Signed & Sealed in ye presence of
as. John Cann
James Williams
John White
Sam. Lard
William Hamilton

These are to Certifie ye ye above witnesses are not within ye Liberties of this Province therefore could not by their Oathes prove ye above written.
Witnesse my hand this 11th Novemb. 1686.
Will Dare

I Robert Skinner of Calvert County in the Province of Maryland Merch. being all present in some good measure of health but perfect in understanding praise be given to ye Almighty God, considering the brevity of mans life and how uncertaine my time is here In the which cause & for divers other causes & considerations moving me hereunto, I judge it fitt and convenient, to make this my last Will and testament in opposition to all former wills whatsoever in manner and forme following, I committ my body to ye Earth from whence it came, to be orderly and decently buried according to the discretion of my wife & others who are concerned & for that Estate wch. it hath pleased God to endow me withall in this world my Just debts and funeral expences discharged, I dispose of in manner and forme as followeth. Imp. I give and bequeath unto my eldest sonne Robert Skinner all my plantation and tract of Land called Island Neck wch. at this time is unsold or disposed of to him his heyres and assignes for ever. Also I give unto him the bedd on wch he now lyeth wth the furniture thereunto belonging, with one wanscole chair wth halfe of my Carpenters joyners & Turners Tooles one pewter dish, wth a large concordance of ye Bible, as also a good table wch is now all Island Neck.

2dly. I give unto my daughter Mary Letchworth one suite of Child bed linnen, one wanscole Cradle one childs Chair & one booke band Slaters Exposition upon ye two Epistles of the Thessalonians.

3dly. I give unto my aforesaid daughters first child be it sonne or daughter where it shall live to ye age of one yeare a Cow Calfe of one yeare old provided that ye father fetch it away within one halfe yeare after & record it for ye Child with ye increase both male and female.

4ly. I give unto my second sonne Clarke Skinner to him his heyres and assignes forever one tract of Land called ye Border joyning upon that wch I live upon wth all that part or tract of Land called the Reserve upon wch I now live upon lying to ye east of a certain great branch which runs in that wch was formerly called my Calfe Pasture at ye head of which there is a parcell of Alders grow and further I give unto my said sonne Clarke one peice of Land lying westward of that afore aforenamed branch being part of a tract of Land called the Scraps & further I give unto him one Cow & one Cow Calfe as an addition to one heifer he hath allready, and further I give to my son Clarke halfe of my joyners & Carpenters & Turners Tooles with my large Bible in folio & one of Mr. Cann's Bibles.

5ly. I give unto my third son Wm. Skinner to him his heyres and assignes for ever all that tract of Land lying on ye east side of Patuxent River joyning on the Quequo Manor called the Hatchet, & one of Mr. Canns Bibles with Bishop Ushers Same & Substance of Christian Religion.

6thly. I give unto my youngest son Adderton Skinner all that ye of the tract of Land called the Reserve lying to ye East of ye aforenamed branch to him his heyres & assignes forever together with that part of my Land called Scraps lying to ye East of ye said branch joyning to that of ye Reserve.

7thly. I give unto my said sonne one of Mr. Canns Bibles with one booke called the Christian Dictionary. 8thly. I give unto my dear wife Anne Skinner upon ye Conditions following all my personall Estate undisposed off (viz.) all debts houshold goods & Cattle with all that may be called mine, my Will and pleasure is that my wife in Consideration of ye premises above mentioned shall give unto my three sonns Clarke Skinner, Wm. Skinner & Adderton Skinner to each & every one of them three able sufficient men Servants for time & term they come in for not any one under four years two to be delivered to each of them when they shall attaine to ye age of twenty years & to every of them one more when they shall come to the age of twenty two years & secondly my Will & pleasure is that ye Cattle ye are now reputed my childrens with all their female increase att my decease shall remaine good to them together with all ye male increase from thence forwards, & thirdly my Will & pleasure is that my said children shall be educated & brought up wth learning, reading, writeing, & Cyphering. 4ly. My Will & pleasure is that ye aforenamed 3 sons shall have the benefitt of their owne Crops and labour as they shall come to ye age of eighteen years to be disposed off for their best advantage by ye advice of their guardian hereafter named named, and if it shall come to pass that either of my 3 sonns Clarke or Adderton shall dye before they attaine ye age of one & twenty years that then the survivor or survivours shall have ye decds land & my sonne Wm. Skinner to have ye decds servants & Cattle, & if it shall please God that 2 or all 3 of my sonnes should dye before they come to the age of one and twenty years that then their Lands servants, with stock shall be equally devided amongst my surviving children, and furthermore whereas my wife is joynt purchaser with me in ye reserve thereof not knowing but that ye Eldest of my 3 sonns or ye 2 in case ye Eldest should dye shall hereafter goe about to vex or disturbe ye youngest sonne Adderton pretending right from his mother in withholding ye enjoyment of what I have in this my will given him, my will & pleasure is that ye said Clarke or Wm. shall have noe benefitt by this my will, but their part wholly to redound to Adderton to him his heyres & assignes forever. & finally my will & pleasure is that my sonne Robert Skinner whom I doe constitute & appoint a Guardian to my 3 young sonnes shall take care to place someone or other upon each of their Tracts of Land given to my sonne Wm. & sonne Adderton that they may have homes to goe to when they shall attaine the age of twenty years, hoping that my wife who hath her life time in most of that wch I have given to my sonne Clarke will be as careful to promote his Interest for his incouragement in respect of a dwelling. And if it shall please God that my sonne Robert should dye my will and pleasure is that my two sonnes in law Thos. Greenfield & Joseph Letchworth shall be Guardians in his place and stead hoping they will be careful to see this my will be accomplished in all respects according to the true intent and purpose thereof. In the Confirming of this my last Will and Testament I have hereunto set my hand & seale this Eight day of March One thousand Six hundred Eighty Five &c.

Signed Sealed and delivered in ye presence of us. Robert Houldsworth
Arthur Storer
Elizabeth Cornall
William his mark RR More

Robert Skinner (Seale)

December 13th 1686.
Then came Arthur Storer before me and made oath that