of the County aforesaid deceased and Severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they did See the said Richard Swan Edwards the Testator therein named Sign and Seal this Will and heard him publish 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 perfect Sence, and of Sound and disposing mind Memory and understanding and that they respectively Subscribed their Names as Witnesses to the said Will in the Presence and at the Request of the aforesaid Testator and that they did see each other (together with Sophia Doxey the other subscribing Witness Subscribe their names thereto as Evidences —

Sworn before Owen Allen D Com.ry

Examined

In the Name of God Amen I James Heard being sick and weak in Body but of sound mind Memory and Understanding do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner & form following (to wit) I give and bequeath to my well beloved Wife Jane Heard my now Dwelling House Land and Plantation belonging to the same while my Son Ignatius Heard comes to Age and then the said Land &c to go to my said Son Ignatius & his Heirs for ever. I give and bequeath to my Son John Bap.t Heard all those Tracts and parcels of Land lying in the forrest Heards Hardship, Nevits Beginning, & two friends to him & his heirs for ever. I give and bequeath to my Son James Heard all that Tract or parcel of Land in Medlys Neck what I bought of Mr. Thomas Reeder whereon Stratton Edwards lived to him & his Heirs forever. I give and bequeath to my three Daughters viz. Ann Polly & Jenny three Negroes Phill Joe & Alley for ever All the remainder of my Personal Estate after paying my just & Lawful Debts and above Legacies and my Wifes thirds according to Law, I give and bequeath to my Six Children Viz Ann Polley Sennay, John Bap.t Ignatius & Jenny to be Equally divided among them, I hereby Nominate and Appoint my said Wife Executrix and my Son James Executor of this my Last Will and Testament hereby

(Revoking)

Revoking and making Void all former Wills & Wills by me heretofore made In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this 26.th Day of May 1769 —

Signed Sealed & Delivered In presence of Us — } James his mark Heard (Seal)

Edward Mattingly
William Gibson
James Roach

On the Back of the aforegoing Will was thus Written Viz:

Saint Marys County (to wit). 14.th August 1769

I Jane Heard Widow and Executrix of James Heard the Testator within named having made my Election declare I will not abide by the within Will but do fly to my thirds and Dower Witness my hand.

Witness Owen Allen D Com.ry — Jane her mark Heard

You Jane Heard and James Heard as Executors of James Heard Solemnly make Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that the within is the only true last Will and Testament of James Heard late Deceased that has come to your Hands possession or Knowledge. So help you God. Sworn the 14.th Day of August 1769 —

Before Owen Allen D Com.ry

Saint Mary's County So.t On the Fourteenth Day of August 1769 Came William Gibson Edward Mattingly and James Roath the three Subscribing Evidences to the within Last Will and Testament of James Heard late of the County aforesaid Deceased & Severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they did see the said James Heard the Testator therein named Sign and Seal this Will and heard him publish 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 perfect Sence and of Sound and Disposing mind memory and Understanding and that they respectively Subscribed their names as Witnesses to said Will in the presence and at the request of the aforesaid Testator & that they did see each other Subscribe their names thereto as Evidences —

Examined 5 sides — Sworn before Owen Allen D Com.ry —