May ye 4th 1684. Then came before me Richard Robls & Wm Pearce witnesses to ye 10th in
scritten Will & made Oath ye they both did see Thomas Shellen delive up ye within menconed as his
Act & deed & acknowledge ye same to be his Will. Sworne before me ye day & year above written

Wm Pearce

In ye name of God Amen. I Wm Jones of Anarundell County in ye Province of
Maryland do here make this my last Will & testament in manner & forme hereafter expressed &
calling to mind ye Certainty of death & ye uncertainty of this life & ye unto death all flesh must submitt
att ye appointed time when they are called & now finding my self weak of body but of good sound mem-
ory & being penitent for my misspent time & desiring for my redeemer Jesus Christ sake pdon for ye
same in hopes ye in & through his Merits & Stripes I shall be saved from ye second death & att ye day of ye
Resurrection to be raised by his power & to be received into ye glory prepared for all those ye have their
whole hope & dependancy in his Mercies & loving expressions wch is come you blessed to a kingdome pprared
for you, & being endowed by ye Mercies of so great a God wth a small Estate both reall & pssonalls, am att
this time Comand to sett my house in order wch I have here done in Mannr & forme following. –

First I by this testam: make voyd all or any Will or Wills made by me formerly of wt kinder Mannr
wt soever & do owne this & no other to be my last & only Will & Testam:. – Secondly I give & bequeath to my
beloved daughter Sarah Jones all my Land att ye Bodkin psmt of Patapsco Rivers Mouth wth ye
appttnces thereto belonging) as ye housing & fencing & orchards & such like. – I likewise give to my
daughter Sarah Jones all my Lands wth ye apttnces as housing fences & Orchards & such like
living in Anarundall North head of a Creeke called Herring creeke all wch Land & their apttnces afore-
menconed I do give to my fore named daughter & to her heiress for ever wch shall be lawfully begotten &
borne in her body & if my daughter shall dispt this life without such heires lawfully begotten & borne of her
body then I give all these psells of Land afore: to my loving wife Sarah Jones during her naturall life
& att her death all my Lands afore menconed I give to be equally devided between my loving loves to two
brothers & four sisters and this I give to them after division equally made & to their haires & assignes for ever. –
I likewise give to my serv: woman named Jane Castlefeid one yearling heifer with her increase for
ever to be delivered her on her order one month after my decease. – And I do make my loving wife
Sarah Jones my absolute & sole Exec: of all my rents & pssonall estate & of this my Will. In Witness
hereof & to ye Confirmacon of ye same I have hereunto sett my hand & seale this 22. day of March
Anno Domi. one thousand six hundred eighty & foure 4/5

Signed sealed & delivered in ye pssence of us

Wm Jones

Wm Hicks
Charles (his mark) Norwood
Cornelius (his mark) Hanson
Wm Hopkins. –

On ye Back side was thus written

To ye Hon: Henry Darnall & Wm Digges Esq: Chief Judges for probate of Wills &c

These are to Certifie ye I Rich: Hill by vertue of a Warrant dated ye 24th of April 1684. called
before me ye wth in named Wm Hopkins Wm Hicks & Cornelius Hanson who did upon ye 29th
day of May 1684. by their Oathes upon ye Holy Evangelist prove ye wth in Will to be ye last
Will and Testam: of Wm Jones ye testat: deceased late of ye County of Anarundall.

Before me Richard Hill

In the name of God Amen. I John Welsh of ye County of Ann Arrundell in ye Province of
Maryland Gent: being sick & weak in body but of sound & pfect memory (praised be God for ye same) &
considering ye faile state & condition of humane nature & ye Certainty of death & ye uncertainty of ye time
thereof do make constitute ordain & appoint this my last Will & testam: in manner & forme following ye
sixth day of January Annoq Domi. one thousand six hundred eighty & three, makeing void & null all
form: & other Wills by me made. – Imprms. I bequeath my Soul to Almighty God my Creator from
whom I received ye same faithfully trusting to his infinite & unbounded Mercies through Jesus Christ my
Saviour & redeemer to obtain forgiveness of all my sins great & manyfold & a blessed & glorious resurrection
amongst ye Faithfull att ye Last day & a happy & blessed state of Inheritance in ye World to come wch
shall endure to all eternity. – And my body to ye Earth from whence it came. And as for such worldly
goods (as it hath pleased God of his Goodness (here) to intrust me wth all I will & dispose of ye same in
2d Mannr & forme following) (that is to say) I give & bequeath unto my two eldest sons Silvester Welsh &
John Welsh all ye my tract or psell of Land & plantation called Arnold Gray living near South River
in ye County of An Arrundall afore: equally to be divided between them to have & to hold ye same unto
them ye said Silvester & John & their haires for ever from & after such time ye said Silvester & John do &
shall attain each of them ye full age of one & twenty years. –
3d Item. I give & bequeath unto my third son Benjamin Welsh (my now dwelling) plantacon with
all ye lands & pmises thereunto belonging scituate & being in ye ridge near Herring Creeke in ye County
of Ann Arundell aforessaid to have & to hold ye same unto ye said Benjamin & his heires forever from
& after such time he shall attain ye age of one & twenty years. –
4 Item I give & bequeath unto my four daughters (ye is to say) Mary Welsh, Elizabeth Welsh, Sarah
Welsh & Damaris Welsh all ye my tract or psell of Land lyeing scituate & being near Gunpowder River
in Baltimore County (surveyed & laid out for one thousand Acres more or less) equally to be divided between
them ye said Mary, Elizabeth, Damaris & ye Survivr of them to have & to hold ye same unto them &
their heirs for ever from & after ye time & terme ye each & every of them shall attain to ye full age of
Sixteen yeares. –
5 And whereas my now wife Mary is supposed to be wth child my will is & I give & bequeath unto
ye same my child wch shall be borne of her body be it male or female all ye my tract or psell of Land
called Prestons Inlargemt lyeing & being near ye Beverdams in Herring Creeke in ye County of
Ann Arundall afore: to have & to hold ye same unto him or her from & after ye time & terme he or
she do & shall attain ye full age of one & twenty years & to his or her heirs for ever. –
6 Provided & my Will is ye if no such child shall happen to be borne as afore: nor if ye said
child do die & not live to attain ye full age of one & twenty years, then and in such case my Will
is ye ye aforesaid psell of Land called Prestons Inlargemt be & go to my eldest sone Silvester
Welsh before named to have & to hold ye same unto him & his heirs for ever after he shall attain
7 ye age of one & twenty years. – And for my pssonall Estate ye is to say) my Goods & Chattels I dispose of
them as followeth. –
8 Item. I give & bequeath unto my loving brother Henry Welsh my silver Tobacco Box, my Cane
wth a silver head & my broad cloth suite of Cloathes, & after my Just debts be truly satisfied & paid
& also my legacies herein menconed my Will is ye I do hereby ordain & appoint ye residue & remain-
der & all & singular my goods & chattels wtsoever & wheresoever (my funerall charges being deducted)
to be equally divided amongst my wife & children wch shall be liveing att ye time of my decease