In the Name of God Amen. I James Keech of St
Mary's County being sick & Weak of Body but of sound & Disposing Mind
Calling to Remembrance the great Uncertainty of this Life doth order to the settling my
Affairs in such a manner as may Prevent Disputes after my Decease make this my
last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all other or former Wills by me
heretofore made.

Imp. I commit my Soul to the Mercy of my great Creator not doubting but through the Merits
of my Blessed Redeemer to receive Plenary Remission of my Manifold Offences and my Body
to the Earth to be decently interred at ye. Direction of my Executrix herein after named.
I Give and Bequeath unto my dearly beloved Wife Mary Keech all the Lands whereof I
am possessed from the River side to a tract of Land called ye Mill Fields formerly
Kennedy for and during the Term of her Natural Life.
I Give and Bequeath unto my Son Samuell Keech two tracts of Land ye one Called Mill
Fields ye other Dratton Excepting Mill the w. Meeparids to it which I hereby devise to my
Wife during her natural Life to have and to hold ye said Lands to him ye said Samuell
and ye Heirs of his Body lawfully begotten forever.
I Give & Bequeath unto my two Daughters Mary and Dorothy and to the Child my
Wife now goes with shall be it a Son or Daughter to be equally divided between them
three or the Survivor or Survivors a tract of Land called Charles's Lot to them and ye
Heirs of their Body lawfully Begotten and in Case of ye Death of all of them
then I hereby Devise ye said Tract of Land to my Son James Keech or if he be
dead to his Heir at Law.
I Give and Bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth Keech one feather bed
and Covering one Cow and Calfe three Silver Spoons marked E K One silk Gown
One Muslin Apron and Nightcaile three Pewter Plates and two Pewter
Dishes.
I Give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Martha Keech one Silver Porringer
three Large Silver Spoons one Small one Marked K H One silk Petticoat One
pr. of Stays One Apron & Night Raile One Cow & Calfe three Pewter Plates &
two Pewter Dishes.
I Give and Bequeath unto my dearest Wife Mary Keech during her Widow
hood the use of my whole Personall Estate but on her Intermarriage if it should
ever happen I hereby devise two thirds of my said Personall Estate to be equally di-
vided between what Children shall then be living which I had by my said
Wife Mary Keech

I Hereby desire my Loving Brother Francis Keech in case of any Dispute
concerning any of my Lands herein devised or which belongs to my Children to assist my
said Children in ye securing and Maintaining them or either of them in their Rights.
Lastly I hereby Constitute and appoint my aforenamed loving Wife Mary Keech to be the
Whole and sole Executrix of this my last Will in Testimony whereof and that this is my
Testament and last Will I have hereunto put my hand and Seal this fourteenth day of
January Seventeen hundred twenty five

Signed Sealed Published and Declared in the Presence of us — James Keech Seal

Charles Ashcom. James Cooke
Phillip Key.

To which Will was annexed the following Probat

March 2. 1725/6

Then came Charles Ashcom Phillip Key two of the Sub-
scribing Witnesses to the foregoing Will and made Oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty
God that they saw ye Testator James Keech 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 ye
best of their knowledge and apprehension of sound and Disposing mind & Memory and that
they the aforesaid Charles Ashcom Phillip Key as Witnesses did subscribe the aforesaid Will
in the Presence of the Testator and that James Cook deceased signed as a Witness at ye
same time and in ye presence of ye Testator — Sworn before Me

Thom. Tequitt Deputy Comm. of St. Marys County

Maryland ss. In the Name of God Amen. I James Cook of St Marys
County being sick in Body but of sound and perfect Memory and considering the transitory
Condition of Man Life here on Earth do make this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following
First I Bequeath my Soul into the Hands of Almighty God who gave it me trusting by the Merits
Death and Passion of my Blessed Saviour Jesus Christ to have free Pardon and Remission of
all my Manifold Sins and Transgressions and my Body to the Earth to be decently Buried
according to the Direction of my Executrix.
And as to such Temporal Estate as it hath pleased ye Almighty to bestow upon me after
my just Debts and Funeral Charges are discharged & paid I give in Manner following.
Item I Give & Bequeath to my two Sons John Cook & James Cook all the Lands I have in
Maryland to be equally divided between them & their Heirs for ever that is to say if my Eldest
Son should dye without Heirs Lawfully begotten then his part of my Lands above bequeathed
to fall to my Son James Cook & his Heirs Lawfully begotten for ev. in to the World's End
And in Case my Younger Son should dye without heirs lawfully Begotten then his
Part of my Lands hereby Bequeathed to fall to his Elder Brother and the Heirs of his
Body lawfully begotten for ever unto the World's End And in Case of ye Death of both of ye
(Eldest