and the remaining Part of my real and Personal Estate I give and Bequeath to the Child my Wife now goes with to him or her and his or her heirs forever. and in case either of my said children should die before they be of age or without lawful Issue I give and Bequeath their Part to the Survivor to him or her and his or her heirs forever. Lastly I constitute & appoint my beloved Brother Thomas Wheeler and my beloved Wife Ann Executors and sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament — Leonard Wheeler (seal)

Signed Sealed published and declared to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us.

Robert Clark
Robert Clark Junr.
Mary Clark

} on the back of the foregoing Will was thus Written Viz.t January 30th 1747 Came Robert Clark Robert Clark Junr and Mary Clark and made oath on the holy Evangels of Almighty God that they saw the Testator sign the foregoing Will and heard him Publish and declare the same to be his last Will & Testament that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehension of sound and disposing mind and memory and that they subscribed their respective names to the said Will as Witnesses in the Presence of the said Testator and at his request.

Sworn to before me — Thos. White Commry Baltimore County

on the 30th day of January 1747 Personally appeared before me Ann Wheeler Widow to the deceased and declared she would take the third Part of her Husbands Estate and not abide by the Will — Thos. White Commry Baltimore County

Proved

In the Name of God Amen, I William Denton Senr. of Baltimore County in the Province of Maryland Planter being weak in Body but of sound disposing mind and memory (Blessed be God for the same) do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following. —

I commit my Soul unto the hands of God, who gave it and my Body to the Earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter mentioned and after the Payment of my Just debts and Funeral Charges and Legacys I give and bequeath my worldly Estate God hath bestowed upon me as follows Viz.t —

Impr.s It is my desire that the three Tracts of Land in my possession called and known by the Names of Batchelors Hope, Batchelors meadow, and Salt Peter neck lying and being in the County aforesaid and on the South side of Gunpowder River be equally divided into two Parts and that half Part or moiety of my said Lands I do give and Bequeath unto my Eldest Son William Denton it being the same place my Son William now lives on for and during his natural Life and after his decease I give and Bequeath the same unto my Grandson James Denton and his Male heirs lawfully begotten and failing such heirs unto his Brother William Denton and his lawful heirs which failing its my desire that if my Son William Denton should have any Sons by his present Wife that the half Part of my Lands aforesaid should descend unto the eldest and he dying without lawful heirs to descend unto my said Son William Dentons daughter and unto her heirs and assigns forever.

Item. It is my desire that my Son John Denton should enjoy the one half or other part or moiety of my three tracts of Land aforesaid when equally divided into two Parts being the place my said Son John Denton now lives upon and lying on Gunpowder River being the Easternmost part of my Lands aforesaid for and during his natural Life and after my said Son John dies I give and bequeath the same unto his eldest Son John Denton and his heirs lawfully begotten which failing I give and Bequeath the same unto the next Son my said Son John Denton should have and if my said Son John Denton should have no more sons then it is my desire the said Land should descend unto my said Son Johns Eldest daughter named Priscilla Denton and to her heirs or assigns forever. —

Item. It is my desire that in case my Sons William and John should die before their Wives that they their said Wives should be intitled to live upon one third part of the Lands my said Son lived upon without Committing any waste for and during their natural lives without any trouble from the respective heirs. —

Item. I give unto my Grand daughter Rachel Bevans the Sum of twenty Pounds current money out of my Personal Estate and also the sum of thirty Pounds like money which is in my hands of her deceased mother my daughter Rachel which two Sums amounts unto the Sum of Fifty Pounds to the said Rachel Bevans and her assigns forever. —

Item. I give and Bequeath unto my Grandson Abraham Andrews the Sum of one Shill.g current money and no more out of my Estate. —