be God therefore doe make constitute & appoint this my Last Will
& Testam.t I imp.s I give & bequeath my Soul to God & my Body to
the Earth to be buried in Such decent manner as my Ex.r hereafter
named shall see fitt. I give & bequeath to my Daughter Mary
Douglas my four old Negro's to her & to the Heir of her Body lawfully
begotten or to be begotten of her Body but incase she dieth w.th out
issue I give & bequeath the four Negro's to my Daughter Sarah Owens
to be to the heirs of her Body begotten as aforesaid. I give & bequeath to
my Daughter Mary the feather Bed & furniture, all the Cattle w.ch now
belongeth to me of her fathers Mark & all my Houshould furniture
w.ch is not here particularly after mentioned. I give & bequeath to my three
Grand Children, Rich.d Cutts & Steven Owens Children of my Daughter
Sarah Sixty pounds Ster.g to be bestowed on them in Scholing or to
buy a Negro or two that their Labour may keep the Children at Schole,
of the Yarn of Silk Comes I am w.ch I have wrote for to England I
give the three Yards thereof to my Daughter Sarah & the other three
Yards to my Daughter Mary. I give & bequeath to my Grand
Daughter Cutts Owings a Trundell bed, bedstead & furniture, I give
& bequeath to my Son in Law Rich.d Owings & wife Deph the
give & bequeath to my Son in Law Wm. Douglass all the Meat & Corn
I have now in the House. I give & bequeath to my Sons in Law
Wm. Douglas & Rich.d Owings equally between them all my personall
Estate whatsoever not before mentioned. Lastly I make
Constitute & appoint my s.d Sons in Law jointly my whole &
Sole Ex.r of this my Last Will & Testam.t thereby revoking and
disannulling all other former Will or Wills any Manner of way
made by me preceeding this date & declare this to be my only
last Will & Testam.t In Wittness whereof I have hereunto set
my hand & Seale this Eight day of June in the Year of our
Lord 1716

Katharine her X mark Knowles (Seal)

Sealed, Signed & declared
~~[illegible]~~ Wm. Hamillton
Robert Parker. Tho.s Bevens his mark

(And on the back was Endorsed
Cecilius

On the 15. Jun.e 1716 Came Rob.t Parker &
Tho.s Bevans two Evidences to the within Will & took their Corporall Oths on
holy Evangelist that they saw Cath. Knowles, Signe, Seale & declare the within
writting to be her Last Will & Testam.t & that to the best of their knowledge (The)

she was of Sound Sence & memory, Sworne before me Rich.d Colegate Dep.ty Co. Balt.o

In the Name of God Amen I Tho.s Cooke of St. Mary's Co. in the Province
of Maryland Planter being Sick of Body but of Sound & perfect Memory
blessed be God & Considering the Certainty of Death & the uncertainty of a
continuance here have made & appointed this my Last Will & Testam.t
Revoking & disannulling all former Wills by me made. Imp.s I
bequeath my Soul to God who gave it trusting in the Merits of my
blessed Saviour Christ Jesus for a free pardon & Remission of all
my Sins, my Body to the Earth from whence it was taken to be
buried in Christian manner at the discretion of my Ex.r hereafter
named, As for my worldly Estate w.ch it hath pleased Almighty
God to give me I give in manner & forme hereafter specified (viz.t)
Imp.s I give unto my Eldest Son Tho.s Cooke to him & his heirs & assignes
for Ever all that peece of Land whereon he is now Settled on beginning
at a bound Branch on the Northwest of his House & so running w.th a bound to
the Line of Marked Trees & so w.th the Line of Marked to the first bounded
Tree and on the Worst & South from s.d Branches to the River & w.th the River
to the first bound Tree as afor.d to him & his heirs & assignes forever but in
case my Son Tho.s as afor.d is not Contented w.th what I leave him as
afor.d then my Will is that Mag.r Wm. Watts Mr. Peter Watts & Jn.o Mason
equally divide my Tract of Land whereon I now live & be my Son Tho.s
in two equall parts & my s.d Son Tho.s to have & keep his Settlem.t
whereon he is now Seated & what Land is wanting to make up his
Complim.t or Moiety shall be allotted him by the afor.d three p. sons &
same to him & his heirs forever & to my Sons Jn.o & Henry Cooke I leave
the other half or Moiety on my s.d Land to them & their heirs & assignes
forever w.th this reserve that my Sons wife have the benefitt of peacably
Enjoying this Last Moiety of Land during her natural Life & then to
be possessed as afor.d & if my Son Jn.o or Henry or either of them dye
before they come to age & Leave no Lawfull begotten Issue behind them
the Survivor to have & same as formerly bequeathed, I give unto my
Eldest Son Tho.s Cooke one Ewe & Lamb, I leave my Daughter Margaret Owens
Ewe & Lamb & to my Daughter Bettie I give one Ewe & Lamb & to my
Daughter Elenor I give one Ewe & Lamb & to Mary my Daughter one
Ewe & Lamb & to my Son Tho.s Cook jun.r I give one Ewe & Lamb (&)