they Saw the Testator Abraham Brown Sign and Seal and heard him Publish and declare the Same as his last Will and Testament and that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their knowledge and apprehension of Sound and disposeing Mind and Memory and that they the aforesaid John Sikes Ellen Brown Anthony Simmes as Witnesses did Subscribe the aforesaid Will in the presence of the Said Testator — — — — —

3 Sides

Sworn To before me Tho: Hoquith Dep.ty Comissry

Exd. In the Name of God Amen I John Cole of Charles County Carpenter being Sick and weak but of a Sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be God for it, do make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to Say I give my Soul into the hands of God who gave it and my Body to the Earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executrix hereafter named, and as to my worldly Estate which it hath pleased God to bless me withall I give and bequeath as followeth (Viz.)

Item I give and bequeath unto my three Sons William John and Benjamin all my Land which now I am possessed of to be equally divided Share and Share alike and if either of my Said Sons should die before they arrive to the Age of twenty and one then my Will is that Said Land be equally divided between y.e two Survivors and if one of them should die before they come to y.e Age of twenty one then to the Survivor of them and his Heirs for ever) and if it shall so happen that my Said three Sons shall die without Heirs then I give and bequeath my Said Land unto my three Daughters to be equally divided between them and to y.e Heirs of their Body lawfully begotten or for want of Heirs to the Survivor of them) my will is that my Son William have the y.e plantation whereon I now live after his Mothers decease — —

Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Jemima one Cow and Calf at y.e Age Sixteen or at Day of Marriage — — — — — —

Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth one Cow and Calf at y.e Age of Sixteen or at the Day of Marriage — — — — —

Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary one Cow and Calf at y.e Age of Sixteen or at the Day of Marriage. — — — —

Item I give and bequeath unto my Son William my Gun. —

Item I give and bequeath unto my loving Wife all the rest and residue of my Estate Both real and personal, and do make and Constitute my loving Wife my whole and Sole Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament Revokeing and disannulling and making Void all from Will or Wills by me heretofore made Constituting and appointing this to be my last Will and Testament In Testimony hereof I have Set my hand and Seal this twenty Eighth Day of May one thousand Seven Hundred and twenty and four

The Mark of John Cole Seal (Signed)

Signed Sealed and Declared in the presence of us The Mark of Fran: O Posey

Wynnef + Green

Ben.m Burgess

And on the back of the aforegoing Will was thus written (Viz.)

Charles County June y.e 10: 1724

Then Came Francis Posey, Winnefett Green and Ben.m Burgess and made Oath on y.e Holy Evangelists that they Saw John Cole Sign and Seal y.e within Instrument of writing and heard him publish y.e Same to be his last Will & Testament and that at y.e time of his so doing he was of Sound and perfect Memory to y.e Best of their Knowledge

Before J Hanson Com.r

5 Sides

Maryland S.t

Exd. In the Name of God Amen I Mary Smith of the City of Annapolis in Annarundell County Widow being Sick and weak in Body, but of perfect Disposeing Mind and memory thanks be given unto God therefore, calling unto Mind the mortality of my Body, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to Say I comit my Soul to my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ through whose Blood once offered upon the Cross, for the Sins of the whole World. I expect & hope for Salvation; and my Body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like and decent Manner at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named; and as touching such Worldly Estate, Wherewith it hath Pleased God to bless me in this Life, I give and dispose of the Same as followeth (Viz.) —

Imprimis I give to the Preist Mr. Bennett four pounds fifteen Shillings Current Money.

Item I give to my well respected Freind Elizabeth Coyle my Scarlet Cloak and mourning Ring.

Item I give to my well respected Freind Arabela Marn's a Suit of Chintz Cloaths lined with green Silk and my largest Gold Ring. —

Item I give and bequeath to my wellbeloved Children Edward & Mary Smith all and Singular my whole Estate both real & personal (except what is above devised) Lands and Tenements to them and the Heirs of their Body lawfully begotten for ever. —

Item I request and desire that my very Good Freinds John Beale Edward Coyle and Arabella Marnes in whom I have the greatest Confidence and trust to take Care of my two Children aforesaid untill they come of Age, and I do appoint them Guardians to my Said Children, and Executors of this my Last Will and Testament and I do hereby utterly disallow revoke and disanull all and every other former Testaments Wills and Legacies, Requests and Executors, by me in any wise before this time named, willed and bequeathed, Ratifying and Confirming this and no other, to be my Last Will and Testament In witness Whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this twenty fifth Day of October Anno Dom.i 1723

Mary Smith Seal (Signed)