513) In the Name of God Amen the 27th day of May in the year of our Lord God
Xpt 1723: I Richard Clarke of Dorchester County in the Province of Maryland being very sick and
weake in body but of perfect Sense and Memory thanks be Given to God for it therefore Call
ling to mind the Mortality of my body and knowing that it is a point for all men once to dye
I doe make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament that is to say principally and first
of all I Give and Recommend my Soul into the hands of God that gave it and for my body I
Commend it to the Earth to be Buryed in a Christian like and Decent manner at the Discretion
of my Executors nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall Receive the same
again by the mighty power of God and as touching such Worldly Estate wherewith it hath
pleased God to bless me in this Life I Give Devise and Dispose of them in the Manner and forme
following Item I Give to my well beloved son Thomas Clarke and to the Heirs of his Body law-
fully begotten for Ever Eighty Acres of Land where now he is settled being part of a Tract of
Land Called Pine Point on the South side of Hog Creeke Item I Give unto my son Abraham
Clarke and to his Heirs Law fully begotten of his body for Ever Eighty Acres of Land
where now he is settled being part of Pine Point Item I Give to youngest son John Clarke and
to the Heirs of his body Law fully begotten for Ever after the Death of my loving Wife Ann
Clarke the Manner Plantation where I now live and Eighty Acres of land my Will is that after
my death and my Wife's death the Land shall be Equally divided between my three sons Item I
Give to my Youngest son John Clarke and my well beloved Daughter Mary Clarke and their Heirs
for Ever all my personall Estate both Houshold Goods and Stock after the death of my well beloved
Wife Ann Clarke I doe ordain my three sons Tho: Clarke and Abra: Clarke and John Clarke to be
Executors and to pay my just debts and this I own to be my Last Will and Testament and no
other as Witness my hand and Seale the day and year first above Written:

Signed and Delivered in the presence of us:
Basell Rose
Edward his mark Gibson
Joseph Alford

Richard his mark A Clarke (Seal)

To which Will was annexed the following Renunciations (viz:)

June the 14th 1726.

These are to Certifie whom it may Concern that although I
the Subscriber being one of appointed Executors to the Will & Testa
ment of Richard Clarke doe hereby Renounce my Executorship thereto Witness my
hand:
Witness / L. Flower

Thos: his mark T Clarke

These are to Certifie that whereas I the Subscriber was left one of the Executors to the
Will and Testament of Richard Clarke I doe hereby Renounce my Executorship thereto.
Witness my hand this 14th day of June 1726.
John Pitt

Abraham his mark A Clarke

At the foot of the aforegoing Will was
thus written viz:

514) May the 9: 1726 Came Joseph Alford and Edward Gibson and made Oath upon
the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that they saw the above named Richard Clarke
sign and seale and heard him publish and declare the above Writing to be his Last
Will and Testament and was then to the best of their knowledge in perfect Sense &
memory the other Witnesses being present viz: Basell Rose and Signed with them
5 sides
John Pitt Dep: Com:

Maryland ss In the Name off God Amen this Twenty Eighth day
of July Anno Domini one Thousand seven hundred and Twenty three I Richard Bowdage of
Dorchester County in the province aboveaid being weake of body but of sound and perfect Sense
and Memory doe make and declare in these presents to be my Last Will and Testament in Manner
and forme following that is to say Imprimis and principally I Give and Resign my Soul unto the
Almighty God my Creator hoping for pardon for all my sins by the alone Merits of Jesus Christ
my blessed Saviour my body I Give to the Earth or as it shall please God to dispose of it and for what
worldly Estate it hath pleased God to bestow on me I Give and bequeath as followeth viz:
Item I Give unto my Godson Thos: Wallis to be levied out of my personall Estate fifteen hundred
pounds of Tobacco to be for Boarding and Schooling of my Nephew Thos: Wallis when he is about
twelve years of Age and likewise I doe give five hundred more to be for Raiment when he goes to
School
2ly I Give unto Amos Cottrill one Cow and Calfe & their Increase to him his Heirs or Assigns
3ly I Give unto John Austin one Cow and Calfe with their Increase to him his heirs or Assigns
4thly I Give unto John Hankin Junr one Cow and Calfe with their Increase to him his Heirs
5thly I Give unto Benjamin Edgin my loom & harris Call Tackling that belong to it
6thly I Give for the use of the Church at Hunting Creek in Dorchester one hundred pounds weight
of Pork & likewise one hundred weight more for the use of ye Church at Kingston Talbott
7thly I Give unto William Chezum and his Heirs for Ever all that parcell of land that I bought of
Peter Glent being part of Wellinbrough Calsoe what Cattlnes I have not given nor bequeathed
Calsoe what Houshold Goods and Lumber and I doe Commit him the said William Chezum to be
full whole and sole Executor of this my Last Will and Testament and no other as Witness my
hand & Seal the day and year first above Written:

Signed Sealed and Delivered in the presence of:
George Grous
James his mark I Carter
John his mark I Carter

Richard his mark R Bowdage (Seal)

June ye 15th proved by all three:

On the back of ye aforegoing Will was thus Written viz:

June ye 15th 1726:

Came George Grous James Carter and John Carter Witnesses to ye within Will and made Oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that they saw ye within named Richard Bowdage sign and seale and heard him publish and declare the above Instrument of Writing to be his Last Will and Testament and was then to the best of their Knowledge in perfect Sense & memory:
John Pitt Dep: Com: by Dorchester County