John Harris James Wood and Benj: Hatton subscribing Witnesses to the within Will and made oath on the holy Evangelists that they saw John Mackey the Testator sign seal Publish and declare the same to be his Last Will and Testament and that at the time of his Judgment he was to the best of their apprehension of sound and disposing mind and memory and that they subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the Presence of the Testator and at his Request

Sworn before Walter Hanson Dep. Comy

Maryland ss. In the Name of God Amen the Fourteenth day of June in the year of our Lord God one thousand Seven hundred and forty seven I James Downing of Prince George County being very sick and weak in Body but of Perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God therefore calling unto mind the uncertainty of this Life 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 & Recommend my Soul into the hands of almighty 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 discretion of my Executrix 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 me in this Life I give bequeath & dispose of the same in the manner and form following. Impriminis I give and bequeath unto my well beloved Son James Downing Seventy one acres of Land part of a tract called Doublin lying on the Sapling branch to him and his heirs forever. Likewise give and bequeath all the Rest of my Land or Tract of Land unto my said Son James Downing to him and his heirs forever after the decease of my loving Wife Ann Downing provided he shall pay unto my other three Sons to wit Henry Downing two thousand Pounds of Tobo. when he the sd. Henry Downing shall come to the age of Twenty one years but if default be made in the Payment of the said two Thousand Pounds of Tobacco then the sd. Henry Downing shall possess and have a free and clear Title to his equal share of all my Lands and further that the said James Downing shall Pay unto John Downing and Nathaniel Downing the Quantity of two Thousand Pounds of Tobacco each when the said John Downing and Nathaniel Downing shall come to the age of Twenty one years and if default be made in the Payment

of the said Tobacco then the said John Downing and Nathaniel Downing to possess and have a free and clear title to their equal share of Land to the said Henry Downing, John Downing and Nathaniel Downing to them and their heirs for ever.

Impris. I give and bequeath unto my dearly beloved wife Ann Downing whom I receive my sole and whole Executrix all and singular my Personal Estate what soever during her natural Life viz. all my household goods or utensils Cattle horses and Mares, Implements Utensils, moveables together with all debts dues demands and Tobacco whatsoever owe ing and requiring her the said Ann to pay what debts is owing from me to any Person or Persons whatsoever but if my loving wife Ann Downing shall marry or alter her condition after my decease with another man then I will that every one of my loving children have their due and equal share of what my Personal Estate shall be appraised unto or Demand and I hereby utterly disallow revoke and disannul all and every other Former Testaments Wills and Legacy, Requests and Executors by me in any wise before this time named Willed & Bequeathed ratifying & confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament & Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal the day & year above written.

Signed sealed and delivered to be the last Will & Testament of James Downing in the Presence of

James Downing (Seal)

Richard Marlow
Josiah Wynn
Richard Blew

} on the back of the foregoing Will was this written Viz. May the 12th 1748 Then came Richard Marlow, Josiah Wynn, and Richard Blew three subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing Will and being duly sworn on the holy Evangelists of almighty God declare and say the said James Downing the Deceased Testator sign the foregoing Will and heard him Publish and declare the same to be his last Will & Testament and at the time of his Judging he was of sound and disposing memory to the best of their apprehension and in his Presence and at his Request the subscribed the same as witnesses, Sworn before Peter Dent Comy of Prince Gis. County

May the 12th 1748. Then came Mrs. Ann Downing Widow and Executrix of the dec.d and made her Election which is to abide to the service contained within this Will of the said deceased James Downing before Witnesses Peter Dent Comy of Mr. Gis. County