Item: And I Likewise Give unto my said son Nicholas Hammond two Negro Men Named Joseph and Bunn and One Negro Boy Named Dick —

Item: I give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Comfort One Negro Girl Named Brisk which she hath now in her Possession and One Negro Woman Named Frank and One Negro Boy named Robin and Ten pounds paper Currency —

Item. I give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Rachell One Negro Lad Named Lawrency which she hath now in her Possession and One Negro Woman Named Sarah and One Negro Girl named Judy and Ten pounds paper Currency —

Item: I give and Bequeath unto John Burle Senior five pounds paper Currency —

My will is that my Negro Woman Named Bell shall be free and at liberty to work for herself at the end of One Month after my decease —

And as to the Residue of my Estate as well in the Kingdom of England as here in Maryland my will is that it shall be equally devided between my aforesaid two sons Thos. John Hammond and Nicholas Hammond to them and their heirs forever —

Lastly. I Constitute and appoint my son Thomas John Hammond to be my whole and sole Executor of this my last will and Testament —

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this fifth Day of November Anno. 1739. — Jn. Hammond (Seal)

Signed Sealed published and Declared to be my Last will and Testament in presence of —

Charles Hammond.
Humphrey Brooke —
John Merrikin
Thomas Brooke
John Jones —

On the Back of the foregoing will was thus Written (Viz.)

On the 25th day of February 1742 Came before me — Charles Hammon Esqr. Humphrey Brooke and John Merrikin three of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within Will and being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God — Severally deposed and swore that they and every of them saw the within Testator — John Hammond sign and seal and heard him publish and declare the within Writing to be his Last will and Testament that at the Time of his so doing he was to the best of their judgments and apprehension of sound and disposing mind and memory, and that they severally subscribed their names as Witnesses to the same in the presence of the said Testator —

Sworn to before me the day and year above Written

D. Dulany — Cl. Cry —

In the Name of God Amen — the Tenth of April in the Year of Our Lord Seventeen hundred and forty two I Robert Spedden of Dorchester County in the Province of Maryland Senior being sick and weak of Body but in perfect sense and memory thanks be to God for the same and Calling to mind the Uncertain State of this Life and all flesh must Die when it shall please God to Call I do make Constitute and Ordain this my Last will and Testament in Manner and forme following Revoking and Adnulling by these presents all and every Testament & Testaments Will or Wills by me made at any Time heretofore Either in Writing or by word of Mouth and this to be Taken for my Last will and Testament and none Other — Being Sorry for my sins past hoping forgiveness for the same I give and and Commit my Soul unto God my Redeemer and my Body to the Earth to be Buried in a Christian Like manner by my Executors hereafter Mentioned and now for the settling of my Estate my Goods and Chattles which God hath pleased to Bestow on and upon me I Order and Give Disposes in Manner and forme following —

I give unto my Loving wife Anne Spendden all those Tracts of Land I now dwell on till my son Hugh Spendden shall arrive to the years of Twenty One: I give unto my Loving wife all those Tracts of Land that her father John Brannock willed to me and my wife Anne Spendden with all the Appurtenances Land Taken up by or Resurvey during her Naturall Life and after her decease to be Equally Divided between my Two sons John and Robert Spendden and that Child my wife is now with Child and if Either of them sons die to be divided Between the Survivers to them and their heirs for Ever. I give my three sons Hugh John and Robert Spendden Each them one Young Negro. I give unto my Loving Wife Anne Spendden and her Mother Margaret Brannock all my Personall Estate to them and their Disposing during their Naturall Lives and then to be Equally Divided Between all my Children Last of all I make my Loving wife Anne Spedden and her Mother Margaret Brannock my Whole and sole Executrix of this my Last will and Testament in Witness Whereof I have set my hand and seal the Day and Year above Written Sealed and Delivered in the presence of us —

Witnesses Henry his mark Walker
Catherine her mark X her mark Barry.
Jane her mark Walker

Robert Spedden — (Seal)

On the Back of the foregoing will was thus Written