Imprimis I will that all my Just Debts and funeral charges be duly
paid in convenient time after my Decease
Item I give and bequeath to my loving Wife Jarpnet Gates the Land
and Plantation I now live on during her natural life and one
Negro man named Pompey and one Negro Woman named Sarah, two
horses and a Mare and all my Cattle Hogs and Sheep except what
I hereafter give and bequeath by this my last Will & Testament
Item It is my will that if my Wife marrys again that then my
Daughter Elizabeth Gates have one of the Negroes towards her
maintainance and go immediately to the care of my Daughter
Item it is my will that after my Wife Decease that my aforesaid
Daughter Elizabeth Gates have the Land and Plantation with
Improvements thereon towards her maintainance and go to the
of my Daughter Anne Nevitt and if my daughter Anne Nevitt shoulds
dye then my Daughter to the care of my Daughter Marge
Item it is
my will that after my Daughter
my Daughter Margaret Gates have the Land and Plantation for
Ever thereon during her life and after her Decease and with the afore
Land and Plantation with the Improvements thereon to my eldest
that is then living and his Heirs forever
Item I give and bequeath to my five Sons Charles James William
Leonard and John Gates each of them ten Shillings Currency to be
paid at my Decease by my Executrix
Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Dorothy Timothy one Negro
Girl called Mary Clare to her and her heirs forever and one bay Mare
Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Anne Nevitt one heifer
Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Margaret Gates one heifer
the Love where she leaves her Mother or at the day of Marriage
Lastly I appoint my dear and loving Wife full and Sole Executrix
of this my last Will and Testament and I hereby Revoke and make
all Wills and bequests by me heretofore made allowing this

other to be my last Will and Testament this 24th Day of Octr 1749

Signed Seald Delivered & acknowledged
In the Presence of us —
Edmund his mark Magatee
Thos his mark Magatee
Peter Dent Jun.

James his mark Gates (Seal)

On the back of the aforegoing Will was thus written Viz.

Charles County ss. On the 4th Day of April 1750 came Edm. Magatee and Thomas Magatee two of the subscribing Witness to the aforegoing Will who being duly and solemnly Sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God do depose and say that they saw the Testator James Gates Sign and Seal the within 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 apprehensions of sound and disposing mind and memory and that they with Peter Dent Jun. the other Subscribing Witness Subscribed their names as Witnesses to the said Will in the presence of the Testator and at his request which that was taken in the presence of — Charles Gates Heir at Law who did not thereto before —

Walter Hanson Dem.

Maryland ss
In the name of God Amen I Elizabeth Simes of Charles County
in the Province of Maryland being infirm of body but of sound and perfect
memory do now make this my last Will and Testament as followeth
Imprs. I bequeath my Soul to God that gave it my body to the Earth
from my decease to be decently buried at the charge of my Estate and
discretion of my Executor hereafter named
Item I will that my Just Debts and funeral charges be first paid
Item Nominate constitute and ordain my loving Son Francis Simes whole
and Sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament to whom the aforesaid
Francis my Son I give and bequeath one Shilling Sterling
Item I give and bequeath unto my loving Son William Simes one Shilling Sterling
Item I give and bequeath unto my loving Son John Simes one Shilling Sterling
Item I give and bequeath unto my loving Daughter Dorothy Goff one Shilling Sterling
Item I give and bequeath unto my loving Daughter Catherine Tucker one Shilling Sterling