138 May the last 1653. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ amen
I William Bonniday of Patuxant in the province of Maryland
being sick of body but of perfect memory do make my last will &
Testament as followeth.
Imp.s I bequeath my Soull into the hands of God allmighty who
hath redeemed it, into whose custody I do commend it and as for
my Earthly Tabernacle I doe commit it to the ground from
whence it came and for my Worldly Estate as followeth
I give unto abdolo Martin four Sowes and one Gun. Itt. I give
unto Guy white one pothe, one pott, one frying pan, and my part
of the Sow which Guy white is to arthur Wright. Itt. I give
unto John Hodges three hundred acres of Land at the Clifts
Itt. I give unto John Sutton two Grizled Barrows. and all the
rest I give unto Magdalen Stephens whatsoever Witness my
hand the Marke of Will.m Bonniday

Sic Original

Test. the mark of John Hodges
the mark of abdolus Martin
John Sutton.

I desire my Loving friend John Hodges to be this my last will
and Testament fully Exec.d. The Witnesses to this above
written hath Sworn to the truth of it this 4th. of June 1653
before me . . . . . Richard Preston
We whose names are underwritten being impannelled
a Jury to view the Corps of William Bonniday this first
of June 1653 doe find.
That to the best of our Judgments the cause of the said
Bonnidays Death was drowning and the cause of his drown-
ing was as we conceive Lightness in his head by reason of
his sickness or trouble in his mind. as for the Corps of the
said Bonniday it had neither bruise nor blemish about it
when we diligently searched it.

(John)

John Knapp — John Turner — Sign: Jo: Bagby
Sign: James allen — Wm Owen — Sig: Damiell Elsmore
Sign: Ismaell Wright — Sig: Wm Chaplin — Sign: John Riscombe
George Willard — Sign: Ho: Hooper — Sign: John Day.

Sworne before me
Richard Preston

144 In the name of God amen. Sept. 4th 1653. I James Knott of
Nansemum in Virginia being sick in body but of perfect memory
(gratias Deo) Do make and ordain this my last will and Testament
in manner and forme following (viz.) first and above all things
I bequeath my soull into the hand of allmighty God my Maker
to Jesus Christ my Redeemer to the holy Ghost my Sanctifier
and Comforter and my body to the Earth from whence it Came.
Item I give to my three Sonnes Barnard Knott, Nathaniell
Knott, and William Knott. four Cowes apiece which said Cows
withall the females to be kept together untill my Eldest Sonne
Bernard Knott shall come to the fullage of one and twenty
years. and then to be Equally divided between my said Sonns
which said Cows are to be delivered by my Executor at or
before the 25th day of December next. Item I give to my
Daughter Mary Six Cowes to be delivered for her use at or
before the 25th Day of December next and all the females
Increase to be kept for her use untill she comes to the age
of Sixteen years. and then she to receive them and the increase
also I give my said Daughter mary one Negro man Called
Symon and to be delivered her at or before the twentyth
day of October in the year 1654. Item I give unto my Sonne
Barnard Knott Six hundred acres of Land being the plan-
tacon whereon I now live with all houses and Edifices
thereunto belonging and in Case that my Sonne Barnard
should die before he comes to age or without Issue that the
Survivors to Enjoy all viz. my Children. Item I give
unto my Sonnes Nathaniell and William Knotts Six hundred
acres of Land Equally to be divided between them being
the Upper part of this Divident now in my Possession
and in Case that Either die before they come to age the

(Survivor)