thomas Gibbs of Annearundal County in the Province of Maryland, being in perfect Health and of good and perfect memory thanks be to Almighty God, do make and ordain this my last will and testement in manner and forme following, that is to say first and principally I recommend my Soul to Almighty God; and as touching the disposition of all such temporal Estate it hath pleased him to bless unto me, I give and dispose thereof as followeth. Imprimis I will that all my just debts be payd. Item: I give and bequeath to my Wife Cassandra Gibbs my Dwelling plantation and all the property thereon during her Widdowhood, reserving a Home in my house for my three Daughters during their single state with a supote and maintanance therefrom, with a request that my son Thomas Gibbs, conduct and manage the plantation for his mother during her life or Widdowhood. Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Gibbs the sum of sixty pounds. Item: I give and bequeat to my Daughter Julia Gibbs the sum of Sixty pounds. Item. I give and bequeath to my Daughter Cassandra Gibbs the sum of sixty pounds, to be payd them when they chuse to call for it. Item. I give and bequeath to my son Thomas Gibbs a Silver Watch Seale which was his Granmothers to be kept in Remembrance of me. Item. I give and bequeath to my Grand Son John Clagett a young Cow as a small token of my love. I will that all my personal property consist what it or whatever it may be found (at the death or marige of my Wife Cassandra Gibbs) be equally devided betwene my five children, Elisabeth Clagett, Mary Gibbs, Thomas Gibbs, Julia Gibbs and Cassandra Gibbs. Item. Lastly I give and bequeath to son Thomas Gibbs (at the death or marige of his mother) my dwelling plantation calid Gibbs Inheritance (Reserving a Home for my unmaried Daughters in my Dwelling House during their single State) to him and his heirs, and him I appoint and ordain whole and sole Administrator and Executor of this my last Will and Testement, in Witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seale signed sealed published and pronounced in presents of us.

The Deposition of Thomas Bicknell, taken before the Orphans Court of Anne Arundel County on the 20th Day of april 1817 relative to the Instrument of writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Thomas Gibbs late of Anne Arundel County deceased - and which Instrument of Writing is Endorsed "Thomas Gibbs's Will filed April 20th 1817;" who being duly sworn on the holy Evangely of almighty God, deposeth and saith, That he this deponent was acquainted with the late Thomas Gibbs deceased and that he knows and is well acquainted with the hand writing of the said Thomas Gibbs, having often seen him write as the said Thomas Gibbs has frequently set copies in writing for this deponent to write by; and that this deponent truly believes that the Instrument of writing, now shewn him, purporting to be the Will of the said Thomas Gibbs, is all in the hand writing of the said Thomas Gibbs - And this deponent believes that there are few persons who are better acquainted with the hand writing of the said Thomas Gibbs than this deponent in as much as he has frequently seen him write, and as this deponent was brought up by the said Thomas Gibbs - And this deponent further says that, upon an examination of the paper purporting to be the last Will and testament of the said Thomas Gibbs, he finds the disposition of the property of the said Thomas Gibbs as therein made, to be substantially the same as the said Thomas Gibbs in a conversation with this deponent two years previously to his death declared he wished to make - and further this deponent saith not. Sworn to in open Court Test Jno Gassaway Reg Wills AA Cty

Anne Arundel County sct. } Then came Benjamin Hodges and made Oath on the holy Evan- the 25th Day of August 1817 } gely of Almighty God, that he was for several years acquainted with Thomas Gibbs late of Anne Arundel County deceased, that he also was long conversant with the hand writing of the said Thomas Gibbs and that the within Instru-