the just the same shall be reunited to my Soul & both of them for Ever
to be cohabitant in those Eternall Mantions of ye Blessed w:th Christ
Jesus my Saviour hath purchased for me & is gone before to prepare
not only for me but for all those also who look & long for his
appearance & coming & as for my Temporall Estate wherew:th it hath
pleased God to bless me in this Life my just Debts & funeralls
Expences being first satisfyed I doe dispose of in Manner & forme
following viz:t Imp:s I give & bequeath unto my Eldest Son Jn:o
Bowen the half of my Dwelling Plantacon it being called or known
by the Name of Govers Hills me S:d Son & Milcah his wife to
possess & Enjoy the North part of ye S:d Land my S:d Son & Milcah his
wife to Enjoy that part durine their Naturall Lifes it being devided
by a Branch that Runs East & west & after my S:d Son & Milcah
his decease to fall to Claxton Bowin & his heirs Lawfully begotten
of his own Body & same to possess & Enjoy for Ever. Imp:s I give &
bequeath unto my Second Son Geo: Bowen & Eliz: his wife & half
of my Dwelling Plantacon it being called or known by ye Name of
Govers Hills my S:d Son & his wife to possess & Enjoy the S:d part of ye
S:d Land my S:d Son & his wife Eliz: to Enjoy that part w:th my Dwell-
-ing House stands on during their Naturall Lives & it being devided
by the Branch as aforesaid & after my S:d Son & Eliz: decease to fall to
Claxton Bowen & his heirs Lawfully begotten of his own Body &
same to possess & Enjoy for Ever ~ Imp:s I give & bequeath unto my
Eldest Son Jn:o Bowen one Cowe & Calf & four Sider Caske. Imp:s I give
& bequeath unto my Second Son Geo: Bowen one white faced Steer
& four Sider Cask & all my Hogges but one Sow & Piggs w:ch I give
to Claxton Bowen ~ Imp:s I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Mary
Dencer one Cow & Calf She to have her Choyce of ye Cows. Imp:s I give &
bequeath unto my Grand Son Claxton Bowen two Heifers & one Steer
& one Mare & one Sow & Piggs & all ye Rest & Residue of my House-
hold Goods w:ch is S:d to be immovables w:ch is not already given And of
this my last Will & Testam:t I doe make Constitute ordain & appoint
my Son Jn:o Bowen Geo: Bowin & Claxton Bowen my Law full
Ex:rs making void & of no Effect all other Wills & Bequests by me
formerly made Ratifying & Confirming by these S:ents this &
none other to be my last Will & Testam:t in Witness whereof

I have hereunto set my hand & Seal ye Day & Year first above written

John his mark X Bowen (Seal)

Signed, Sealed, Pronounced published
declared by Jn:o Bowen that ye w:ch in
written Will is his last Will & Testam:t
in the p:sence of us. Jn:o Ward, Jn:o his mark IW Watter, Jn:o his mark + Patete

and at ye foot of ye above Will were thus Endorsed (viz:t)

April ye 13. 1716 Then came the above Witnesses before me & made Oath that
they saw ye above Jn:o Bowen Signe, Seale & declare ye same to be his last
Will & Testam:t before me

Francis Holland ~

Memord:m this Will was Rec:d by virtue of a Speciall Com:n to Mr: Fra: Holland directed

In the Name of God Amen

I Eliz: Chew of ye County of Annarrund: in the Province of Maryland
Widow being Sick & weak in Body but of p:fect mind & memory praised be
God for ye same do make this my last Will & Testam:t in manner & forme foll:
1:st My Will & desire is that in a Convenient time after my decease that my
Body be decently buried in Herring Creek Meeting House Grave Yeard by
my Ex:rs hereafter named ~ 2: My desire is that all my just debts be well
& truly Satisfyed & paid ~ 3: My Will is that my Sister Susanah Gaxsawey
have all my wearing Cloths ~ 4:th My Mind is that my Son Sam:l Battee have
the Use & Service of one Negro woman named Nanny & her Girle called Dinah
& their Increase During the Terme of his Naturall Life & one Negro woman
named Geney & Increase he should at ye time of his decease have heirs or heir
Lawfully begotten then I give ye S:d Negroes unto ye S:d Heir for Ever but
for want of such heir to goe to my Grandsons Jos: & Henry Chew ~ I give
unto my S:d Son Sam:l Battee my Riding Horse called Blaze & twenty pounds
Ster:g to be p:d w:th in a Year after my decease to buy him a Young Negro.
I further give unto my Son Battee all Debts, dues & demands that may be
claimed as due to my Estate from him ~ 5:th I give unto my Son Joseph
Chew (provided he shall not claim any Debt of ye Estate) one Negro man
named Jack & one Negro Lad named Wapino & one Negro woman named
Parthenia, I further give my S:d Son Jos: my best Feather Bed & furniture
& also my Peretow ~ & I give my Son Henry Chew one Negro Named Jack
now in his possession & one Negro man called George & one Negro woman
named Abigale & the Increase of ye S:d woman Excepting the Child she now
goeth w:th or ye first Living Child she brings & also my second best ~
Feather Bed ~