Life on earth & being desirous to sett ye things in ord: doe make this my last Will & testament in manner & forme following - that is to say. First & principally I commend my soule to Almighty god my Creator assuredly believing that I shall receave pardon & free remission of all my sins & be saved by the pretious death & merits of my blessed Saviour & redeemer Christ Jesus, & my body to the Earth from whence it was taken to be buried in such decent manner as my loving Wife whome I leave wholy & soly executrix shall think meete & convenient And as touching that Worldly Estate wch the lord hath lent me my Will & meaning is that it shall be employed & bestowed as hereafter is expressed. First I doe frustrate & make void all wills formerly & make this my last Will & testament. Secondly I will that all debts & duties as I owe in right & Conscience to any manner of p'son or p'sons whatsoever shall be well & truly Contented & paid or ordained to be paid in convenient time after my decease. Thirdly my will is that my deare & loving wife whome I make my whole executrix shall have peareable & quiet possession upon the Plantation wch here I now live, during her life

Fourthly my Will is that my eldest Son William Grimes shall be free at eighteene yeares of age at which time my Will is that my loving Wife shall deliver to him two Cowes & he shall have free Liberty to live & Plant upon

This -

This Plantation called Grimston, & after my wifes decease to have the full possession & enjoyment thereof from all p'sons whatsoever. Fifthly my Will is that my Son John Grimes shall be free at eighteene yeares of age & when he is twenty one yeares of age shall possess one hundred Acres of Land called Grimes Addition. Sixthly my will is that my Son James Grimes shall be free also at eighteene yeares of age & when he is at his age of twenty one shall possess the one halfe of the Land called by the name of Friends Choise

Lastly I desire that my loving friend Nicholas Shepheard may be an Assistant to my loving Wife Joyce Grimes to see this my last will & testament p'formed. In witnesse whereof I have set my hand & seale in Mary land one thousand six hundred seaventy six in the presence of these witnesses March 25th

William M Grimes his mark (sealed)

Henry Pierpoint
Joseph Winders his mark
Benjamin S Stringer his marke

And on the back side of the said Will was thus written viz

To the Honble the Chancellor these may Certifie This Will was by Joseph Winders & Benjamin Stringer proved in Common forme by their oaths before me on the 23d day of November 1676

Witness - Richard Hill

Code die The deposition of Isabella Hope & Martha Pipin taken this 15th of Jan: 1677 before me Henry Lewis declareth that Richard Bennitt late of Anne Arundell County -