

In the Name of God Amen. I William: Hearns of Somerset County in the Province of Maryland being sick and weak of Body, but of sound and perfect memory (Blessed be God) and calling to mind the uncertain Estate of this life on Earth and being desirous to settle things in Order, do make this my last will and testament in manner following. First and principally. I commend my soul to God that gave it assuredly believing that I shall receive full pardon and free remission. of all my sins, and be saved by the precious death and merits of my blessed savior Jesus Christ and my body to be buried in such decent Order as to my Executors hereafter named shall be thought meet & convenient, and as touching such worldly Estate as it hath pleased God in His mercy hath been pleased to bestow upon me. my will and meaning is (that after my real and just debts be paid that the same be disposed of as by this my will is expressed, and as first God hereby revoke recounte and make void all former wills by me made and declares and appoint this to be my last will and testament. — Item I give and bequeath my whole Estate both real & personall to be equally divided. — between my loving wife Mary Hearns and my son William: Hearns to be divided to my said son when he shall arrive to the age of twenty One years. And whereas my said wife being now wife (Child, if it should please God that there be Child or Children with what my said wife now good wife should live than my will and pleasure is that my said Estate both real & personall be equally divided between my said wife and Child or Children when my said Child or Children shall arrive at the age of One and twenty years, then to have and receive their said parts. and portions paid them, and in case my said Child or Children should depart this life before they arrive to the age aforesaid, then my said Estate to be equally divided between my said wife and the surviving Child or Children. And I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my said loving wife Mary: Hearns to be my Executrix of this my last will & Testament. And in witness hereof I have signed and sealed this my last will, whereunto I request to help and assist my said Executrix in the performant of my said will. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal. this twenty eighth day of March Anno Domini 1691

I signed sealed and deliberated  
in presence of —  
William: Mead.  
Lathrine Trubshaw. W. for marks.  
John: Dent. —

William: Hearns. Seal. —

This will was proved in Open Court by the Oathes of Wm: Mead and John: Dent the twenty day of November Anno Domini 1691.

Wm: Hearns & Co. for Court Somerset

Maryland Somerset County In William & Mary by the grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland King & Queen: founders of the faith or: To Mary Hearns of Somerset County greeting. Whereas William Hearns of Somerset County deceased. We do therefore give and grant unto you the said Mary Hearns full power and authority to Administer all and singular the goods Chattels and Credits of the said deceased, and to demand collect said deceased, & well & faithfully to dispose the same, and out of the goods Chattels and Credits of the said deceased what he have may or shall come to your hands or possession well and truly to pay the debts due by the said deceased, so far forth as the same will stand unto or law and the law will charge you according to the true value of the said debts thereof, you having first taken your Oath well and truly to do the same. And to make or cause to be made a true & perfect Inventory of all and singular the goods Chattels & Credits of the said deceased, which have may or shall come to your hands possession or knowledge (Appraised in money) and a true & just account of and upon your Administration herein and to exhibit the same into our County Court where wills are proved. Continually until your Inventory is and presently assigned to perform, or at furthest at or before the second Tuesday in June next after the date hereof, and an account with the said Mary Hearns Administratrix of all and singular the goods Chattels and Credits of the said deceased. Signed at Order of Court this twenty day of November in the fourth year of their Majesties Reign. Wm & Mary King & Queen Over England proved in the year of our Lord 1691. Our husband six hundred ninety One.