In the Name of God Amen the fourth Day of July Anno Dom 1764 I William Cannon of Dorchester County Planter being very sick and weak in Body but of perfect Mind and Memory thanks be given unto God therefore calling to Mind the Mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed for all Men once to die do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament that is to say Principally and first of all I give and recommend my Soul into the Hands of Almighty God that gave it and my Body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in a decent Christian Manner at the discretion of my Executrix hereafter mentioned nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the Almighty Power of God and as touching such Worldly Estate as it has pleased God to bless me in this life I give demise and dispose of the same in the following Manner and form

1 First I give and Bequeath unto my Grandson William Cooper one Tract of Land called Nova scotia containing seventy acres of Land to him and his Heirs forever Secondly I give and Bequeath unto my well

2 beloved Daughter Nicy Cooper one Negroe Girl called Dinah to her and her Heirs that and no more of my Estate, Thirdly I give and

3 Bequeath unto my well beloved Son Charles Cannon one shilling Sterling and no more of my Estate, Fourthly I give and Bequeath unto my well Beloved Son Levin Cannon ~~one~~ part of a Tract of Land called Cannons Conclusion to contain one hundred and ~~twenty~~ forty acres of Land one likely Cow & Calf my new grown Plow & one set of Harrow Teeth and no more Fifthly I give and Bequeath unto my Well beloved Son William Cannon part of a Tract of Land called Luck by chance lying on the South side of Green Branch to contain twenty acres of Land and likewise part of a Tract of Land called Cannons Conclusion to contain thirty acres to be laid out over against a field now called Bellys field to him and his Lawful Heirs gotten of his Body but in Case he should die without Issue I do hereby desire that his Lands should be divided equally between my Son Levin and my Son Jesse to them and their Heirs forever, Sixthly I give and Bequeath unto my well Beloved Son

Constant One Hundred and thirty Acres of Land to be laid out with a strait Line from the long Swamp to run as far as my Lands extends over Green Branch being part of a Resurvey made on a Tract of Land called Williams Lot to him and his Heirs forever Seventhly I give and Bequeath unto my well beloved Son Jesse my dwelling Plantation and all the Lands that I now hold Excepting what I have already given or willed, Eighthly I give and Bequeath unto my dearly beloved Wife Mary one full third of my Estate whom I likewise appoint to be my Sole and whole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament to her and her Heirs and Assigns, Ninthly and last of all I give and Bequeath all the remaining part that I have not given of my Estate unto my Son William, Constant & Jesse to be equally divided amongst them &c

Signed Sealed and publickly pronounced & declared by the said William Cannon this to be his last Will and Testament

In presence of us
Clement Bayley
Thos. Cannon
John Flower

William Cannon (Seal)

Be it Remembered notwithstanding I do hereby leave and Bequeath unto my Cousin Barnach Clarkson all that part of a Resurvey which was made & laid out and plotted for him on Condition he pays & satisfies my Executrix before mentioned

William Cannon (Seal)

Signed and delivered as before
Clement Bayly
Thos. Cannon
John Flower

N.B. the Words Excepting & Constant were firstly in the Body of Said Will before signed

On the 10th Day of June Anno Dom 1764 Then Mary Cannon appeared before me James Auld Deputy Commissary of Dorchester County duly Authorized and empowered by Stephen Bordley Esq. Commissary General of the Province of Maryland at the County aforesd and did then and there renounce the Legacy left her by the Testator in the within Testament Expressed and at the same time made her Election to abide by & stand to what the Law allows in such Cases to wit one full third part of the said deceased Estate both real and Personal

Mary Cannon

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On the 10th Day of June Anno Domini 1764 Clement (Baily)

9 Jurors