buried, at the discretion of my executor, hereinafter named, and after my debts and funeral charges are paid, I devise and bequeath as follows — To my loving wife, I give, during her life, my mansion home and Home place, called Bel Air containing one hundred seventy three acres and one half acre together with all the stock, such as horses, cows hogs and sheep, also, all the farming utensils, house-hold and kitchen furniture, also negro Daniel, Isaac & Ester, also, all my mechanical tools and after her death, I give and bequeath, unto my two grand children, William Lewis Wheeler and Mary Ann Wheeler, heirs of my son William Wheeler, deceased, each a piece, the sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars, current money & no more to them, their heirs and assigns, Item, I give and devise unto my son Benjamin Wheeler, after my wifes death ninety acres of land called Bel Air, to be laid off at the south end which will include all the buildings only to be one divisional line, and as near square as convenient to be laid off by two respectable neighbours, to him the said Benjamin, & his heirs and assigns in fee simple, also to him his heirs and assigns — I give my eight day clock, and my writing desk and whereas my said son Benjamin, stands charged on my book for several sums of money, I do hereby exonerate, acquit, and a full discharge give to him, his heirs or assigns, these Items to be his full part of my estate — Item, I give and devise unto, my son Richard D Wheeler, the tract or parts of tracts of land, whereon he now lives containing about one hundred and twelve acres of land, on his paying my executor, hereinafter named for the use of my heirs & after the death of my wife, the sum of six hundred and forty dollars current money, to him the said Richard, during his natural life, and after his death to be equally devided between the heirs lawfully begotten of his body share and share alike and whereas my said son Richard also stands charged on my books to a considerable amount, I do therefore hereby exonerate, discharge and acquit him forever, Item, my express will and desire is, that after the death of my wife, my executor hereafter named, manumit and set free from personal slavery, on his paying what he may then be appraised to, within one year from that date, my negro boy or man, called Daniel Item, also after the death of my dear and loving wife, I give, devise and bequeath to, my daughters, and the heirs of Elizabeth Simpson all my property (not heretofore devised to my two grand children & my two sons) both real and personal, of what kind and nature soever to be equally divided in equal portions, share and share alike between my said daughters, Mary Gorsuch, Jane Wheeler, Hezial Bates, Sarah Gorsuch, and the heirs of my deceased daughter, Elizabeth Simpson to draw one equal moiety with any one of my said daughters, and no more, to them, my said daughters, Mary, Jane, Hezial, Sarah and the children of my daughter Elizabeth, to them, their heirs and assigns forever, and lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint, my dutiful son, Benjamin Wheeler, to be sole executor of this my last will and testament, revoking

and annulling all former wills by me heretofore made, ratifying and confirming, this and none other to be my last will and testament — In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this 26th day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand, eight hundred and twenty three, William Wheeler (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published & declared by William Wheeler, the above named testator, as and for his last will and testament, in the presence of us, who, at his request, in his presence, and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names, as witnesses thereto, —

Abraham H Price — John Chilcoat — William Brooks —

Baltimore County Ss On the 4th day of May 1825, came John Chilcoat and William Brooks, and on the seventh day of the same month in the year aforesaid, came Abraham H Price, the three subscribing witnesses to the aforegoing last will and testament of William Wheeler, late of Baltimore County, deceased and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God, that they did see the testator sign and seal this will, that they heard him publick pronounce and declare the same to be his last will and testament, that at the time of his so doing he was, to the best of their apprehensions of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, and that they subscribed their names, as witnesses to this will in his presence, at his request, and in the presence of each other, —

Sworn to in open Court — Test. — L. M. Perine, Regr.

In Testimony that the aforegoing is a true Copy, taken from the original filed and remaining among the records of the Register of Wills office for Baltimore County, —

(Seal) I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the seal of my office, this tenth day of May, in the year of our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred and twenty five, —

L. M. Perine, Regr. —

Whereupon issued subpoena as prayed, in form following to wit: "The State of Maryland, to Richard D Wheeler of Baltimore County greeting, we command and enjoin you, that all excuses set aside you be in your person before the Judges of Baltimore County Court at the Court house, in said County, on the first day of December, next, to answer the complaint of Benjamin Wheeler against you in the said Court exhibited — Hereof fail not, as you will answer the contrary at your peril, Witness the Honorable Stevenson Archer, Chief Judge of our said Court, the second day of November, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty. — Issued the 14th day of November 1840 —

Thos. Hall, Clk." —

at which said first day of December, to wit, in the year last aforesaid, being the return day of the aforegoing subpoena, the sheriff of the County aforesaid, to whom the same was delivered to be served, made return thereof to Court here thus endorsed, to wit "Ex. Wm. D Ball, Shff" and afterwards, to wit, on the fifteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred and forty one, the complainant, by his solicitor aforesaid, filed