

# WILL OF CHARLES WHITELOCK OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND 1752

In the Name of God Amen ye 20<sup>th</sup> Day of February in the year of our Lord God 1752 I Charles Whitelock of Cysel County and provence of Maryland being very Sick & weak in body; but of perfect mind and Memory thanks be given to God, therefore calling into mind the Mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed for all Men once to die Do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it and for my Body I recommend it to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like and decent Manner at the Disposition of my Executors nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the Same again by the mighty Power of God, and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless in this Life I give devise and dispose of the Same in the following manner and form.

Imprimis I give and bequeath to Jane my well beloved wife to whom I likewise constitute and make and ordain my only and sole Exector of this may last Will and Testament all my Plantation goods and Chattles by her freely to be possessed and injoyd and is to take care of the young children - Item I give to James my well beloved Son his hors and my saddle and a footage and hand Saw and my Crosscut Saw and the third of all he rases this ensuing year to School him - Item Likewise Edward my well beloved son I allow to Stay withe his Mother ye Just and full tearam of five years and he is to have his one calf and at the tearam of five years to have a tr..d at his one disposal - and I do hereby uttley dissalow Revoke & Disannul; all and Evry and evry other former testaments, Wills and Legacies Requests and Executors by me in evry ways before this time willed and Bequeathed Ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof have here unto I set my hand and Seal the Day and year above written

Charles Whitelock

Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the said as his Last Will and Testament in the Presence of us the subscribers viz

William Welsh

and

Cecil County .. June 13<sup>th</sup> 1778

John Welsh

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Then came Andrew Welsh and made Oath on the holy Evangels of Almighty God that he is well acquainted with the hand writing of John Welsh his father and that hand writing here subscribed appears to him to be the hand writing of the said John Welsh and that he is since deceased.  
Sworn before David Smith Reg.th

Cecil County June 13<sup>th</sup> 1778 then came Jean Crommey alias Whitelock and made oath on the

holy Evangels of Almighty God that the within Instrument of writing is the ture and whole will and Testament of Charles Whitelock late of said County deceased that hath come to her hands or Possession and that she Doth not know of any other

Sworn before David Smith Reg'r

Cecil County June 13<sup>th</sup> 1778 then came William Welsh one of the Subscribing Witnesses of the within last Will and Testament of Charles Whitelock late of said County deceased and made Oath on the holy Evangels of Almighty God that he did see the Testator therein named Sign and Seal this Will and that he heard him publish pronounce and declare the Same to be his last Will and Testament that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of his Apprehension of sound and disposing memory and understanding and that he and John Welsh the other Subscribing Witness reflectively subscribed their Names as witnesses to this will in the Presence and at the Request of the Testator and in the Presence of Each other

Sworn before David Smith Reg'r

the aforegoing last will of Charles Whitelock late of Cecil County deceased with the Probates thereon endorsed were recorded this 9<sup>th</sup> day of July and examined by David Smith Reg'r

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This Charles Whitelock is shown on our WHITLOCK57 chart The Whitelocks of Yorkshire and Delaware. He was born about 1705 and his will was written in 1752. The Will was not probated until 1778, by which time his widow Jane (Jean) (Welsh) Whitelock was now Mrs. Crommey. There appear to have been at least three children, Charles, James and Edward. We have information on Charles and James but nothing on Edward and he may have died young.

The Deed transferring the Land called Merrymount to Charles Whitelock Junior is also dated June 13 1778 and gives us a clue to why the above documents were prepared. Jean Crommey was transferring this plantation to her son Charles Whitelock and needed to prove the that the estate had come into her possession by the death of her first husband, Charles Whitelock Senior. There is nothing that indicates when Charles Whitelock Senior died and it might have been as late as 1767.

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