

**350.**

In view of this section and of section 353, where there is no evidence that the witnesses to a will were dead at the time of the testator's death or that they died a short time thereafter, and the will is not probated for more than eleven years after the testator's death, the policy of the law requires, in order to establish the execution of the will, more than the proof by a witness, who is the executor and practically the sole beneficiary under the will, of the signature of the testator and the attesting witnesses, particularly when the will has been destroyed by fire and a copy is offered for probate. *Tinnan v. Fitzpatrick*, 120 Md. 348.

**353.**

The attestation clause is itself *prima facie* evidence of the facts therein recited. This section referred to in construing section 323—see notes thereto. *Conrades v. Heller*, 119 Md. 461.

See notes to section 350.