Burton and Joshua Burton to be divided amongst them Share and Share alike to them and their heirs forever Item I Give and bequeath unto my Sons Basil Burton and Jacob Burton and my Daughter Drusilla Burton the Lands whereon I now live and ~~formerly know~~ pay quit rents for by the Name Foxdon all that part of the aforesaid Land that lays between a Branch Called Spears Branch and a Branch Called Richardsons Branch unto my said Daughter Drusella and her heirs forever and the remaining part of said Lands I Give unto my said Sons Basil and Jacob to them and their heirs forever Lastly I Constitute and Appoint my Sons in Law Samuel Waters and Edward Browning Executors of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all Wills by me ~~formerly~~ made and make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament

Memorandum in the Bequests to my Sons Basil and Jacob and my Daughter Drusilla the Word (land) is Incerted between the third and fourth lines and also the Words (to her and heirs forever) is Incerted between the fifth and sixth lines before the Execution of the Will

William Ellor his mark Burton (Seal)

Signed Sealed pronounced Published and declared by the Testator to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us being Witnesses

John his mark Lashear
William Waters
Thomas Waters

May 11th 1762 Came John Lashear William Waters and Thomas Waters the three Subscribing Witnesses to the within Will and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they saw the Testators William Ellor Burton make his Mark to the above Will and also saw him Seal the same and heard him Publish pronounce 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 a Sound and Disposing mind and memory and that they Severally Subscribed their respective Names as Witnesses to the said Will in the presence of the said Testator and at his request. The above Probate was taken in the presence of the heir at Law Who made no Objection thereto

S. Bordley Commissary General.

In the Name of God Amen This my last Will and Testament made this third of November in the Year of Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Sixty One Witnesseth That I Thomas Ayres Senior of Kent County in the province of Maryland being Weak of body but of full and perfect mind thanks be to God maketh this my last Will and Testament in form and manner following my Soul I leave to Almighty God from whence it came and my Body to be buried at the Discretion of my Executors hereafter named First I have all my Just Debts to be paid out of my Personal Estate and the

Rest of my Estate I leave as follows Legacies I Give and bequeath to my Son Robert Parks Ayres a Legacy of fifty pounds to be paid out of Personal Estate and to my Son William Ayres I Give and bequeath a Legacy of fifty pounds to be paid out of my Personal Estate and to my Daughter Elizabeth Ayres a Legacy of Ten pounds to be paid out of my Personal Estate and to my Youngest Daughter Mary Ayres I give and bequeath a Negro Boy known by the Name of Hereford those Legacies is not Extended those four mentioned of their equal parts of the remainder of my Personal Estate And Second I give to my Son Abram Ayres five Shillings and no more of Estate Personal or Real and to my Son Thomas Ayres I leave five Shillings and no more of Estate Personal or Real and to my Eldest Daughter Mary I leave five Shillings and no more of my Estate Personal or Real And to my Daughter Ketural I leave five Shillings and no more of my Estate personal nor Real And to my Daughter Ann Ayres I leave five Shillings and no more of my Estate personal nor Real And I do leave my Son Robert Parks Ayres at Age at Eighteen Years to Work for himself But not to Inherit any part of his Estate personal or Real And my Son William Ayres I leave at Age at Eighteen Years to Work for himself But not to Inherit any part of my Estate personal or Real And I do hereby Appoint my friend John Smith my Sole Executor and Sole Guardian to my Children and their Estates to be paid at Lawfull Age And do Appoint this my last Will and Testament Revoking and Disannulling and making Void all other former Wills as Witness my hand and Seal the day and Year above mentioned

Signed Sealed and Acknowledged in Presence of us

The Deposition of Nathaniel Miller of Kent County - Nathaniel Miller of Kent County Planter being Sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God Deposeth and Saith That on or about the third Day of November last a Certain Robert Parks Ayres a Lad about Fifteen Years the Son of Thomas Ayres Senior late of the County aforesaid came to him the Deponent / who lived about two Miles from the aforesaid Thomas Ayres and said his Father desired to see him whereupon the Deponent went to the house of the said Thomas Ayres who upon his Arrival told him that he had not Settled his Business for he had been given to Understand that a Will which he had before made would not stand good in Law by reason that the Executor had himself Wrote it that upon the Deponents saying he did not Approve that such Circumstance would render the Will invalid Thomas Ayres deceased Asserted that by his former Will he had bequeathed his plantation in Talbot County but that since that time he had Bargained or Agreed to sell it tho he had not Conveyed or made it over and that he now Intended to leave the money in the Stead of the Land that the Deponent then said he doubted his own Ability to Write a Will in proper form but that if he Thomas Ayres would give him a Preamble he would Committ to Writing whatever he the said Thomas should Direct that thereupon Thomas Ayres Desired one John Smith who was Present to Write a Preamble for a Will which the Deponent having Transcribed proceeded to Draw and finish his said Thomas's Will Agreeable to Said Thomas's Verbal Direction that while he the Deponent was Writing the Will