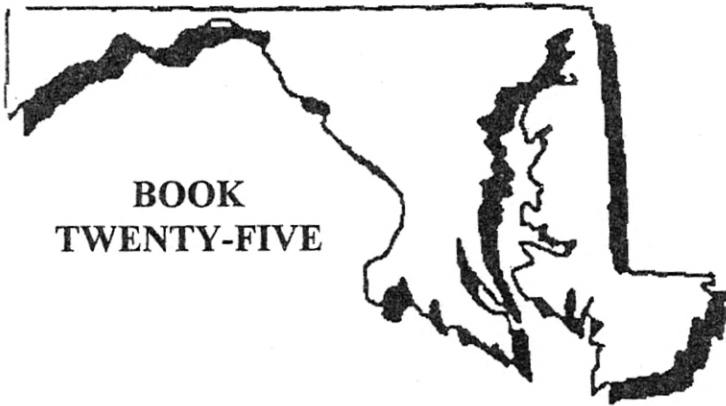




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the furniture, and named his brother David Ricketts, and his wife's brother William Ward as Executors. The will of Susannah Ward of Cecil County, widow and relict of John Ward, deceased, was dated August 1, 1748 and probated November 29, 1748. She names her son William Ward as Executor, and left specific bequests to each of her three daughters and two sons, including Rachel Ricketts, who received slaves.

**Thomas Ricketts  
died 1773**

Thomas left a will in Cecil County dated March 18, 1773 and probated April 13, 1773. No wife was mentioned, but her name was reported as Mary in the marriage record of her daughter Ann. In his will Thomas named his children, and one granddaughter:

1. John Ricketts, received land and thirty pounds.
2. David Ricketts, received land, a Negro man Jack, and thirty pounds.
3. Benjamin Ricketts, named Executor, and received land, the Negro boy Sam, and Hannah's twin children, David and Bess. Also received the Elk Mill Saw Mill and the rest of the estate.
4. Ann Ricketts, deceased, married to Rutter, and had children; who received the Negro girl Poll and ten pounds. Ann was married in Cecil County January 15, 1752 to Moses Rutter, and the record states that she was the daughter of Thomas and Mary Ricketts.
5. Elizabeth Ricketts, married to Rankey, received the Negro wench Hannah. At least one child:
  - a. Nancy Rankey, received the Negro girl Rachel.

There were only two probate records found in Kent County, including:

**Elizabeth Ricketts  
died 1745**

Elizabeth left a will in Kent County dated March 15, 1742/43 and probated August 5, 1745. She was apparently a widow, and