

In the name of god Amen: I Mary Coltson  
Widow & Relict of Jacob Coltson: being sick &  
weake of boddy but of perfect mind & Mem-  
mory and calling to mind the Mortality of  
the boddy that it is Appointed for all flesh  
to Die

This is a sort of sample of the handwriting that is at the beginning of the will of Mary Coltson (Mary Burton Davis- Coalson).

You try reading this from a poorly photographed copy of a hand written will that is about 250 years old, lines so close together they are almost running together, and all of the fancy curli-ques.