Saint Marys County towit on the fifteenth day of September Seventeen hundred & seventy two came Michael Wellman, Elizabeth Wellman and Jeremiah Wellman the three Subscribing Witnesses to the above last Will and Testament of Thomas Newton deceased and severally made oath that they did see Thomas Newton the Testator herein named sign and seal this Will and heard him publish & 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 and each of their understandings of 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 said Testator and in the presence of each other.

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Examined — Sworn before — J. A. Thomas Dy Cont.

In the name of God amen

the twenty sixth day of August seventeen hundred and seventy two I James Combs of St. Marys County in the Province of Maryland being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God therefore calling unto mind the mortality of my body & 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 my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a christian decent burial at the discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the power of almighty God & as touching such wordly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give demise and dispose of the same in the following manner & form.

Imprimis I give and bequeath unto my loving brother William Combs one negro man called Ned and one negro woman called Tenny and her future increase to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my loving brother Phillip Combs one negro man called Will and one negro woman called Lucy and her future increase to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my loving sister Susannah Cooper two negro boys the one named Barry the other named Mat and one negro Girl named Poll to her and her heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath ten barrels of Corn to be distributed among the poor by Edward Spink.

Item I give and bequeath unto my loving brothers William and Phillip Combs they paying to my loving sisters Susanna Cooper an equal share

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of all and singular my moveable Estate after my just debts are duly paid.

Lastly I constitute appoint and ordain my loving brother William Combs and Phillip Combs whole and sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament and hereby utterly disallow revoke and disannul all and every other former Testaments by me heretofore made ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Signed sealed and delivered in the Presence of us — James Combs (Seal)

George Howard
Edward Spink
William Russell

At the foot of the foregoing Will was thus written Viz.t St. Marys County to wit on the 22d day of September 1772 came George Howard Edward Spink and William Russell the three Subscribing Witnesses to the within Testament and last Will of James Combs the Testator herein 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 and each of their apprehensions of a 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 said Testator and in the presence of each other.

Examined — Sworn before — J. A. Thomas Dy Cont.

In the name of God amen

I Thomas Bromead St. Marys County being very sick and weak in body but of a sound and perfect mind memory and understanding do appoint ordain and declare this to be my last Will and Testament in manner & form following to wit.

first I give up my soul unto almighty God hopeing to be saved by the merits of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ & my body to be buried at the discretion of my Executors herein aftermentioned.

Secondly I give and bequeath unto my Dear mother Dorcas Brome the use of the Plantation where she now lives during her natural life and at her death I give and bequeath the said Plantation to my brother John Hooper Brome his heirs and assigns for ever.

Thirdly I give and bequeath unto my brother Hooper Broome my negro boy monday to him his heirs and assigns for ever.

Fourthly I give and bequeath all the remainder of my personal Estate (after my just debts are paid) unto my dear mother Dorcas Broome her heirs and assigns for ever.