Test amt. Made March the 30th in the year of our Lord 1655.
Imp: I bequeath my Soul to God my Creator who gave it me hoping that through the Merritts of my blessed Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ he will receive it to his Eternall blis: Secondly I bequeath my body to the Earth from whence I came: —
Item I give unto my trouble and well beloved Wife Mary Hogis the plantation I live upon containing 300 acres with the house Goods and furniture that is in it with the Tobacco house upon it. I give unto her also my boy Servant who is to serve for the term of nine years, according to Indenture.
I also give unto her 3 Cows the one called by the name of Molly nose, the other Colly & the third Browny also I give and bequeath unto her all my Stock belonging to me.
Item I give unto my Sonne John Hogis about the years of Eleven Mouths three Heifers the one called by the name of Jumper an other Malley nose and the third Broad — all three with a tale in the right Ear and a hole in the left. which three Heifers are to be delivered to my Sonne John Hogis with their Increase when he comes to Eighteen years of age. But if it should please God to call him out of this world before he comes to the years before mentioned then my Wife Mary Hogis is to Enjoy the whole three heifers with their Increase.
(247) Item I give also unto my Sonne John Hogis 300 acres of Land which lyeth upon the Creek adjoining to Mr. Parkers Land which Land my Wife is to improve for the use of my Sonne John Hogis till he comes to the years of Eighteen and then to Deliver it unto him if it should please God that he decease before he cometh to the years of Eighteene then it is to fall to my Wife.
Item I give unto my brother in Law's two sonnes John —

and William Reavens two hundred acres of Land between them which Land lyeth upon the Creek adjoining my brother in Law's Land William Reavens their father — this is to Say 100 acres to John Reavens at twelve years of age and 100 acres to William Reavens at the age of five years which Land I give and bequeath unto them at my decease. —
Whereas there is three yearlings a Cow and a bull that are Strayed in the woods from the other Cattell which are not yet found, if in Case they be found hereafter the one half of what is found I bequeath to my Wife and the other half to my Sonne John Hogis, If in Case my Sonne decease before the years of Eighteen then what is found with the Increase are to fall to my Wife. This is the Mark of
John I. H Hogis —
Test at:
John Barnett
Phillip Hide —

The Deposition of Elizabeth Smith

269 Elizabeth Smith Sworne Sayth that She this dep.t heard the wife of Peter Godson when She was on her death bed Enquired for her sonne Hamilton and when he was come She arose up & Embraced him saying She had done with all the World but him, and then desired him to be a father to her Children and to be as a Carefull of them as his Life and to deale by them as he would answer at the dreadfull day of Judgm.t desiring him withall to take them from the ffrenchman so soon as She was laid in the ground and to take that which they had.
(270) and that he would not Suffer the ffrenchman to medle with any thing they had which She intended only of the two bodyes, Desiring this dep.t to take notice of what She said. and desired this dep.t for Christ Jesus sake that if ever this dep.t saw her Children wronged that this dep.t would make the higher powers acquainted with it and the sd Godsons wife