Thomas Murphy of Dorchester County planter being duly and Solemnly Sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God Deposeth and saith, That he was called into the room of Mary Keene Decd when Zebulon Keene had wrote her Will, to which he Subscribed his name as a Witness but he does not know where the said Will was wrote, and that he was called in by the Respondent to read the said Will to the said Mary Keene and then the Respondent read the said Will to the said Mary Keene and after that this Deponent read the said Will to the said Mary Keene aloud so that she might hear it and this Deponent really believes the said Mary Keene heard him read the said Will, and that the said Mary Keene within a Quarter of an hour of the said reading Signed and Sealed the said Will and at the same time Published it to be her last Will and Testament in the presence of this Deponent and the other Subscribing Witnesses to the said Will, and after the Execution of the said Will the S.d Mary Keene told this Deponent that she made her Will to Secure the Estate to her Grand Children because she was afraid that her Son would spend the Estate and that her Grand Children would got none of it for that her Son was a Man that did spend a great deal of Money and had spent a great deal and that she was afraid he would spend that, meaning the Estate that she had willed, and that she left her Estate to the Respondent that her Grand Children might got it when they came to age, And that the morning before the Night the said Mary Keene died, an old Negro Woman called Hannah belonging to the said Mary Keene came to the said Mary Keene and said to her Mistress you always told me when you died you would set me free, to which the said Mary Keene replyed why did not you come before, you are come too late, if I had thought of it I would have set you free upon Which this Deponent said to the said Mary Keene if you have any desire to do it you may still set her free yet, and then the said Mary Keene said Hannah, I will send for Brother Zebulon meaning the Respondent and I will alter it, and thereupon he asked the said Mary Keene if she would have the Respondent sent for and she said Yes. Whereupon this Deponent the same Morning went into the kitchen and sent a Messenger for the Respondent to come to

the house of the said Mary Keene and that soon after the said Respondent came to the house of the said Mary Keene and that none of the Witnesses to the said Will except this Deponent was in the room when he read it ——

Sworn to in open Court — Thomas Murphey

before ~~D~~ Dulaney Comry

Rich.d Gad of Dorchester County Planter being Sworn saith that he Signed his name as a Witness to the two Papers or Wills of Mary Keene of Dorchester County deceased now shewn to him and that he was at the house of the S.d Mary Keene in an outward Room by the fire and the Respond.t came to him or called him into the other Room where the S.d Mary Keene was and when he went in the Respondent carried the paper now said to be the first of the Wills of the S.d Mary Keene, and the S.d Mary Keene took hold of it & Signed it & Published it to be her Will but whether y.e S.d Mary Keene S.d it was her last Will or whether she sealed it he cannot well remember, and that he believes the said Mary Keene was at the same time in her Sense And this Depon.t further saith that he did not hear the S.d first Will read to her ——

Sworn to in open Court — Richard his R mark Gadd

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Tho.s Woollen of Dorchester County Planter being Sworn Deposeth and saith that he Signed his name to a Paper now shown to him as the Will of Mary Keene of Dorchester Coty deceased, that he was sitting in an outward Room of the house of the S.d Mary Keene and that the Respond.t came to him or called to him to come into the room where the S.d Mary Keene was and when this Depon.t was come into the room the Respondent carried the S.d Paper said to be a Will to the S.d Mary Keene and she signed it in the presence of this Deponent and the other Subscribing Witnesses and at the same time the S.d Mary Keene published it to be her Will, but this Depon.t does not remember whether the S.d Mary Keene sealed the S.d Will or published it to be her last Will and that he thought at the same time that the S.d Mary Keene was in her Senses and this Depon.t further Saith that he did not hear the said Will read to the said Mary Keene

Sworn to in open Court — Thomas T Woollen

before ~~D~~ Dulaney Comry

And now this Court to wit the Second Tuesday of September being the