

## 1744 Will of James Hungerford

(Liber 23, folio 635-637)

*In the Name of God Amen*

*I James Hungerford of Calvert County in the province of Maryland, being now in health and perfect senses and memory, and calling to mind the uncertainty of this life do make this my last will and testament revoking all former wills by me made in any manner and form following. Vizte ~*

*Item. I give and bequeath unto my son Edmund One negro Girl named Rose, and all her increase to him and his lawful heirs for Ever, and likewise I give to my said son a desk called mine and a hand mill.*

*Item. I give unto my daughter Jane One negro Girl named Bess and all her increase to her and to her lawful heirs for Ever. And Likewise I Give to my said Daughter Twenty pounds Sterling money to be paid to her at the age of sixteem on the day of marriage to which shall happen First~*

*Item. I give and Bequeath unto my beloved Wife a third part of the remainder of my Personal Estate and the remainder Two Parts to be equally Divided between my two Children Edmund and Jane to them [p.636>] and their lawful Issue, for Ever. And in case Either of my said Children dies Without Lawful Issue then the above said part of Estate I have Given to fall to the survivor of them and in case both my said Children Dies without Lawful Issue then the aforementioned Negroe Rose I Give to my Nephew James Hungerford to him and his his heirs for Ever, and Likewise I give the above mentioned negro Girl named Before to Elizabeth Claire, Daughter of my sister Hannah Claire, to her and her and her heirs for Ever. Another remainder of my above mentioned Estate give to my above said Children, if they Should die without Lawful Issue as above said my will is the said Estate should be equally Divided between my two nephews James Clare and James Hungerford to them and their heirs Forever....*

*I do Constitute and appoint my Beloved wife Executrix of this my last will and testament and in case my said Wife dies before she completes her Executrixship or Likewise before my Chidren comes of age to receive their Estate, then my will is that my two Brothers Benjamin Hungerford and Edward Hungerford to be Trustees to take my above said Children and teir whole estate into their posession to Improve it in the Best Manner they can till my said Children come to*

age to receive it from them. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this Tenth day of July 1744

James Hungerford {seal}

*Signed Sealed and Awknowledged'*

*in the presence of us'*

*John Clare*

*William Forde*

*Robert Greaves, Junr.*

*On the Back of the aforegoing Will in this matter Vizt~*

*Calvert County, pt December 3rd 1744 Came John Clare and Robert Greaves Junr. Two of the Said Witnesses to the above Will and made Oath on the Holy Evangeles [p.637>] of Almighty God that they saw the Testator James Hungerford sign seal and awknowledge the within Instrument...*

*Gabriel Parker, Deputy  
Commissioner, Calvert County*