July 22. 1743 Then George Slye and Richard Coke two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing will being duly and Solemnly Sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God do depose and say that they saw the Testator Benjamin Gale Signe the foregoing will and 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 their Apprehension of Sound and Disposing mind and memory and that they Subscribed their respective Names as Witnesses to the said will in the presence of the said Testator and at his Request and that they saw Richard Ward Key Signe as a Witness at the same Time and in the presence of the Testator ——

Sworn to Before me.
Thos. Sisquith Depty Cont.y
of St. Marys County ——

In The Name of God Amen.

I Dorothy Smith of St. Marys County in the province of Maryland being Sick and weak of Body but of Sound and perfect memory and Considering the Uncertainty of this present life I do think it meet and Convenient to Settle my Affairs in Order for a better. First and principally I Give and Bequeath my soul to Almighty God my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ by whose merious Death and passion I hope to Obtain Everlasting Life and my Body to the Earth to be Buried in Decent manner (by my Husband Thomas Brown) as my Executors hereafter Nominated and Appointed shall think fit and Convenient and for what Worldly Estate it has pleased Almighty God of his mercy to lend me I do Dispose of in manner and form following and do Appoint this to be my Last will & Testament revoking, Revoking and making Void all Other wills or wills by me heretofore made Either Verbell or in Writing ——

Imprimis. I Give and Bequeath unto my loving Grandson Henry Winstead the sum of Ten thousand pounds of Tobacco, one Gold Ring with a posey to it, Which will I have while I live, and a Seal and Diamond Stone and likewise one feather bed after a new bed Tick is put onto it together with the Sheets Blankets quilt Curtains, bolster and pillows Belonging thereto, and Bedstead, and also my little Desk & Chest & Cases for Bolster & pillows ——

Item — I Give to my Grandaughter Ruth Winstead the sum of ten thousand pounds of Tobacco, and the nephew's gold Ring and likewise my Gold Hobs, a silver thimble a silver nedle case & Diaper Napkins & a Table Cloth ——

Item — I leave to my Grandaughter Margarett Winstead the third Gold Ring in Value & my Silver Buckles & three thousand pounds of Tobacco ——

Item — I Give to my Grandson Michael Winstead the sum of five thousand pounds of Tobacco the bedtick I now lyeon after the new bedtick above mentioned is put on the feather for his Brother Henry and likewise my largest Desk and a black walnut Table a Gold Ring a spotted Rugg and a pair of Blankets and a pair of Sheets pawtick —

Item — I Give to my Grandson Joshua Winstead the sum of five thousand pounds of Tobacco. —

Item — I Give to my Grandaughter Savanna Winstead the sum of five thousand pounds of Tobacco —

Item — I Give to my Godedaughter Ann Mott one hundred pounds of Tobacco. ——

Lastly I Give all the Rest of my Estate to be Equally Divided amongst all my Seven Grand-children and I do Appoint Mr. Abraham Barnes Merch.t of Leonardtown to be my Executor Jan.y 3. 1742. —

Dorothy her X mark Smith (Seal)

in presence of ——
George Thompson
Thomas his T Thumpsom mark
Peter Mugg —

Jan.y 3. 1742

Whereas my son in Law Thomas Winstead has had the labour of my negro man Cocker mouth for the Space of fourteen years and the labour of my negro of my negro Woman for the Space of three years my will is that my said Son in law shall not be Charged for the labour of the said Slaves provided that he Bring no Charge against my Estate for raising the negroe Boy Sam, but otherwise I Desire my Executor my Charge him at the Rate as negroes are Commonly hired for the Several years he has had their labour ——

Dorothy her X mark Smith ——

Sealed & Delivered in the presence of ——
George Thompson
Thomas his T Thompson mark
Peter Mugg —

To the foregoing will was the following probat thus Written

St. Marys County ss. April 21. 1748 ——

Then George Thompson and Peter Mugg two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing will being duly and Solemnly Sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God depose and Say that they saw the Testator Dorothy Smith Sign the foregoing will and heard him publish and declare the same to be her Last will & Testament that at the Time of her so doing she was to the best of their Apprehension of Sound & Disposing mind and memory and that the Subscribed their Respective names as Witnesses to the foregoing will in the presence of the said Testatrix and at her Request

Sworn to Before me Thos. Sisquith Depty Cont.y of St. Marys County