Queen Anns County ss: } Robert Pratt One of the Subscribing Witnesses
the 5th day of August 1766 } to the foregoing Will being duly and Solemnly Sworn on the Holy
Evangells of Almighty God doth Depose and Say that some years ago —
Philemon Groom Asked him this Deponent and Christopher Groom to be
Witnesses to his Mother Ann Grooms Will she being then present and
that when James Rennals rose from the Table He saw Christopher Groom
Subscribe his Name and that he this Deponent did Subscribe his own Name
as Witnesses to the aforegoing Instrument of Writing And further that at
the time of Signing as aforesaid the said Ann Groom was to this —
Deponents Apprehension of sound and disposing mind and Memory and
further Saith not

Sworn to before Th Wright Depty Comry
of Queen Anns County

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In the Name of God Amen I William Groom of Queen
Anns County in the Province of Maryland being Sick and Low in Body
but of Perfect mind and Memory thanks be to God and calling to mind —
the Mortality of my Body and that it is Appointed for all Men Once to die
I Do make this my last Will and Testament And First I Recommend my
Soul into the hands of God that gave it and for such Worldly Estate wherewith
it hath pleased God to Bless me I Give and Dispose of in the following
manner Viz:

First I Give and bequeath One Negro Man named Will to my Daughter
Ann to her and her heirs I Give to my Daughter Margaret One Negro
Woman named Hannah to her and her heirs I Give to my Son William
all the Tract or Plantation whereon I now Dwell also all the Land which I
possess Contiguous thereto Also One Negro Man named Tom Likewise one
other Negro Boy named Tom to him his heirs or Assigns I Give to my
Daughter Rozanna One Negro Boy called David to her and her heirs
I Give to my Daughter Catherine One Negro Boy Called Will to her
and her heirs I Do Likewise Give One Negro Boy named Benjamin to my
Daughter Margaret in Case the above Devised Hannah should —

Die with the Sickness ++ ++ ++ which she is now Afflicted —
otherwise to the first of my Younger Devisees whose Negro shall die
before they come to Age to Enjoy them and in Case the said Hannah —
should not die with the present Sickness nor any of the other Devised Negroes
Do die before the Devisees come of Age then I Do Give the said Negro
Benjamin to my Son William And I Do hereby Constitute Appoint and —
Ordain Edward Clayton my Kinsman and my Daughter Ann Executor
and Executrix of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and —
Disannulling all former Wills or Legacies by me made heretofore —
Ratifying and Confirming this and no other as my last Will and Testament
In Testimony Whereof I have hereto set my hand and Seal this Nineteenth
day of June in the Year of our Lord Christ One thousand Seven hundred and
Sixty Six

Signed Sealed Published and Declared } Wm Groom (Seal)
in Presence of us —

Benja Denny Junr
Jas Duhamel
John Wilson —

Queen Anns County ss: Aug 23d 1766
Benjamin Denny Junr James Duhamell
and John Wilson the Subscribing Witnesses
to the within Will being duly and Solemnly Sworn on the Holy Evangells of
Almighty God do Depose and say that they saw the Testator William Groom Sign
the same Will and heard him Publish and declare it 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 did Subscribe their
respective Names as Witnesses to the same Will in the presence of the said —
Testator and at his request

Before Th Wright Depty Comry
of Queen Anns County

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In the Name of God Amen I John Poole of Queen Anns County
in the Province of Maryland the Unprofitable Servant of God being
Sick and Weak of Body but of sound mind and Memory thanks be
to God for the same and calling to mind the Certainty of Death and