the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that the aforegoing instrument of Writing is the true and whole Will and Testament of Thomas Smith late of Dorchester County deceased that hath come to his hands or possession, and that he doth know of any other.

Certified pr Jno Goldsborough
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Dorchester County ss. On the 28th day of April Anno Domini 1775, John Darby, Thomas McHool and John Marshall the Subscribing Witnesses to the within Will and Testament of Thomas Smith late of Dorchester County deceased and severally made Oath on the holy Evangels of Almighty God, that they did see the Testator sign and Seal the within 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 and disposing Mind and Memory, and that they respectively Subscribed their names as Witnesses to said Will in the presence and at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other —

(Opposite) Certified pr Jno Goldsborough D Commy
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In the Name of God Amen. I

Abraham Read being Sick of Body but of Sound and perfect Mind and Memory and Calling to mind the Mortality of my Body and that it is appointed for all Men once to die do ordain constitute Appoint and declare this to be my Last Will and Testament revoking and disannulling all other Will or Wills heretofore by me made ratifying and Confirming this only to be my last Will and Testament in manner and form following —

I resine and recommend my Soul to Almighty God who gave it me in hopes of the resurrection unto Eternal Life through Jesus Christ my Lord and Savour.

Imprimais I give and bequeath to my beloved Wife Sary Read that part of my Land lieing upon the Little Branch and with Rufus home line Extending to my first line of my Resurvey running to the Little Branch to her and her heirs forever — Also I give and bequeath to my beloved Wife Sary Read one Small trundel Bed and furniture one horse Colt one two Year old Heffer one small desk to her and her heirs forever provided she Stand to the Will —

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Read one Bed and furniture one Dubble case of Draws one small Looking Glass two Large puter dishes one small ditto Six puter plates two puter Basons one Stone dish and Six Stone plates one Cow and Calf one large Iron Pot to her and her heirs forever —

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Betty Read one Bed and furniture with the silken Rug and Curtains one large looking Glass one dubble case Draws that has Long Legs to it and two Cows and Calves one three Yearold Red Heffer one iron pott three large Puter dishes and Smaul ditto and two Puter

(Basons)

Basons and Six puter plates one stone dish and Six Stone plates and five pounds Current Money of Maryland to be paid by her Brother Jacob Read to buy her a Side Saddle and gold ring, Also my Bay Mare Called Spring to her and her heirs forever.

Item, I give and bequeath to my Son William Read one Bed and furniture one Dish and two Guns and one hundred Bushels of Corn a Year for five Years paid by his Brother Jacob Read to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give and Bequeath to my Son Jacob Read my Dweling plantation and all my Land that I have any Rite or title to Also that tract of Land that I Bought of Jacob Read Senr. Also all my Bills Bonds and Book Accompts and all that I have not yet bequeathed to the rest of my three Children with paying and discharging all my Debts which plainly may appear against me if my Wife stands to my Will My Son Jacob Read is to Build her a Legd house and put a brick Chimney in it and if my Wife Sary Read will not Stand to Will my Son Jacob May Sell it to him and his forever.

Lastly I do constitute and appoint my Said Son Jacob Read to be my Executor of this my Last Will and Testament. In Witness my hand and Seal this twenty first day of October 1774.

Signed Sealed published pronounced and declared by the said Abraham Read to be his Last Will and Testament in the presence of Each of us the Subscribers } Abm Read (Seal)

Jonathan Waller
Joseph his O mark Locatt
John Waller
Elijah his 3 mark Locatt

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

Dorchester County ss. On the 19th day of december Anno Dominii 1774 — Jacob Read the Appointed Executor in the within Will, made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that the within Instrument of Writing is the true and Only Will and testament of Abraham Read Late of the County aforesd deceased that hath come to his hands or possession, and that he does not know nor ever heard of any other Will made since by the said Testator.

Certified pr Mr Goldsborough Ld. D.C.

Dorchester County ss. On the 19th day of December Anno Domi. 1774 — Jonathan Waller and John Waller two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within Will being duly and Solemnly Sworn on the holy Evangels of Almighty deposed and said that they saw the Testator Abraham Read Sign the within Will and heard him publish 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 and Memory and that they together with Joseph Locatt & Elijah