438 Time of this so doing he was to the best of their Apprehension of Sound and Disposing mind and Memory and that they Subscribed their Respective Names as Witnesses to the said Will in the Presence of the said Testator and at his Request. Sworn to before me Thos Risquith Depty Comissy of St Marys County The Day above the Deceased Widow made her Election and Accepts of the Dower in the will and abide by the same 7½ Sides Certified by me Thos Risquith Depty Comy of St Mary's County

In the Name of God Amen I James Hayes of St Marys County being sick and weak in Body but of Sound and perfect Memory thanks be to God for the same do make and Ordain this my Last Will and Testament in Manner and form as followeth Viz.

First I Give and bequeath unto my Dearly beloved Mother Ann Hayes and my Brother John Hayes all that Tract or Parcel of Land Lying in the County above said Being a part of Six Hundred Acres of Land the One Called Gardiners Grove and the other Called the Addition to Gardiner Grove being a Tract formerly Belonging to Mary Hall to be Equally Divided Between my Mother and Brother above Mentioned I Desire that my Mother may have the Part or Parcel of Land where the Dwelling House and Improvements are made which Land I Give to them and their Heirs forever

On the Twenty Second Day of February in the Year of our Lord God 1745

Signed Sealed and Delivered in the Presence of

John Burroughes.
Henry Haw Junr.
Mary Burroughes

James Hayes. (Seal)

On the Back of the aforegoing Will is thus Written Viz.

April 7th 1742 Then John Burroughes Henry Haw Junr and Mary Burroughes the Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing Will being Duly & Solemnly Sworn on the Holy Evangelis of Almighty God Depose and say they Saw the Testator James Hayes Sign the foregoing Will and heard him Publish and Declare the same to be his Last Will and Testament that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their Apprehension of sound and Disposing mind and Memory and that they Subscribed their Respective Names as Witnesses to the said Will in the Presence of the said Testator and at his Request

3 Sides Sworn to before me Thos Risquith Depty Comy of St Marys County

Maryland Dorchester County ss October the 20th 1761

In the Name of God Amen I Charles Rider of Dorchester County in the Province of Maryland being very sick in Body but of sound Memory thanks be to Almighty God and Knowing the Uncertainty of this Mortal Life do make and Ordain this my Last Will & Testament in Manner following

Imprimis I Give my Soul to Almighty God who gave it and Hoping through the Meritorious Death of my Blessed Saviour Jesus Christ to Relieve Remission of my Sins my Body to be Decently Buried at the Discretion of my Executor Here after Mentioned and touching my Worldly Estate I Give & bequeath it as followeth

Item I Give and Bequeath unto my Brother in Law James Billings a parcell of Land whereon his Brines are first to begin at the River Side at the Mouth of the Ditch where the Gate is that Comes into my Dwelling Plantation and from thence up the same Course as the Ditch goes One hundred Perches and up the River bounded there with One hundred Perches so that the same be One hundred Perches Square to him the said James Billings & his Heirs forever

Item I Give my my Grey Riding Horse unto my Sister Dorothy Rider

Item It is my Will & Desire that my Old Negros Will & Robin be Set free from any further Service or Slavery

Item I Give to Ann Billing One Set of Silver Tea Spoons & Tongs and Strainer

438 Item I Give to Amelia Newell One Set of Silver Tea Spoons & Tongs

Item It is my Will and Desire that all my Estate both Real & Personal be Equaly Divided Amongst my three Sisters Sarah Ann and Dorothy and after Division they to have each their Share by Drawing it by way of Lott the same Share so Drawn to belong to Each of them and their Heirs forever and it is my Will and Desire that James Billings be my Executor of this my Last Will & Testament

Sealed and Delivered Published and Pronounced in the Presence of

Wm Murray
Tho Smith
Joe Ennalls

Charles Rider (Seal)

On the Back of the aforegoing Will is thus Written Viz.

Maryland Dorchester County January y 28th 1761 On this Day came Doctor Joseph Ennalls and Mr Thomas Smith two of the Evidences to the within Will who being Duly & Solemnly Sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God Depose and say that they Saw the Testator Capt Charles Rider Sign Seal Publish and Declare the within Instrument of Writing as his Last Will and Testament that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their Apprehension of Sound and Disposing mind and Memory and that they together with the other Witness Signed as Evidences to the said Will in the Presence of the said Testator and at his Request Sworn before Henry Trippe Depty County of Dorchester County

In the Name of God Amen I Richard Willis of Dorchester County in the Province of Maryland being Weak of Body but of Sound Mind Memory and Understanding calling to Mind the Uncertainty of this Mortal State and Knowing it is Appointed for all once Once to die do think it my Duty to Prevent any Disputes or Controversies that may Arise in any Manner Relating to what Worldly Estate it has pleased Almighty God to Endow me to Declare this my Last Will and Testament in Manner and form following

Imprimis I Devise the Lands whereon I now Live unto my Loving Wife Mary for and During her Natural Life and after her Decease I Devise all my said Lands by whatever Names Called Bounded or Described unto my Grand Daughter Elizabeth Jolley and to the Heirs of her Body Lawfully Begotten and if the said Elizabeth Die without Issue thereof it is my Will & Desire that Willis Houston Son of Edward Newton Shall have and Enjoy the said Lands unto him his Heirs and Assigns for ever

Item I Give and bequeath my Personal Estate of Nature or Kind soever to be Equally divided between my said Wife and the said Elizabeth Jolley and the said Elizabeth Wisely to be paid her by my Executrix at her Age of Sixteen Years or Day of Marriage which shall first happen

Lastly I do hereby Constitute and Appoint my said Loving Wife Mary my Sole Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament hereby revoking all other Wills heretofore by me made In Witness whereof I have to these Presents Set my hand & Seal affixed this 6th Day of November in the Year of our Lord God 1761

Richard Willis (Seal)

Signed Sealed Published & Declared by the said Richard Willis as his Last Will & Testament in Presence of us
Tho Smith Sam: Billings
Robert Jenkins Henry

On the Back of the aforegoing Will is thus Written Viz.

Maryland Dorchester County January y 28th 1761 On this Day came Mr Thomas Smith and Mr Samuel Billings two of the Evidences to the within Will who being Duly & Solemnly Sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God Depose and say that they Saw the Testator Richard Willis Sign Seal Publish and Declare the with Instrument of Writing as his Last Will & Testament that at the time of his so doing he was to the Best of their Apprehension of Sound & Disposing mind & Memory and that they together with the 4½ Sides Witness Signed as Evidences to the said Will in the Presence of the said Testator and at his Request Sworn before Henry Trippe Depty County of Dorch County