On the 15th day of May 1740 William Phelps Jonathan Taylor & Thomas Cheney the Subscribing Witnesses to the within Will being duly & Solemnly Sworn on the holy Evangels of almighty God deposed and Say that they Saw the Testator Anthony Bladensfeild Sign and Seal, & heard him Publish & Declare the Same to be his last Will & Testament that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their Judgment and Apprehension of Sound & Disposing mind and Memory & that they severally Subscribed, Viz.t the said Phelps Taylor their Names & the said Cheney his Mark as Witnesses to the said Testament in the Presence of the Testator, Sworn to before me

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In the Name of God Amen This 23 day of March Anno Dno 1739/40 I John Smith Senr of Somerset and Province of Maryland being Sick and weak of Body but of Perfect mind and Memory thanks be to God therefore calling to mind the Mortality of my Body knowing that it is appointed for all men Once to Die do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament that is to say Principaly and first of all I give & Recomend my Soul into the hands of God that gave it and for my Body I Recomend it to the Earth to be buried 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 Touching Such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to Bless me with I give desire and Dispose of the Same In the following manner & Form — Imprimis I give & bequeath to my Son John Smith one Tract of Land Called Conquest Containg Three hundred and fifty Acres I also give unto my Son John one Tract of Land called Islington Containg two Hundred Acres I also give unto my Son John a Certain Tract of Land called Lords Lott Containg four Hundred and Thirty Acres to be peaceably and quietly Injoyed by him & his Heirs forever —

Item I give & bequeath to my three Daughters Sarah Bridgett and Dilligent Each of them two Cows and Calves a peace to them and their Heirs —

Item I give & bequeath unto my Son Charles Smith & my Daughter Comfort Smith Each of them three Cows & Calves a peace to them & their Heirs —

Item I give and bequeath to my Well beloved wife Elizabeth the Thirds of all my Estate to her and her Disposing During her Natural Life —

Item I give and bequeath unto my Son William Smith Two Cows & Calves & one five Year old Steer to him & his Heirs — Item I give and bequeath unto my Son John Smith Charles Smith & Comfort Smith all the Remainder part of all my Moveable Estate to be Equally Divided between them Three to them and their Heirs forever —

Item I leave my Son John Smith my whole and Sole Executor and Administrator of this my last Will and Testament and this Disanuling all others by me made by word Deed or Writing and this I Acknowledge to be my Act and Deed the day & year first above written as Witness my hand and Seal Signed Sealed and Delivered in the Presence of us

Thomas Purkins
Race his Mark Clark
Samuel Showell

In.o Smith (Seal)

April ye 27th 1740 Came Thomas Purkins and Race Clark two of the Subscribing Witnesses to this Will and made Oath on the Holy Evangelist of almighty God, that they Saw the Testator John Smith Signe and Seal and heard him Publish Pronounce and Declare the Same to be his Last Will & Testament, that at the time of his so doing he was of Sound & Disposing mind Memory & understanding to the best of their knowledge and that they the said Thomas Purkins & Race Clark, Subscribed this Will & further Depose that they Saw the Other Witnesse Samuel Showell Subscribe at the Same time all in the Presence and at the Request Testator John Smith Sworn before Hezekiah King Deputy Comty of Somst County

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In the Name of God Amen I Robert Hardley of Charles County in the Province of Maryland being weak of Body but in Perfect Sense & Memory Considering the uncertainty of this Life & that we must all die &c

Imprimis I desire my Body may decently be buryed as my Executrix as hereafter Mentioned Shall think fitt — Secondly I desire that all my just Debts shall be paid as they appear to be due. thirdly I give & bequeath to my dearing Children Mary Carle one Shilling & to my daughter Ann Howard one Cow & all the remaining part of my Estate to be Equally to be divided amongst my other Children Robert & Jane & Elizabeth & Richard to be paid them as they come of Age —

Lastly I nominate & apoint my Loving friends Henry Veale & William Veale by my whole & Sole Executrix of this my last will & Testament making Void all other Wills by me made & this onely to be taken as my Last Will & Testament as Witness my hand & Seal this 28th day of April Anno Dno

Signed and Sealed
in presents of us
Jos Lancaster
Stephen Evans

Robert R his Mark Hardley

in the Back of the foregoing will was thus Written Viz.t

Charles County ss: On the 8th day of May 1740 Capt. John Lancaster and Stephen Evans Subscribing Witnesses to this Will being duly & Solemnly Sworn on the Holy Evangelists of almighty God do Depose & Say that they Saw Robert Hardley a Testator Sign the said Will & heard him publish and Declare the Same to be his last will and Testament, and that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehension, of Sound and disposing mind & memory, & that they Subscribed their respective Names as Witness as Witness to the Will, in the Presence of the Testator and at his request Sworn Before S Hanson Depty Comty —

On the day above said William Veale one of the Excr. within Named by an Instrument of writing under his hand & Seal did renounce the Execution of the within Will. before

S Hanson D Comty

In the Name of God Amen I William Manwell of Charles County being Sick and weak in Body but of a Sound and Perfect Memory & calling to mind the uncertainty of this Life do Constitute & appoint this to be my last Will & Testament —

I give & bequeath unto William Clarke one Cow & Calf. I also give unto the Poor People of Durham Parish three Thousand pounds of Tobacco to be distributed by the Vestry of said Parish — I give & bequeath all the rest of my Estate both Real & Personall to my Son Benjamin Clarke Alias Manwell and his heirs forever — and also my will is that Richard Davis take my Son Benjamin under his care & to give him three years — Schooling and at the age of Eighteen to be Bound out to Learn the Trade of a Carpenter untill he comes to the age Eighteen years and then to be at age. I give & allow my Friend Richard Davis out of my Estate five Thousand lbs of Tobacco to School & Bring up my Son Benjamin and also appoint my Friend Richard Davis my whole and Sole Executor of this my last will and Testament as Witness my Hand and Seals this 9th Day April 1739 —

Signed Sealed and Delivered
in the Presence of us —
Tho.s Stone
Thomas Baillain
Daniel his Mark D Macdaniel

W. Manwell (Seal)

on the Back of the aforegoing Will was thus written Viz.t

Charles County ss. On the 6th day of May 1740 Mr. Thomas Stone & Daniel Mc Daniel two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within Will being duly & Solemnly Sworn on the Holy Evangelists of almighty God do Depose & Say that they Saw William Manwell the Testator Sign the said Will & heard him Publish & Declare the Same to be his last Will and Testament and 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 Thos Baillain & other

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