436 — April the 25th 1742 Came John Spanow one of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within Will who being Duly Sworn on the Holy Evangelists Deposeth and Saith that he saw Solomon Spanow the Testator Sign & Seal and heard him Publish and Declare the within Writing as his Last Will and Testament and that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of this Deponents knowledge of Sound and Disposing mind & Memory

3/2 Sides — Sworn to before me D. Delany Comty

In the Name of God Amen I Benjamin Wheeler of Baltimore County in the Province of Maryland being Sick and Weak in Body but of Sound mind & Perfect Memory thanks be to Almighty God therefore do Ordain and make this my Last Will & Testament and Do the hereby Revoke Disanul and make Void all former and other Wills by me made Ratifying this and None other to be my Last Will & Testament Imprimis I bequeath my Soul to God that gave it me and my Body to be Decently Buried according to the discretion of my Exrs hereafter Named and for what part of my Worldly Estate which I am now Possessed with and that is Now in my hands & Power I do give and bequeath the same in Manner and form following

First I do give and bequeath unto the Only Proper Use and behoof of my Wife Elizabeth Wheeler During her Natural Life all my Negroe Goods & Chattles Whatsoever which I have Received to my Self and which is in my Possession after the Discharge and Compleyance of the several Deeds of Gift made to my Nine Children

Secondly I Will and Ordain that after the Death of my Wife Elizabeth all the Estate of Negroes Goods & Chattles that I now have shall be Equally Divided between my Nine Children Thomas Benjamin Ignatius & Leonard Wheeler Jane Butterworth Elizabeth Thomas Mary Wheeler Christy Colegate and Anna Wheeler to them their Heirs forever and I will that my Son Thomas Wheeler shall have his first Choice always in every Division of the said Estate

Thirdly I do give unto the Clergy that Buries me being a Roman Catholick Five pounds Curr.y Money of Maryland

Lastly I do Ordain Constitute & Appoint my Well Beloved Wife Elizabeth Wheeler Sole Executrix of this my Last Will & Testament and I do Ordain my Four Sons Viz.t Thomas Benjamin Ignatius & Leonard Wheeler to be and Assist her therein &c

In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and affixed my Seal this Seventh Day of September in the Year of Our Lord God one thousand Seven hundred & forty One

Signed Sealed Published and Declared to be his Last Will and Testament in the Presence of us who did See him Sign and Acknowledge the same in the Room whereof he then was

William Hunter
John Giles
Sarah Giles

Benj.a Wheeler (Seal)

On the Back of the aforegoing Will is thus Written Viz.t

William Hunter one of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within Will being Duly & Solemnly Sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God Deposeth & Saith that he saw the Testator Benjamin Wheeler sign the within Will and heard him Publish & Declare the same to be his Last Will & Testament that the time of his so doing he was to the best of his Apprehension of sound & Disposing mind and Memory and Sarah Giles one other of the Subscribing Witnesses being duly & Solemnly Sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God together with John Giles who being one of the People Called Quakers upon his Solemn (affirmation) Deposes and Say that they heard the Testator Declare the within Will to be his Last Will and Testament but did not see him Sign it that at the time of his so declaring it he was to the best of their Apprehension of sound and

437 — and Disposing mind Memory which Oaths & Affirmation were taken before me this 26th Day of Novem.r

5/2 . . . Anne, Dam.r 1741 — Tho.s White Dep.y Comty. Balt. County

In the Name of God Amen I Luke Wheeler of St. Marys County in the Province of Maryland being Weak & Weak of Body but of Sound & Perfect Memory and Considering the Uncertainty of this Transitory Life I do think it Meet and Convenient to Settle my Affairs for a better First and Principally I bequeath my Soul to Almighty God my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ by Whose Meritorious Death and Passion I hope to Enjoy Eternal Life, and my Body to the Earth to be Buried in such Decent Manner as my Exr hereafter shall think fitt and Convenient and for What Worldly Estate the Lord of his Mercy has Lent me I give and bequeath in Manner and Form following & do Appoint this to be my Last Will and Testament, Renouncing, Revoking & making Void, all other Will or Wills by me heretofore made Either Verbal or in Writing; and do Acknowledge and Appoint this to be my Last Will, and Testament

Imp.s I give & bequeath unto my Beloved Son Ignatius Wheeler the Plantation wherein I Now Live being part of Meadows Lower, being by Estimation two hundred & fifty Acres of Land be it more or less to him & his Heirs forever Only I Desire that my Loving Wife may have one half of the said Land and Plantation During her Natural Life

Item I give and bequeath unto my Son William Wheeler that part of the Planters Delight wherein Thomas Mitchell Lives being in Charles County as he Holds the same with said Land and Plantation to be and Remain unto him the said William Wheeler his Heirs and Assigns forever

Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Clement Wheeler that Land and Plantation wherein Joshua Lord Lives as it is Holden by him in Charles County being part of the Planters Delight the Name of the whole Tract which said Parcel of Land and Plantation to be and Remain to him the said Clement Wheeler his Heirs and Assigns for Ever

Item I give & bequeath unto my Son Raphael Wheeler all that Plantation wherein John Pilgour Lives in Charles County and the Lands as he Holds it being part of the Planters Delight with said Land and Plantation to be and Remain unto him the said Raphael Wheeler and his Heirs forever. and my Will is that if either of my said Sons William Clement or Raphael Wheeler should Dye without Issue that then the Devised part shall be and Remain unto my Son Bennett Wheeler & his Heirs forever, & if in case any two of my Last Mentioned four Sons, William, Clement Raphael and Bennett should Dye without Issue that the Whole Tract called the Planters Delight to be and Remain to the Two Survivours & their Heirs forever

Item my Will is that after all my just Debts are paid that One half of my Moveable Estate be and Remain unto my Beloved Wife & the other half to be Equally Divided between my Daughters

Lastly and for the fulfilling & Executing of this my Last Will and Testament I Appoint my Beloved Wife & Brother Wheeler whole & Sole Exr.s of this my Last Will and Testament Witness my hand and Seal this thirtieth Day of November One thousand Seven hundred forty & One

The words Brother Wheeler first in Page Sealing or Signing the said Will

Sealed Published & Delivered
In Presence of

Richard Cooper
Ignatius (his mark) Wheeler
Elizabeth (her mark) Cooper
James Thompson

his
Luke L Wheeler (Seal)
Mark

To the aforegoing Will is thus Written Viz.t

March the 3.d 1741. Then Richard Cooper Ignatius Cooper Elizabeth Cooper and James Thompson the Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing Will being Duly & Solemnly Sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God Depose and Say that they Saw the Testator Luke Wheeler Sign the foregoing Will and heard him Publish and Declare the same to be his Last Will and Testament that the