blessing of God will attend the same. It is also my wish that my dear Wife may not enter into a second marriage as there are so many Instances of the Prejudices orphans receive from such marriages & many times misfortunes to themselves.

Lastly I hereby appoint my dear and loving Wife Anne to be Guardian of the Persons and Estates of my aforesd three children until they arrive to age or marry and I do also constitute my said dear wife my whole & sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament and it is the last request of a dying Friend that Lord John Henry and Mr James Hage will advise and assist my Executrix in her troublesome office and the same I am assured will by her be kindly accepted further I do revoke and make null and void all former Wills or Testaments by me at any time heretofore made and declare this my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have to these Presents set my hand and seal the Eighteenth day of November Anno Domi 1746.

James Billings (Seal)

Signed Sealed Published and declared by the said James Billings as his last Will and Testament in the Presence of us who at his request and in his Presence have Signed as Witnesses.

John Henry } on the back of the foregoing Will was thus written Viz.
Thomas Smith } on the 7th day December 1748 John Henry and Elizabeth Tolley two
Elizabeth Tolley } of the subscribing Witnesses to the written Will being duly & solemnly sworn on the holy Evangels of almighty God deposed and say that they saw the Testator James Billings 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 apprehension of sound and disposing mind and memory and that they together with Thomas Smith the other Witness subscribed their respective names as Witnesses to the said Will in the Presence of the said Testator and at his Request. Sworn to before

Ennalls Hooper D. Commy for Dr Bowly

The day above the Widow and Relict of the said deceased relinquished her right of the Legacy bequeathed her in the within Will but abides by what the Law directs in such cases.

Ennalls Hooper D. C. D. Commy

Witnesses

I John Bennett being sick and like for death do make this my Last Will and Testament in manner following. First I recommend my Soul to God &

my Body to the Earth. I first desire and beg that my loving wife Margaret Bennett may and shall have and enjoy all my Personal Estate and debts due to me excepting nothing that I am possest, bills Bonds, and accounts due to me said John Bennett make this my deed of Gift said belonging wife to her or their Executor adm or other disposing for ever renouncing all former Wills or gifts before made whereunto I have set my hand and seal before this presents this 24 day of February in the year of Lord 1747/8.

John his mark Bennett (Seal)

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of us

Jeffes Daniel Smith } At the foot of the foregoing Will was thus written viz.
John Cadenhead } Queen Anne County set the 16th July 1748.

Daniel Smith and John Cadenhead the subscribing witnesses to the aforegoing Will being duly and solemnly sworn on the holy Evangels of almighty God deposed and say that they saw the Testator John Bennett sign the same Will and heard him publish & declare it 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 and memory.

Sworn before me — Wm Tilghman Commy for Queen Anns County

Witnesses

Know all Men In the Name of God amen by these Presents that I Timothy Webb of Long Neck being of sick and weak Estate but of Perfect memory and of sound Judgment but calling to mind the mortality of the Body and that it is appointed for all men once to die do make ordain constitute & appoint this to be my last Will and Testament. Imprs I do give my soul to God who gave it trusting that he by his almighty power will receive it at the last day to this perishing Body my Body I give to the Ground to be buried in a Decent and christian like manner and for worldly goods it hath pleased the almighty to endow me with I do give bequeath and dismise in manner and form following.

Item my Will and desire is that my wife beloved Lifa Mary if she continues in the Estate she is left in by me and alters not her condition by marrying again shall have free Privilege to dwell with my Son George during her natural Life but provided they cannot agree to dwell together my will and desire is that my Son George shall build her a good and sufficient Log house fit to dwell in of what pitch he pleases provided it be not under ten feet square and assigne to her one third part of the Lands I now enjoy of the cleared grounds and Rough woods and further than I will that my