and being in Charles County, commonly called or known by the name of Saint Georges, and
begins on the west line of Henry Mathews land, at a small hickory, standing on the South side
of a branch, running thence South one hundred perches, thence to cut one hundred and eighty
nine perches, thence North, North east one hundred and eight perches, to the Western most
corner, to a hickory of the said Henry Mathews land, and from thence to the first bound tree
containing and laid out for one hundred and three acres and forty perches more or less, together
with all the improvements thereon unto him the said Bennett Mathew when he shall arrive
at the age of twenty one years, and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, and in case the said
Bennet Mathew shoulds die without heirs of his body lawfully begotten, then I give and bequeath
to the last mentioned tract or parcel of land unto my son Marten Mathew, and the heirs of
his body lawfully begotten, and my mind and will is, that the said Bennet Mathew or his heirs
or Marten Mathew and his heirs, when they shall arrive at their respective ages of twenty one
years, and have possession of the said land, shall pay yearly and every year unto my wife Sarah
Mathew during the term of her natural life three hundred pounds of Tobacco. I give and
bequeath to my son Basil Mathew one shilling sterling as his full share or part of my personal
Estate, to be paid him by my Executrix in six months after my decease. Item. I give and
bequeath to my son Richard Mathew one shilling Sterling, as his full share or part of my
personal Estate, to be paid unto him by my Executrix in six months after my decease. Item.
I give and bequeath unto my son Hudson Mathew one shilling sterling, as his full share
or part of my personal Estate, to be paid unto him by my Executrix in six months after my
decease. Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Price one shilling sterling, as
her full share or part of my personal estate, to be paid unto her by my Executrix in six months
after my decease. Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Monsel three thou-
sand pounds of Tobacco, to be paid her in three years after my decease, also a horse bridle and
saddle, and a seal skin trunk, also one shilling sterling to be paid her by him Executrix
in six months after my decease, as her full share or part of my personal Estate. Item. I give and
bequeath unto my son Marten Mathew, one negro boy named Peter to be delivered to him at my
wifes decease. Item. I give and bequeath unto my son Bennet Mathew, one negro wench
named Ann commonly called Phillis, and her increase, both to be delivered him at my
wifes decease. Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Eleanor Mathew one negro
wench named Rachael and her increase, both to be delivered her at my wifes decease. Item. I
give and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah Mathew one negro girl named Frank and her
increase, both to be delivered her at my wifes decease. Item. I give and bequeath unto my
daughter Ann Mathew a negro boy named Sam, to be delivered her at my wifes decease.
Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Katharine Mathew a negro boy named Jack
to be delivered her at my wifes decease. Item. It is my will and mind that my beloved
wife Sarah Mathew during her Widowhood live in my now dwelling house and
hold fifty acres of the hundred acres of land I have now bequeathed to my son Marten
Mathew and have the use of all my personal estate, but in case my said Wife Sarah
Mathew marry that then and in that event, my will is, that the negroes and their
increase, I have now bequeathed should be immediately delivered unto my son Marten
Mathew, or such other of my children as shall then be of age, they giving my said wife
sufficient security, to indemnify her, and my will is that all the rest, residue, and
remainder of my personal Estate of what kind or quality soever, I give and bequeath
to be equally divided between my sons Marten and Bennet, and my daughters Eleanor
Sarah, Ann and Katharine Mathews, amongst them share and share alike, and I
further legate and bequeath to my said loving wife Sarah Mathew for the express
purpose hereafter immediately mentioned, that tract of land called St. Thomas,
and lying in Charles County, containing sixty acres of land more or less as will appear
more at large by the said Joseph Mathews deed of sale to me, which land I hereby desire
and order to be by my said wife Sarah Mathew sold at Public Sale to the highest
bidder for Tobacco within nine months after my decease, and the Tobacco arising

from such sale I hereby order to be disposed of in the following manner, that is to say four
thousand pounds thereof I bequeath to my son Hudson Mathew to be paid him by my
said Wife out of the first and readiest payment made her in consequence of the said sale,
and after all my just debts are paid my will and desire is, that whatever remainder of Toba-
cco be in my wifes hands after such debts are paid, that she shall lay out the same in
purchasing a negro, if so much may be as will purchase one, and if that should not be
so much, then that the remaining part, such as it may be, shall be laid out at the discre-
tion of my said wife Sarah Mathew for the use of my said son Hudson Mathew only. Lastly
I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my beloved wife Sarah Mathew, Executrix
of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking, and making void all former wills or
wills by me heretofore made, ratifying and confirming this to be my last will and testa-
ment. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this sixth day of
February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty.

Signed Sealed, published and declared to be the last will and testament of Hudson Mathew
being contained in this and the three preceding pages, in presence of us, who have subscribed
our names at the desire of the testator.

Hudson Mathew (L.S.)

Jas. Campbell.
Peter Walker, Ignt. Simpson

Annexed to the aforegoing Will was the following proof, to wit, Charles County, to wit, 29nd
March 1760 Came Peter Walker and Ignatius Simpson two of the subscribing Witnesses to the
aforegoing Will, and made Oath on the Holy Evangels, that they saw the testator Hudson
Mathew, sign and seal the foregoing Will, and heard him publish and declare the same to be
his last will and testament, and that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apre-
hensions of sound and disposing mind and memory and that they together with James Campbell
the other subscribing witness severally subscribed their respective names as witnesses to the
said Will in the presence of the testator, and at his request, which probate was taken in the
presence of Basil Mathew heir at law, who requested the same might be taken.

Dan.l Jenifer. D. Com. of Chas. County.

State of Maryland to wit. In testimony that the within and aforegoing is truly copied
from Libes No 5 folio 152. 153. 154 & 155 one of the Records of the Orphans Court of
Charles County. I have hereto subscribed my name, and affixed the seal of the said
Court this Eleventh day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred and sixteen. Humphrey Barnes Regr. of Wills for Charles Cty.

(Seal of the Orphans Court of Charles County)

Which have been duly examined, admitted to probate, and recorded: he then read to the Jury
the Will of Bennet Mathew the Father of the Plaintiffs lessors. Bennet Mathews Will.
In the name of God Amen. I Bennet Mathew of Charles County in the State of Maryland,
being in a low state of body, but of sound memory, and disposing Judgment, and considering
the uncertainty of my abode in this world, and being desirous to make some disposition
of my temporal affairs before it may please my Creatrix to take me, do hearty constitute
and declare the following to be my last will and testament, Viz.t Imprimis. I give will
and bequeath to my daughter Ann one negro boy name Nicholas Antham. I give and
bequeath to my daughter Catharine one negro girl name Chanty. Antham. I give and
bequeath to my daughter Elenor, one negro Wiarl Jane. Antham. I give and bequeath to
my three daughters Ann, Elenor, and Catherine, one bead and furniture to each. Antham.
I give and bequeath to my three daughters, Ann, Elenor, and Catherine, one bow and calf each.
Antham. I have my plantation where I now live, being part of a tract of land formly called
Saint George at five hundred pounds Mearland currency, and it is my will after the terms
of five years, that either of my sons may have the land by paying the other four brothers, one
pounds a peace with the incombrance of my daughters their single lives. Antham. I give
and bequeath my daughter Catherine six silver tea spones. Antham. I give and bequeath
to my son Hutson Mathew children, two years schooling a peace. Antham. It is my will
after my just debts are paid that the residue of my estate should be equally divided among