

Will of Thomas HAYWARD (1745); Dorchester Co., MD

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## **Thomas Hayward (d1745)**

**Will**

**Dorchester County MD**

**Maryland Hall of Records 24:147-8 (Microfilm SR 4418)**

**Written January 1744/45**

**Proved 22 April 1745**

January in the year of Our Lord 1744/5 I Thomas Hayward [of] Dorchester County in the province of Maryland planter being sick and weak in Body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God therefore Calling into mind the mortality of my Body & knowing that it is appointed for all men Once to die do make and Ordaine this my last will and Testament in manner and form following.

Imprimis I give and bequeath unto my loving wife Margaret Hayward liberty during widowhood if ? ? required and in Order to Discharge my Debts for to sell my part of the Mill or Fifty Acres of land Called Hopewell that part next to the mill and if my wife doth not sell the mill I give her free liberty for to Cut Down what Timber she may have Occasion for the use of the said Mill but is she marrieth again I then Only Give liberty for the Cut Timber from a Tract of land called Hope and not such Timber ? make fence Loggs or Boards and he or she doth Other wise then what her Express shall for fitt all the Liberty or property of the aforesaid ?

I do hereby make and Ordaine my beloved wife my Only and Sole Executrix of this my Last will and Textament Ratifying and Confirming this and no Other to be my last will and Testament

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.  
Thomas Hayward (seal)

William (his mark) Wheetly

Henry Wall

Thomas Russell

On the back of the foregoing will was thus Written Viz

On the 22<sup>d</sup> of April 1745 William Wheatly and Henry Wall two of the subscribing Witnesses to the within will made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they saw the Testator Thomas Hayward sign seal publish and declare the within to be his last Will & Testament and that at the Time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehension of sound and disposing mind and memory that they Together with the Other Witness Thomas Russell signed this Will as Witnesses in the presence of the said Testator and at his request  
Sworn to before Enn<sup>s</sup> Hooper D Comy for Dor<sup>r</sup> County