Dorchester county towit On the 4th day of December Anno Domini 1775, Alexander Tolley and Edward Ruark two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the aforegoing Will made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they saw the Testator William Donnock sign and Seal the aforegoing Will and heard him publish pronounce and declare the Same to be his Last Will and Testament that at the time of his So doing he was to the best of their Apprehension of sound and disposing Mind Memory and Understanding and that they together with Thomas Ruark the other subscribing Witness respectively Subscribed their Names as Witnesses to the said Will in the presence and at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other.

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In the name of God, Amen, I Edward White of Dorchester County in the province of Maryland being perfect in mind Mind and Memory, do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament in manner following.

1st My Soul I Resign to the Mercy of its Creator in hopes of Obtaining Salvation Only through the Merits and Mediation of our blessed Lord christ, my Body (in faith of its future Resurection) to be buryed at the discretion of my Executrix herein after named.

2dly the whole of my Real Estate I give and devise to my two Sons John White and Thos. White to be Equally divided Between them, and afterwards to hold to my said two Sons respectively, their Several and respective Heirs & Assigns forever: and it is my Will that my Large Locking Glass & two Cupboards now in my dwelling house, and my Copper Still set up on my dwelling plantation, with its Worm and Tub, be considered as appertaining to the premises, and that they therewith Pass to Such of my S.d two Sons, as the S.d house and plantation, on the Division afo.d shall fall unto.

3dly I give to my Son Levin White my Negro Man Named Young Dick and my Negro Lad Stephen.

4thly the Residue of my personal Estate I give to my four children, Priscilla, Sarah, Elizabeth & Levin, to be equally Divided among them —— But it is my Will —

Lastly that my dear Wife Mary do hold and possess to her own Use the Whole of my afo.d Estate real and personal during the time she Shall Survive Me Remain a Widow: and her my said Wife I do Nominate and Appoint Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and annulling all former Wills by me at any time made. In Witness whereof I have unto Set my hand and Seal this Nineteenth day of November in the Year, Seventeen hundred and Seventy five.

Signed, sealed, published & declared, by the Testator, as his last Will & Testament before us, who do hereunto, at his Requests in his presence Subscribe our names as Witnesses.

Edwd. White (Seal)

Levin Bestfitch
Elijah Tilgham
Joseph Cope

On the back of the aforegoing Will was thus Written Viz.

(Dorchester)

Dorchester county ss. On the 1st day of December Anno Domini 1775 Mary White the within appointed Executrix made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that the within Instrument of Writing is the true and whole Will and Testament of Edward White late of Dorchester county deceased that hath come to her hands or possession and that She does not know of any other made Since.

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Dorchester County towit On the 1st day of December Anno Domini 1775, Levin Bestfitch and Joseph Cope two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within Will made Oath on the Holy Evangels of almighty God that they Saw the Testator Edwd. White sign and Seal the Within Will and heard him publish pronounce and Declare the same to be his Last Will and Testament that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their Apprehension of Sound and disposing Mind Memory and understanding and that they together with Elijah Tilghman the other Subscribing Witness respectively Subscribed their Names as Witnesses to the said Will in the presence and at the request of the Testator and in the presence of Each other.

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March the 25th day Anadom 1771.

In the name of God Amen. I the I John Willey of Dorchester County in the province of Maryland being very Sick and Weak in Body but perfect sence and Mommary and knowing how uncertain the Life of Man is and how certain it is that we must die to heavin make and ordain and dispose of what it hath pleased God to bless me with in this World first I give my Soul to Jesus Christ my Life and Breath to God that gave it my Body to be buryed in a Decent manner —

Item I give unto my Wife Ellenor Willey my plantation and all my Land whereon I Live during her life or Widowhood but after her death or Marrage then I give all my Land and plantation to my Son William Willey and to his heirs forever Item I give unto John Willey my Son one Shilling Sterling and no more of my Estate real or Ryal Item I give unto my Son Frances Willey one Shilling Sterling and no more of my Estate real or Ryal Item I give unto my Son Wingate Willey one Shilling Sterling and no more of my Estate real or Ryal Item I give unto my Daughter Rachels Children one Shilling Sterling and no More of my Estate real or Ryal Item I give unto my Daughter Betty Foxwell and Molley my Daughter and Dinah my Daughter all of them one Shilling Sterling a peace and no more of my Estate real or Ryal Item I give unto my Daughter Judah one Box Iron and no more of my Estate real or Ryal Item I give unto my Son William one heffer with a white Rump Item I give all my real Estate that is not before given unto my Wife Ellennor during her Life or Widowhood but if my Wife should Marry then I give her but one third of what shall then Remain and my Children that is not Out of to have the Rest of my Real Estate. —

Now this I do appoint my Well beloved Wife Ellenor hole and Soul Executter of this Last Will and Testament As Witness hear unto I do set my hand and fix my Seal

John his mark Willy (Seal)

Test. Reuben Andrews
Nathaniel Andrews
Sicky her mark Smith

March 25th day 1771 (Ctn)