John Smith above mentioned who was Appointed Executor Continued in the Room and at time told the Deponent what to Write that is what Words or Phrases to use in Drawing the Testator meaning the Deponent further Saith That while he was Writing the Testator Intimated (interrupted told) that he Apprehended some of his Children would not be satisfyed with the manner in which he was Disposing of his Estate but that he did not say he was Offended at or had been ill treated by any of them that after the Deponent had Wrote the Will the Testator Thomas Ayres made his mark and published it as his last Will and Testament in the presence of the Deponent John Sharpe George Farrow and John Smith all of whom except the last Subscribed or set their respective Marks as Witnesses And then returned it to the Deponent saying when you hear of my Death Deliver this to John Smith which he this Deponent Saith he did the Day that the Testators Body was put into the Ground and that he hath not since seen the said Will but to the best of his remembrance the Annexed Paper Contains the Substance more or less very nearly the same Words and that at the time of the aforesaid Thomas Ayres his making and Executing the Will above mentioned he was in his perfect Senses and further this Deponent Saith not

Sworn before me this 10th day of March 1762 — Nathaniel Miller

Whereas I am Appointed Executor of the last Will and Testament of Thomas Ayres late of Somerset County deceased I do hereby renounce the said Executorship and do Administration of the Goods Chattels and Credits of the said Deceased to the Honble Abraham Taylor Esqr Commissary General of this Province In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 9th day of March 1762 — John Smith

J. Ridout Commissary General

In the Name of God Amen Dated this Seventh Day of March One thousand Seven hundred and Sixty two Whereas I Susannah Rawlings of Ann Arundel County in the Province of Maryland being of good Sound Memory and Mind tho' of a Weak State of health Do make this my Will and Testament in Manner and form following Viz: That is to say after my decease my Will is that my Body be Decently Interred — According to the Discretion of my Executors hereafter named and for the Effects and Moneys I have to Dispose of I Will in the Manner following Item I give and Bequeath to my Son Aron Rawlings a Negro Wench Called Easter an Iron Pott and a Bed Item I give and bequeath to my Son Moses Rawlings a Negro Man Wallis and a Sorrel Mare with Fold the Colt within her for my Son Richard Rawlings Item I give to my Daughter Mary Rawlings a Negro Girl Jane a Sorrel Horse a Bed Trunk and Cubboard Item I Give to Beloved Son Richard Rawlings a Negro Boy named Davy and that the above mentioned is to pay all my Lawfull Debts under the Condideration of the above Legacies and also what remains of the Estate in Stock or Household furniture to be Equally Divided between my four Daughters that is Married Aron Susannah Rachel and Elizabeth Easter leaving my Son Aron Rawlings and my Son in Law Gasaway Watkins of the Whole Estate in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal the Day and Year above written Signed Sealed and Declared And also Published in the presence of us

James Disney
Ralph Bazile
Jacob his mark Short

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Susannah Rawlings
mark
(Seal)

On the Back of the aforegoing Will was the following Probate Viz:

On the 17th May 1762 James Disney Ralph Bazil and Jacob Short the Subscribing Witnesses to the aforegoing Will Severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they did severally see the within Testatrix Susannah Rawlings Sign and Seal and heard her Publish and declare the foregoing Instrument as her last Will and Testament and that at the time of her so doing she was to the best of their Judgment and Belief of a sound and Disposing Mind and Memory and that they the said Deponents did at the same time did severally set their Names and Marks respectively as Witnesses thereto and that the several Names James Disney Ralph Bazill and Marke X as the Mark of Jacob Short are of their respective hand Writing

Sworn before
S. Bordley Commissary General

In the Name of God Amen this twenty Eighth Day of September in the Year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and Sixty I Abraham Bowen of Christ Church Parish in the County of Calvert being of Sound and perfect Memory do make this my present last Will and Testament in Manner and form following First my Will is that each of my four Sons Viz: Abraham Parker, Young and Charles Bowens be esteemed to be at Age at Sixteen Years Old and at that Age to possess and Enjoy their Estates but not to Buy or Sell any part of their Estates nor make any Conveyance Bargain without the Advice and Consent of my Executors & Trustees or Some One of them as shall be Impartial in the Affair Until my Children shall come to the Age of twenty Years And I desire that it may be Carefully Observed by my Executors and Trustees that None of my Children sell or Dispose of any part of their Estates During their Minority that in Case of his or their Death before he or they shall be at full Age the Surviving Brothers may have the Right of heirships Secondly my Will is that my two Younger Sons Viz: Young and Charles be maintained and Educated According to their Estates under the Guidance of their Mother until they be Sixteen Years Old if she remains Unmarried and carefully Discharges her Duty towards them But in Case she should be Dead or else Married to any Man then and in that Case I do Order and Appoint that my two Elder Sons Abraham and Parker or either of them as the Case may happen shall be Guardian or Guardians for their Younger Brothers Viz: for Young and Charles and shall have the Interest of their Estates until they be Sixteen Years Old and shall Guide and Direct them to the Age of twenty One Years Provided & that they take Care to provide and Educate them according to the Interest of their Estates and do well by them in all other respects Thirdly as to the Disposal of my said Negroes Viz: Prince Simon Nell and Ben and Macy my having but five Negroes