On the back of the aforgoing Will was thus Written Viz.t

June 15.th 1775. Then came Phillip Davis Josias Ringgold & Samuel Sinnett the three Subscribing Witnesses to the within Last Will and Testament of Wm Howell late of Kent County deceased, and Severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty, that they did see the Testator therein Named Sign & Seal this Will, and that they 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 Apprehensions of Sound & disposing mind, memory, and understanding; and that they respectively Subscribed their names as Witnesses to this Will, in the presence and at the request of the Testator, and in the presence of each other

A Side –

Certifyed by J. Nicholson D. Commy of Kent County –

St Mary's County fs.

In the name of God amen, I John Eden

of St Mary's County the province of Maryland, being weak in Body, but of sound mind, memory and Understanding, do make and publish this my Last Will and Testament, in manner and form following, after all Just Claims are brought against my Estate, and discharged I bequeath as follows Viz.t –

Imprimis I give and bequeath unto my beloved Wife Betty Eden the Use of the plantation whereon I live, and Also the field on the South side of Maddox Land bounded by the road that Leads from Chaptico to Howellons Warehouse, and the road leading to Mrs. Naples Mill's, during her Widowhood, also Eight Hundred pounds Maryland Currency to her Own disposal, which She may take in Cash, or Negroes, Houshold furniture, or Stock at the appraisement or in any part of each as she thinks proper.

Item I give to my Son James Eden and his Heirs all the Lands I hold in Bashford Manor with the Acknowledgments that are due from the people that has purchased Lands lying in the said Manor (the acknowledgments due from the Lands my Wife holds during her Widowhood excepted and proprised) I mean as the Land I bought from John Manning (being for a Support w.th Timber and Wood for the Bashford Manor Lands I give to him and heirs.

Item I give to my Son John Eden Junr and his Heirs the Land I bought from Joshua Millard being part of Noales Lot Resurveyed and Darts Hill, also the tract of Land I bought from William Frazer called Barron Doe, w.ch above Lands are now rented to Mrs Charity Morgan. also I give to him and his heirs the Land bequeathed to me by Mr James Mills being part of the Woods, and the Land I bought of Thomas Hobson being part of the Woods, the above two Tracts of Land are Rented to John Bradburn. also the rents of Land payable from Joseph Dunbar w.ch he lives on I have a Lease from Joseph Clare for the said Land dated the Nineteenth day of October one thousand Seven hundred Sixty five for twenty Years. Joseph Dunbar yearly pays this Rent w.ch is a Cask Head Tobacco –

Note I sold long before Dunbar purchased from Clarke

Item I give to my Son Townshend Eden and his Heirs the Tract of Land called Partnership, which I bought from Thomas Dossaun lying in Chaptico Forest, containing two hundred Acres, which I would have him sell to the best advantage, Also one half of my personal Estate after the Debts and Legacies are paid Off. he not claiming (any)

any thing that rest in my hands of his Grand father Mills Estate, only his part Resting in his Grand Mother Mills's Hands.

Item I give to my Son Thomas Eden and his Heirs a Tract of Land lying in Frederick County called Unity containing five hundred acres, Also the two Lots of Land I have in Carrolsbrough lying on the Eastern Branch in the said County, also one half of my personal Estate, after the debts and Legacies are paid Off. he not claiming any thing that resteth in my hands of his Grandfather Mill's Estate, only his part Resting in his Grand Mother Mill's hands.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Grand Daughter Mary Howellon Fifty pounds Sterling if she arrives to the age of Sixteen Years to be paid by my Executors hereafter Named.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Grand daughter, Jane, Margaret, Ann, Naples Howellon fifty pounds Sterling if she arrives at the age of Sixteen Years, to be paid by my Executors hereafter named. And my Will is that if Samuel Maddox continues to Carry on the Ejectment he hath brought on the Land I live on, that it shall be defend'd to the utmost, and the Costs taken out of my Estate.

I hereby constitute and appoint Townshend Eden, and (Mr Robert Townshend Hood in Trust for) Thomas Eden to be Executors of this my Last Will and Testament revoking and annulling all former Wills by me heretofore made; ratifying and confirming this and none other to be my Last Will and Testament. and that Mr Robt. Townshend Hood be Genteelly Satisfyed for the Trouble he takes in Settling Matters for them Relative to the Estate.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and Affixed my Seal, this third day of February, one thousand Seven hundred and Seventy five.

Signed, Sealed, published and declared by John Eden the above mentioned Testator, as and for his last Will and Testament. in presence of us, who at his request, and in his presence, have Subscribed our names as Witnesses thereto.

John Eden (Seal)

John Mills Youngest
John Hanson Briscoe
Anna + Henry
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On the back of the aforgoing Will was thus Written Viz.t

Saint Mary's County towit, On the twenty Second day of July Seventeen hundred and Seventy five Came John Mills Youngest, Hanson Briscoe & Anna Henry the three Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of John Eden deceased and made Oath on the holy Evangels of Almighty God that they did see John Eden the Testator therein named Sign and Seal this Will & 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 & each of their apprehensions of perfect Sence and of Sound and Disposing mind Memory and Understanding, and that they respectively Subscribed their names as Witnesses to this Will in his presence and at his request and in the presence of each other –

Sworn before & Certified by J. A. Thomas D. Comy St Mary's

Sir, be pleased to take notice that I do not abide by my Husband's Mr John Eden's Will – 16.th July 1775 –

Sam Yours Betty Eden –

(11 Sides)

Mr J. A. Thomas D. Commy St Mary's County