On the back of the aforegoing will was thus Written Viz.

On the 22d of April 1745 William Wheatly and Henry Wallace two of the subscribing Witnesses to the within will made Oath on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God that they saw the Testator Thomas Hayward signe seal publish and declare the within to be his last will & Testament and that at the Time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehension of sound and disposing mind and memory that they Together with the Other Witness Thomas Russell signed this will as Witnesses in the presence of the said Testator and at his request

Sworn to before. Ent. Hooper D Comm.
for Dor. County.

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In the Name of God Amen I William Stevens of Dorchester County in the province of Maryland being antient and weak in Body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be to God for the same do make and Ordain this my last will and Testament revoking and Disannulling all former and Other wills by me heretofore made and do Confirm this my last will and Testament.

Imprimis I give and bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God hoping by the Merrits of Jesus Christ to Obtain Everlasting remission for all the Errors of my life past my Body I give unto the Earth to be Buried in a Decent manner and as to such Estate as it has pleased God to Bless me with I give and Dispose of in manner and forme as followeth

Item — I give and Bequeath to my son Edward Stevens all my right and property in a Bond or writing Obligatory past by John Cooke Deceased to my brother Edward Stephens Deceased for the Annual payment of six hundred pounds of Tobacco during the life of the said William Stevens to him the said Edward Stevens his heirs or assigns

Item — I give and Bequeath to my Two Daughters Betty Stephens and Nance Stephens all the land I now live on Called by the Name of Laybrook to them the said Betty and Nance Stephens and their heirs for Ever to be Equally Devided between them when Daughter Nance Arrives to the age of Sixteen years &c.

(Item)

(149) Item. I give and bequeath to my son Edward Stevens my three Negroes Called Tom and Tobe and Hannah and the Increase of the said Hannah to him the said Edward Stephens his heirs and assigns

Item. I give and bequeath to my Daughter Betty Stevens a Negro Girl Called Fanny and her Increase to my said Daughter Betty and her heirs and assigns

Item. I give to my daughter Nancy Stevens a Negro Girl Called Sabina and her Increase to my said Daughter Nancy and her heirs and assigns

Item. I give to my son Edward Stevens a large Walnut Chest of Drawers which stands in my parlor to him the said Edward and his Assigns

Item. I give to my Daughter Betty Stevens her heirs or assigns my still worm and Tub that is now on my Dwelling plantation

Item. I give to my Daughter Nance my Desk that stands in my hall to her and her Assigns

Item. My will and Desire is that all my Just debt be paid and Satisfied by my Executor hereafter Named and then all the remainder of my personall Estate be Equally devided between my three Children Viz. Edward Stephens, Betty Stephens, and Nance Stephens my son Edward to receive his proportionable part when he Arrives to the age of Eighteen years and my two Daughters to receive their proportionable part when they Arrive to the age of sixteen years

Item. I Nominate Constitute and Appoint my friend John Eccleston and my son Edward Stevens Executors of this my last will and Testament to see it fully Complyed with — In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this Thirteenth Day of December Anno Dom 1745

William Stephens (Seal)

Testis John Tippe
James Hooper
Benj. Wheeland
Henry Hooper

At the foot of the aforegoing will was thus Written Viz.

17 May the 4th Anno Dom 1745. then James Hooper Benjamin Wheeland and Henry Hooper three of the subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing and above will made Oath on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God that they saw the Testator William Stevens sigle seal publish and declare this Instrument of Writing to be his last will and Testament and that at the Time of his so doing he was to the best of their Apprehension of sound & Disposing mind and memory and that they Together with the Other