But of sound and perfect memory do make my Last Will and Testament in Manner and form following.

First I Bequeath my Soule to God and my Body to ye Earth to be buried after a Christian manner.

2dly I doe order my Brother Ralph to hand the Possession of my Land which I had by ond Father and that which I had by ond my Wife till my Son Cometh of Age.

3dly I doe Leave my Brother Ralph to Looke After my Land at Pallapsico till my Son comes of Age Only I doe order that Joseph Coulson shall Give upon it Fower Year Rent Free. but he shall not clead noe Land towards Swan Gutt

4 I doe Leave my Son to my Brother John Downey and my Sister Margarett till he doth come to the Age of Nineteen Yeares old but if my Brother John and my Sister Margarett dyd before the Child Come of Age he shall Fall to his Uncle Ralph till he Come of Age.

5 I doe order that John Downey shall hand the rent of my Land at Magetty so long as he doth Keep my Sons Charles Country.

6thly And Lastly I doe order my Brother Ralph being my Whole Executor to pay Mary Gunny Fower hundred pounds of Tobacco As Witness my Hand and Seale this Twentieth day of March 1699

his
William W Coventry (Seale)
Marke

Jonathan Neale
Lan. Cyrd.

Charles Gunnor

Sondry Bellong of ye Aforesd Will was this William

April 24 1699

Then came the Generall Witnesses to this Will and made Oath upon the Holy Evangelists that they saw William Coventry Signd Seale Publish and declare the Same to be his Last Will and Testament And to the best of their Knowledge he was of sound and perfect memory before me.

Ed. Batton Regr.

Then Was Ralph Hawkins as Brother and Executor of the said Dealt Sworne Executor of this Will before me.

Ed. Batton Regr.

In the Name of God Amen I John Nelson of Charles County in the Province of Maryland Planter Being in Good Health of Body and Sound and perfect memory Praise be Given to Almighty God Doe make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament in Manner and form Following that is to Say

First And Principally I Commend my Soule into the hands of Allmighty God hoping through the Merits Death and passion of my Saviour Jesus Christ to have full and free pardon and Forgiveness of all my Sinns and to Inherrit Everlasting Life And my body I committ to ye Earth to be decently buried at the direction of my Executors hereafter named And as touching the Disposition of such Temporall Estate As it hath pleased Allmighty God to bestow upon me I give and dispose thereof as Followeth.

First I Will that my Debts and Funerall Charges shall be paid and Discharged

Item I Give to my Loving Wife Mary Nelson two Peces of Land upon ye Eastern Branch and Called Tanhill and the other Called Bethel Containing and now held out for Five Hundred and Sixty fower Acres which I give to her her Heirs Executors Administrators or Assignes for ever, all the rest and residue of my Personall Estate Goods and Chattells whatsoever I doe Give and bequeath unto my Loving Wife Mary Nelson to her and her heirs for ever.

And I doe put my Loving Wife Mary Nelson and my Father in Law Gresson Dade Full and Sole Executors of this my Last Will and Testament.

And I doe hereby revoke disannull and make void all former Wills and Testaments by me heretofore made In Witness whereof I the said John Nelson to this my Last Will and Testament have Set my hand and Seale this the Twenty forth day of May 1695

John Nelson (Seale)

Sealed Signed and Delivered in the presence of
Richd. X Combes
marke
Jeremy O Browne
marke
William Mose

Proved on the Backe of ye aforesd Will Was this Endorsed Viz.

15 March 1696

Then Came before me Richard Combes and William Mose two of the Witnesses to ye Last Will and Testament of John Nelson late of Charles County Deceased and proved the same in due manner and form according to Law

Richd. Boughton Depty Comy. Carroll Committ