first paid and satisfied. Item I give and Bequeath unto my well beloved Mrs Lucy Bowling all my Tract of Land wherein I now reside called by the name of Bellinwood containing by deed one hundred and forty two acres of land and part of another Tract containing forty acres lying and adjoining on the aforementioned Tract to her during her natural life and after her Decease to my Eldest Son John Bowling to him and his heirs forever. Provided he pays my youngest Son William Bowling one likely young negro girl about twelve or fourteen years of age when the said William Bowling comes to the age of twenty and if my said Son William Bowling should die before he arrives to the age of twenty then my Will is that John Bowling pay to his Eldest Son Edmon Bowling the said negro he should have paid my Son William when he arrives to the age of twenty and if the said John should refuse to pay the said negro then my Will is that my Land should be Divided at the second Branch below my house mine and all the Land on the West side of the Branch to belong to my Son John and his heirs forever and all the Land on the East side to belong to my Son William and his heirs forever. Item I give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth Gibson Wife of Mathew Gibson one feather Bed and furniture. Item I give and Bequeath to my Son William Bowling one feather Bed and furniture one Iron Kettle one Pewter Dish one and half the more Decended chest X one Iron Bound chest one Gun and my Pewter Dishes my Will is that the Increase of the more be sold to the best advantage for the use of my Son William. Item I give and Bequeath to my Loving Wife Lucy Bowling all the rest of my Personal Estate during her life and after her Decease to be equally Divided among all my children Lastly I hereby nominate and appoint my Son Edmon Bowling Executor of this my last Testament and last Will hereby Declaring all other Wills heretofore by me made to be void and of none effect and in Witness of the Premises I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this eighteenth day of March Anno Dom 1756.

Signed Sealed published and declared by Edmon Bowling to be his last Testament and last Will in presence of

Edmon F his mark Bowling (Seal)

Charles Mottell
John his mark Cawhorn
Thomas his mark Chambers

Addeded to my Will this twenty fourth day of March 1756 that I suppound my Son John Bowling to be equal to my youngest Son William Bowling and to be under his care till the arrives to the age of twenty and then to be free and out for himself in Witness whereof I have put my hand and seal the day and year above written

Signed sealed and delivered in presence of

Edmon F his mark Bowling (Seal)

Ezekiel Chesleine
Dennis Connell
Jno Cawhorn

on the Back of the aforegoing Will was wrote the following Proof that

St Mary's County ss April 22d 1756 then Remembered John Cawhorn & Thomas Chambers the Subscribing Witnesses to the Foregoing Will being duly and solemnly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God depose and say that they saw the Testator Edmond Bowling Seal 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

Sworn to before me Thos Sewell Dept Comty of St Marys County

The day and year aforesaid the deceased Widow made her Election and takes her thirds

Certified by me Thos Sewell Dept Comty of St Marys County

St Marys County ss April 22 1756 then Ezekiel Chesleine Dennis Connell & John Cawhorn the Subscribing Witnesses to the Foregoing Instrument being duly and solemnly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God depose and say that they saw the Testator Edmond Bowling sign the Foregoing Instrument and heard him publish and declare the same to be a Instrument to his last Will & 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 to before me

Thos Sewell Dept Comty of St Marys County

In the Name of God Amen, I James Sutton being sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God therefore calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for me once to dye do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament as follows to wit first of all I give and recommend my Soul into the hands of God that gave it and for my Body I recommend it to the earth to be buried in a Christian like and decent manner at the discretion of my Executor hereafter named nothing doubting but I shall receive the same by the mighty power of God at the Resurrection and touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this Life I give Devise and dispose of the same in the following manner & form to wit 1st I give and bequeath unto my Son John one Lease of Manner Land containing eighty seven acres or there abouts lying in his Lordships Mill manner called Thompsons hope 2 I give and bequeath unto my Son James the plantation I now live on called Sutton Goodluck being part of a tract of Land called the Bewedeum containing fifty nine acres to him and his heirs forever. Also give unto my Son James one leaf of manner Land lying in his Lordships Mill manner containing thirty eight acres called Bewedeum. 3 I give and Bequeath unto Son Jeremiah one Lease of manner Land lying in his Lordships Mill manner containing thirty five acres more or less called Andrew Whaley. 4 I give and Bequeath unto my Son Stephen one leaf of manner Land lying in Morley manner containing forty four acres more or less called Sutton's Venture also give unto my Son Stephen and his heirs forty four acres of free land being part of a tract of Land called Elizabeth formerly Bought of Terrence Griffin. 5 I give and Bequeath unto my Son John and also to my Son James my old Mill that formerly belong to the Wheatley to be equally devided between them when they shall both arrive at the age of twenty one years my Will and Meaning is that my Wife should enjoy the profits of the said Mill till my Son James arrives at the age of twenty one 6 I give and Bequeath unto my Son Stephen and also to my Son Jeremiah my Mill that stands on the Andrew Bridge to be equally between them when they shall arrive at the age of twenty one my Will and Meaning is that my Son Stephen shall enjoy his half of the said Mill as soon as the present lease is out & either of my said Sons should die before they come to the age of twenty one years the other to possess and enjoy his half of the said Mills. 7 I leave six thousand pounds of Tobacco being part of the Rent of my Andrew Bridge Mill for the Education of my children the Remainder of the Rent of my Mill at the Andrew Bridge being thirty six thousand pounds of Tobacco I leave to be equally between my three Daughters as they shall come to the age of sixteen years. 8 I leave my negro fellow Tom and the Smiths Tools to my Wife During her natural life my Will and meaning is that my Wife should have the use of the said negro and Smiths Tools During her natural life and after her Decease the said negro to return to my children Lastly I do constitute and appoint my Dearly beloved Wife and my Son John to be my whole