Elizabeth City County Records 1689-1699,
REEL 1, p. 83., also p. 109

John Smith's Last Will

In the Name of God Amen
I John Smith, being very sick + weak but of pfect sence + memory blessed in God Almighty for the same doe make this as my Last Will + Testament as followeth — Item, I freely Bequeath my Soule into the hands of my maker with full hopes and Assurance of Everlasting life in the world to Come in and through the merrits of my blesed Savior + redeemer Jesus Christ and my body to be decently buried according to the discretion of my Executures (actually-trs) hereafter Named Item: It is my whole desire that (y) all my funerall Charges + Lawfull debts be Satisfied and what is left after all my debts is payd and fully discharged that what remaines I freely give unto Wm (spelled out, p. 109.) Creeke — Item: It is my desire that George Elyand and

William Spicer shall be my whole and lawful execut^rs of this my last will & Testament revokeing all other wills whatsoever as Wittness my hand august the 11th 1690 —

John Smith
(Smyth, p. 109.)

Tests
Thomas Bennet (T mark)
William Bowles (Bowles, p. 109.)

By the R^t Hon:^ble their Ma:^ties
Leiu:^t Governor of Virginia

An Admistration on the Estate of John Smith -

To all to whome these Presents shall Come Knowe yee that I Francis Nicholson Esqr their Ma:^ties Leiu:^t Govern^r of Virginia Send greetings in our lord god Everlasting whereas John Smith late of this Collony decd. did by his last will and Testament Ordayne and apoynt George Eland one of the Executors of the s'd last will who in open court renounceing to take upon him the trust reposed in him by the said decd & the s'd George Eland haveing made humble suit to the Court that a Comision of Adminstration might be granted him of the

sd Estate Now Know all men that I the s'd Francis Nicholson Esq.r Leiu.t Govern.er + r. (r. = thus?) acording to an order of Eliz.a Citty County Court bearing date the 10.th of Septem. 1690 for the better ordering and secureing of the sd Estate doe give + grant unto The sd George Eland the administration of the Estate of The sd Deced. of what nature quality or Condition they be or in whose Custody soever they remayne within the Collony and doe by these presents further order and apoynt that George Eland Shall present unto the Justices of The sd County of Eliz.a Citty at the next Court a true and perfect Inventary of the sd Estate being Lawfully apraised by sufficent men upon oath + further that he satisfie and pay all such debts as remayne due + oweing from the sd Estate unto any p'son (person) or psons (persons) within the Collony + after such debts are pd that then the said George Eland doe bring a true and just acc.t of the Surplusage

or remainder of the sd Estate when he shall be thereunto lawfully called and deliver the same unto the justices for the use of such person or persons unto whome of right it shall belong or lawfully apertaine given under my hand and seale of the Collony the day of October 1690

Francis Nicholson