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In the Name of God Amen I Bennet Fenwick Senr. of St. Marys County being Sick and weak of Body but of Sound and disposing mind and Memory thanks be to God and calling to mind the uncertainty of this Life Do make and ordain this to be my Last Will and Testamt. in manner and form following. I give and bequeath unto my Son Cuthbert Fenwick One Hand Mill which belong. to my Brother Cuthburts Estate likewise one Grinstone I give and bequeath to my two Sons Francis and Michel Fenwick a Tract of Land lying in Beverdam Manner which I formerly lived on to them and their Heirs for ever. I give and bequeath all my Right and Title of the Land whereon I now live to my Son Richard Fenwick. I give and bequeath to my five Daughters One Thousand five hundred Pounds of Crop Tobacco to be devided between them, It is my Will and desir after my just Debts and Legaces are paid that the remaing parts of my Estate should be equally devided between my Children hereafter named Elizabeth Fenwick Mary Fenwick Richard Fenwick Dorety Fenwick Henneyritea Maria Fenwick Francis Fenwick Michel Fenwick and Priscella Fenwick, I appoint my Son Richard Fenwick Gardean to my two Sons Francis and Michel Fenwick, I appoint Constitute and ordain my three Sons Richard Fenwick Francis Fenwick and Michel Fenwick to be jointly Executors of this my Last Will and Testament As Witness my hand and Seal this 19th Day of May 1770

Bennet his ✝ mark Fenwick (Seal)

Ignat. Clarke
Aaron Smith
George his ✝ mark gaugh

On the Back of the aforegoing Will was thus written Viz. Saint Mary's County (to wit) On the fifth Day of February 1771 Came Ignatius Clark, Aaron Smith and George Gaugh Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of Bennett Fenwick late of the County aforesaid deceased and Severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they did See the said Bennett Fenwick 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 Sense 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 Subscribe their names thereto as Witnesses.

Before
I. A. Thomas Depty. Comn.

Saint Mary's County (to wit) On the fifth day of February 1771 Came Richard Fenwick one of the Executors within named and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that the within is the only true last Will and Testament of Bennett Fenwick late deceased that has come to his Hands Possession or Knowledge.

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before I. A. Thomas Depty. Comn.



In the Name of God Amen the first Day of May in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy One I Thomas Shanks Senr. of Maryland St. Marys County Planter being sick and weak of Body but of perfect mind and Memory thanks be given unto God for the Same and 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 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 Executors nothing Doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the Same again by the mighty power of God, and as touching Such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this Life I give devise and Dispose of the Same in manner and form following that is to Say, First I give and bequith onto my Sun Robert Shanks all that Parcel of Land in the Forrest whereon Stephen Davis now Lives none by the Name of part of St. Oswels. Item I give and bequeath to my Sun Thomas Shanks this Plantation I now live on and all the Land I have a right to that is ajoining thereto. But further my Will and desire is that my Sun Robert Shanks shall have hould and purses this Land I now dwell on till my Youngest Sun comes to the Age of Sixteen and that he may have the Benefit of all my Lands till that Time of aforesaid, That he may keep my five Youngest Children together and give them a Sufficient Schooling and then this parcel of Land I now dwell on to go to my Sun Thomas Shanks likewise I give & bequeath to my Sun Robert Shanks all my Stock and Household Furniture with all and every thing of my Personal Estates after my just Debts is paid and I Likewise Opint my Sun Robert Shanks Executer of this my Last Will and Testament As Witness whereon I have Sent my hand and Affixed my Seal this Day and Date above written. Signd Seled & acknowledged in the Presents of Us

Thos. Shanks (Seal)

John Baily
Joseph Walker
James Roach

On the Back of the aforegoing Will was thus written Viz.t Saint Marys County (to Wit) On the third Day of June 1771 Came John Baily Joseph Walker and James Roach the Subscribing Witnesses to the within Last Will and Testament of Thomas Shanks late of the County aforesaid deceased and Severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they did see the said Thomas Shanks 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 Sense 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 Subscribe their names thereto as Witnesses.

Sworn before I. A. Thomas Depty. Comn.