Maryland ss In the name of God Amen The Seventh day of February
Anno Domini one thousand Seven hundred and Seventeen I William Smith
of Charles County although Sick in body yet of good and Sound Memory
praised be Almighty God therefore I do make this my last will & testament
In manner and form following That is to say first I bequeath my
Soul and Spirit into the hands of Almighty God my Heavenly father
By whereof his meer and only Grace I trust to be saved and received
into Eternall rest through the death of my Saviour and Redeemer
Jesus Christ whose pracious blood I hold the hole and only of my
Salvation in hopes of a Joyfull Resurrection I commit to the Earth
to buried with such charge and in such place as my loving wife
shall think fitt, and touching the Destribution of my Mortall
goods I dispose of them as followeth To wit first I will Such
debts as I owe shall be truely payed
Item I give and bequeath unto my dear and well beloved wife
Priscilla Smith my own Dwelling plantation and do appoint
her my whole and Sole Executrix of this my last will
Item I give and bequeath unto my Eldest Son William Smith thirty
pounds Sterling money
Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Elias Smith that hundred Acres
of land Joyning on Rich Estepes And as to the rest of my personall
Estate I desire it may be devided between my wife and my Children
according to law

William his mark Smith (Seal)

Signed Sealed and delivered
in the presence of Thomas Crabb
Jn Anderson
William Smith
John his mark Barneby

March 12° 1717

Proved by the oath of Thomas Crabb John Anderson and John Barneby
witnesses thereto attesting
In common & unlearnd form
Coram me A Contee DC
(315 wds)

February the 12 day 1717
In the name of God Amen I William Brett of Charles County in the
Province of Maryland being Sick and weak of Body but of Sound
and perfect memory Thanks be to God therefore Calling to mind the
Mortality

Mortality of Body Knowing it appointed for all men once to Dye make and
ordain this my last will and testament
I give my Soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it me My body to
the ground, to be buried in a Christian like manner At the discretion of
my Executor Nothing doubting but at the Generall Resurrection I shall
receive the same again by the Mighty power of God and touching
Such Worldly good wherewith hath pleased God to bless me with in this
life I give bequeath the same in the following manner and form
I give and bequeath to Elizabeth Noddle three hundred pounds of Tobacco
to buy a Side Saddle After my debts are well and truely paid and satisfied
I give and bequeath to Henry the Younger Son of Mary Harper other
wise called Henry Brett all my right and title of my Lands & tenements
it being none and called one hundred acres by the name of Chosen
and one hundred and fifty by the name of Hindone, I Likewise will &
desire that he may be put to Scool Seven years, begining at Seven
years old and paid with the rent of the land, I give and bequeath to
the Said Henry all my goods and chattles that I am possessed with and
Henry the Said to be of age at the years of eighteen and to receive the
Same good into his one hands and if Said Henry dyes before I give &
bequeath the same Lands and good chattles to three Children of my
Sister Martha namely George Barker William Barker & Elizabeth
Barker to be equally devided
I likewise constitute make and ordain George Brett my only Sole
Executor of this my last will and testament disannulling all former
wills whatsoever by me made Ratifyeing and confirming this and
none other to be my last will & testament In witness whereof I hereto
Set my hand and Seal the day and year above written

William Brett (Seal)

Signed Sealed and delivered in the
presence of Henry Brett Elizabeth her mark Wharton
Margaret her mark Hutchison

March the 8° 1717

Proved in Common form by the oath of Henry Brett Elizabeth Wharton
and Margaret Hutchison witnesses hereto Attesting Coram me
(433 wds) A Contee DC

In the name of God Amen I Elizabeth Hawkins of Charles
County in the Province of Maryland Widow being Sick and weak of
Body, but of Sound and perfect memory thanks be to God do make and
ordain this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following
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