August the 12th 1747 Benjamin Todd and William Wingate two of the subscribing witnesses being duly and solemnly sworn on the holy Evangels of almighty God depose and say) that they saw the Testator John Wingate sign and seal the within 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 Judgment and apprehension of sound and disposing mind and memory and that they together with John Merick the other witness subscribed their Respective Names as Witness to the said Will in the Presence of the said Testator. Sworn to before me — Ennl Hooper Dcommy

Wades — for Dor County

In the Name of God Amen, I Edward Ruffin of Dorchester County in the Province of Maryland Planter being very weak and low in Body but in Perfect memory and calling to mind the uncertainty of this life do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following.

I give my soul unto the almighty God who gave it me hoping through the merits of my Saviour Jesus Christ to receive remission of my sins and as to my worldly Estate I give and Bequeath the same as followeth.

Impr. I give and Bequeath unto my loving wife Anne Ruffin one Negro woman called Daphina with her increase as likewise one third Part of my Cattle, hogs, horses and household Stuff after my Just debts are paid or any other of my Personal Estate after my Just debts are paid she to have one third part of all my moveable Estate besides the Negro before mentioned but that she is to have no part of any other Negro or Negroes of mine, it is my will and desire that my loving friend and neighbour Edward Tippe have the care and management of my three sons, Winlock Ruffin, Edward Ruffin and James Ruffin, until they arrive to the age of Twenty one years, during which time it is my desire that he keep them and their Interest and to bring them up as he thinks will be most for their advantage and I do hereby appoint him the said Edward Tippe the Exr of this my Last Will and Testament revoking all other Wills by me formerly

made. In Witness whereof I have set my hand and fixed my seal the third day of June, Seventeen hundred and Forty seven. —

Signed sealed Published & Pronounced to be the last Will and Testament in Presence of us — — — Edw.? his E mark Ruffin (seal)

William Murray
John Dean
Mary Dean

on the back of the foregoing Will was thus written Viz.t On the 27th of August 1747. William Murray and John Dean two of the subscribing witnesses to the within Will being duly and solemnly sworn on the holy Evangels of almighty God depose and say that they saw the Testator Edward Ruffin sign and seal the within 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 Judgment & apprehension of sound and disposing mind and memory and that they together with Mary Dean the other witness subscribed their Respective Names as Witnesses to the said Will in the Presence of the said Testator 4 pages. Sworn to before me, Ennl Hooper Dcommy for Dor County.

In the Name of God Amen, I Sarah Smith of Talbot County widow being in Perfect health and memory do make ordain and appoint this to be my last Will and Testament in manner form following, first my will is that all my Just debts paid at convenient time after my decease, Item, I give and bequeath unto my son in Law Joseph Hall to his heirs and assigns, one Negro man named Roger, one Negro woman named Phillis and the child she now has called Harry all the silver Plate now in my dwelling house or that I have any right to and all the debts outstanding and already recd being due to my deceased husband be the same more or less that shall be due me Item, I give to my Nephew Parker Young one Negro woman named Darkey and her Increase, Item, I give to my son John Smith one Negro man named Bear and one Negro Woman named Pegg and all the Mapps and Pictures that is hanging up in the Hall all the rest and remaining Part of my Estate of what nature or kind soever my will is that the same may be Equally divided between the above