most yield unto death when it shall please God to call do make Constitute and
~~appoint~~ ordain and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner & form
following Revoking and Annulling hereby & Renounce all and every Testament &
Testament & Will and Wills heretofore by me made and declared and the only
to be taken only for my Last Will and Testament and none other and first being
penitent and sorry from the bottom of my Heart for my sins past most humbly
desiring forgiveness for the same I give and commend my Soul unto Almighty
God my Saviour & Redeemer etc in whom and by the merits of Jesus Christ I trust
and believe assuredly to be saved and to have full remission and forgiveness
of my all sins and that my Soul with my Body at the General Day of Resurrection
shall rise again with Joy and through the Merits of Christ's Death and
Passion to partake of the Kingdom of Heaven prepared for his Elect
Chosen. And my Body to be buried in such place where it shall please my Executor
hereafter nominated to appoint, And touching my Temporall Estate
such goods Chattles and Debts as it hath pleased God to bless me with above my Debts to
be now Upon me I do give and dispose of same in manner and form
following (That is to Say)

First I will that all those Debts and Duties as I owe in Right or Conscience
to any manner of person or persons whatsoever shall be well and truly contented
paid or ordained to be paid within Convenient time after my Decease by my Ex.
hereafter named — Item I give and bequeath to my Trusty friend Patrick Kelly
of Cecill County in the Province of Maryland husbandman his heirs & assigns
all my whole Estate both Real and personall with all my Goods & Chattells
Moveable or Immoveable and all Debts Dues and Demand that are justly due unto
me nothing Excepted that I can justly lay any Claime unto and do hereby
Constitute and ordain the above named Patrick Kelly to be my Executor to performe
this my Last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and Seale the Day and Year above written

Wm Pierce (Seal)

Signed Sealed & Delivered in the presence of
Mons Hans Hillman, Matthew Stacy, Rudd Vanderwerf

On the back of ye Will was Endorsed thus —

Decr 1, 1715 — Then came Mr Matthew Stacy and did solemnly declare

Upon the Holy Evangelists and likewise Rudd Vanderwerf did solemnly affirm on ye Holy
of Almighty God that they did both of them see John Pierce subscribe the same as his last Will and Testament
Perfect Memory sign & seale and publish & declare the same for his Last Will and Testament —
The above Probate was taken by Nicholas Hyland one of the Masters
Justices of the peace for Cecill County by Virtue of a Commission
Wm Vanderkey Clk. Cur. Cecil County

In the Name of God Amen the second day of June in the
year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred and seven I Thomas Pierce
of Cecill County in the province of Maryland planter being very weak of Body but of
sound and perfect Mind and Memory thanks be given to Almighty God for the same
and calling to mind the Mortality of my Body and knowing it is appointed for all
Men once to dye do therefore make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament in
manner following First I commend my Soul unto God who gave it and my Body
I commend it to the Earth in such decent manner as my Ex. herein after named shall
think Convenient not doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same
again by the Mighty Power of God, and touching the worldly Estate wherewith it hath
pleased God to bless me I give and bequeath the same in manner following First I
give and bequeath unto my dear Wife Elizabeth Pierce for and during the Term
of her Natural Life all and singular my Lands & Tenements whereof I shall at the time
of my decease stand seized and all and singular my Goods and Chattels Rights and
Credits belonging to me for and during her life time and after (excepting fifty acres of
Land to be Disposed of as is herein after expressed) and after her decease I give
son Thomas Pierce to hold all and singular the Lands and Tenements to my dear
Thomas Pierce and the Heirs of his Body Lawfully begotten according to their
seniority or priority and to the Heirs of such Heirs Lawfully begotten or to be begotten
for ever and all such Goods and Chattels as are after the Decease of the said Elizabeth
my Wife — Item I give devise & bequeath unto my Son in Law Francis Stoble &
the Heirs of his Body Lawfully begotten on Rebecca his now wife out of my said Land
fifty acres whereon the said Francis is now seated to be Laid out for the best advantage
of the said Francis and for his Convenience — Item That notwithstanding the gift
bequest of my Goods and Chattels as above said I give unto Thomas Stoble son of the said
Francis Stoble and ~~the Heirs of his Body Lawfully begotten~~ Rebecca his wife one Negro

(Item)