Charles County Sc. On the 23d. day of January 1777. Came Gerrard Blackstone Cousin, Henry Diggs and Richard Shierburn the Subscribing Witnesses to the within Will and Severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels that they did See the Testator William Matthews Sign and Seal the Same and heard him publish and pronounce it 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 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, which Said probate was taken in the presence of Joseph Matthews the Heir at Law to the Deceased, who did not object to the taking the Same

Sworn before and Certified by

Walter Hanson. D. Com.

Charles County Sc. January 23. 1777. Came Mary Matthews the widow of William Matthews late of this County Deceased and made her Election to Stand to & abide by the Devises made to her by the Will of the Said Husband with regard to Reall Estate but refuses to accept of the Bequests made to her with regard to Personal Estate but Claims her thirds as the Law allows. Certified by Walter Hanson. D. Com.

Feb: 21st. 1777. –

In the name of God Amen I Henry Edelen of Charles County and State of Maryland being weak of Body but of Sound and perfect mind and Memory knowing the uncertainty of this Life do make ordain and Constitute this to be my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and disclaiming all other Wills declaring this my last Will and Testam.t in manner and form following. —

Imprimis, I bequeath my Soul to Almighty God who gave it and my Body to the Earth in hopes of a Joyful Resurrection to be decently Buryed by and at the Discretion of my Executors hereafter named.

Item, I give and bequeath to John Edelen Son of Edward my Negro Fellow Lyn —

Item, I give and bequeath to Mr. Edward Edelen Senr. my Riding Horse. —

Item, I give and bequeath all the residue and remainder of my Personal Estate (after the above mentioned Legacies and all funeral Charges together with all my Just Debts are paid) in equal Moieties to my three Sisters to wit, Teresa, Sarah and Ailey to rest and Remain in the Hands of Mr. Edward Edelen for their use untill they arrive at the Age of — Sixteen years, and in Case any or either of the above mentioned Children should die before they or she arrive the above mentioned Age their part to be equally Divided between or fall to the Survivor or Survivors of Said Children.

Item, I Nominate and appoint Mr. Edward Edelen Senr. my Sole Executor to have this my Will Executed.

Sign'd and Seal'd in presence of the under written and the Same time the word between was interlined in the Eighteenth Line and the Word at in the Eighth Line

Henry his x mark Edelen (Seal)

Mark Garrett
Daniel his x mark Murphey

On the back of the foregoing Will was thus written Viz.t

Charles County Sc. On the 21st. day of April 1777. Came Daniel Murphey one of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within Will of Henry Edelen late of Said County Deceased and made Oath on the Holy Evangels that he did See the Testator Henry Edelen Sign and Seal the Same and heard him publish and declare it to be his last Will and Testament that at the time of his So doing he was to this Deponents apprehension of Sound and disposing mind and memory and that he together with Mark Garrett Subscribed their names as Witnesses to this Will in the presence of the Testator and at his request

Sworn before and Certified by Walter Hanson D. Com.

In the name of God Amen Lenard Green of Charles County in the province of Maryland Planter being sick and weak but of Sound Memory and knowing all things below are vain and uncertain that the life of Man is but a moment do therefore make order Constitute this to be my last Will and Testament. —

Imprimis, I recommend my Soul into into the Hands of Almighty God to be by his Divine Grace and protection Conveied into the Kingdom of Everlasting life thro the merit Intercession of his blessed Son my Saviour and Redeemer. —

Item, I leave all my Parcell or Tract of Land called Green Inheretance to my loving wife Clare Green and my three Daughters Linder, Clare and Jean as long as they live single.

I do hereby constitute and appoint my Loving wife to be my whole and Sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament, In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and affixt my Seal this Eleventh day of January Anno Domini One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Seven.

Signed and Delivered in the presents of

Lenard Green (Seal)

Bennet Hanson Clements.
Giles Green Junr. —
Danl. McPherson

On the back of the aforegoing Will was thus written Viz.t