Saint Mary's County (to wit) On the third Day of June 1771 came Robert Shanks the Executor within named and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that the within is the only true last Will and Testament of the within named Thomas Shanks deceased that hath come to his hands Possession or Knowledge.

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before
Examined J. A. Thomas Depty. Commr.

In the Name of God Amen I Richard Barnhouse of St. Marys County in the Province of Maryland Planter being weak and Lowe of Body but of sound mind Memory and Understanding do make this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form as followeth (to wit). Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Rodolph Barnhouse Six Shillings Current Money in full of his part of my Estate. Item, I give and bequeath to my Son John Barnhouse Six Shillings Current Money in his full part of my Estate. Item, I give and bequeath unto Ann Barnhouse Jeane Barnhouse and William Barnhouse the Children of my Son Timothy Barnhouse Six Shillings Current Money each in full part of my Estate. Item I give and bequeath to my Grand Daughter Ann Rogers one Cow and Calf in her full part of my Estate. Item, I give and bequeath to my Wife Jane Barnhouse one third part of my Estate which the Law allows her in full part of my Estate. Item I give and bequeath to my two Sons Richard Barnhouse and Caleb Barnhouse all Rest of my Estate only Caleb Barnhouse to have Twenty pounds more than Richard Barnhouse to give him Education, and further more I do Constitute and appoint my Wife Jeane Barnhouse and Richard Barnehouse Joint Exctrix and Exautors of this my Last Will and Testament In Witness thereof I have unto Sett my hand and Seal this thirteenth Day of December One Thousand Seven hundred and Seventy

Signed Sealed and Delivered in Presence of. Note that in the Eighteenth Line the word her is Enterlined

Barnhouse (Seal)

Bernard O Neill
Richard Clarke
Aaron Milburn

On the Back of the aforegoing Will was thus written Viz.

Saint Mary's County (to wit) On the Eleventh Day of June 1771 Came Barnard O Niele Richard Clark and Aaron Milburn the Subscribing Witnesses to the within Last Will and Testament of Richard Barnhouse late of the County aforesaid deceased and Severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they did See the Said Richard Barnhouse 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)

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
J. A. Thomas Depty. Commr.

Saint Mary's County (to wit) On the Eleventh Day of June 1771 Came Jean Barnehouse the Executrix within named and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that the within is the only true last Will and Testament of Richard Barnhouse deceased that has come to her Hands possession or Knowledge

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before
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In the Name of God Amen, I Mark Heard of Saint Marys County in the Province of Maryland planter, being Sickly and weak of Body, but of perfect mind and Memory thanks be to God therefore calling to mind the Mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed for Men to die, do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following Viz.t First I bequeath my Soul into the Hands of my Saviour Jesus Christ trusting through his Merits and Passion Everlasting Salvation, and my Body to the Earth to be buried in decent Christian Burial at the discretion of my Executrix and Executor hereafter mentioned and as touching such Worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me, I give and dispose of in manner and form following Item I give and bequeath to my Son, Matthew Heard a Negro Woman named Monica & two feather Beds, with every thing that is now in his Possession that I have any Claim to and no more of my Real or personal Estate. Item, I give and bequeath to my Son John Heard the West part of a Tract of Land called Thirds with a Small Addition I took up my self, Beginning at the fork of a Small Branch called Culverhouses Spring branch and running from the S.d fork to the out Line of Thirds on the South including the old Field and Plantation formerly belonging to Francis Hopewell, with all my Land on the North Side of S.d Branch to him the said John Heard and his Heirs for ever I give and bequeath to S.d John Heard a Negro Man named Phill. Item I give and bequeath to my Son William Heard, the South East part of my Land called Thirds with the Great Branch up to the old Beaverdam and from the old Beaverdam with the Road to William Disquiths Land, Including a Small Addition I took up my Self, to him the S.d William and his Heirs for ever, in case Luke Heard leaves him the S.d William no Land at his decease if he the said Luke leaves him the S.d William Land, then my Will is that the aforesaid south East part of Thirds be Equally divided between my Sons John & Richard. Item I give and bequeath to S.d William Heard one Negro Man

(named)