

## 1770 Will of Mary Clare

(MD Wills; Liber 40, folio 187)

***IN the name of God amen I Mary Clare** of Calvert County in the Province of Maryland being sick and weak in Body but of sound and perfect mind, memory and senses (thanks be to God) as touching my worldly state do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manor and form following,*

***Imprimus** I give and bequeath to my son John Clare one negro boy named Nero and one Desk. **Item** I give and bequeath to my daughter Susanna Clare one negro Girl named Juda, one large Trunk two silver spoons and one gold ring.*

***Item** I give and bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth Clare one Negro Boy named Jarah, one small Trunk and five dressing boxes and Pincushion, Three Broadiers, one pair of Brister stone Buttons and two large silver spoons.*

***Item** Also I give and bequeath to my two Daughters above mentioned Susanah and Elizabeth Clare, one negro boy named Macy to be equally divided between them in case neither of my negroe wenches Hannah and Jenny should not have a child before the aforesaid Susanna and Elizabeth Clare arrive at the age of Sixteen Years but if either of the aforesaid Wenches Hannah and Jenny should have a child and it lives then my Daughter Elizabeth is to have it & my daughter Susannah to have the aforesaid negro boy Macy.*

***And** my will and desire is that if either of my children die without Heirs of their own Body lawfully begotten them, his or her part or portion (in this will bequeathed) to descend to be equally divided between the other two Survivors and if they all die without heirs aforesaid then my Will is that the whole of their Portions shall descend and be equally divided amongst the Children of brother David Hellenn:*

***Lastly** I appoint Isaac Clare whole & sole Executor of this my Last Will & Testament*

*In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 11th of October 1770.*

Mary Clare (her mark)

*Signed sealed Published and Declared  
by the abovesaid Mary Clare for her Last  
Will Testament in the presence of---*

*Danl. Rawlings Junr.*

*Sarah Allen (her mark)*

*On the back of the foregoing Will was this written  
Viz.*

*Calvert County S.S. Oct 29th 1774, Then came Danl. Rawlings Junr. And Sarah Allen the two surviving witnesses to the written last will and testament of Mary Clare late of Calvert County deceased and severally made oath on the Holy Evangelides of almighty God that they did see the testator therein named sign and seal this will...*

*Certified by Willm. Fitzhugh  
Commissary Gen.*