Testament in Witness Whereof I have hereunto Sett my Hand and affixed my Seal this Twenty fifth day of July Anno Domini One Thousand Seven Hundred and fifty three.

Signed Sealed & delivered in the Presence of us who at the Express Request of the Testator have Subscribed our Names as Witnesses. Richard Smith — Hutcheson Parker, Rervey (his mark) Freeman.

John Smith of St Leonard (Seal)

Calvert County March the 20th 1754 Came Richd Smith and Thirsey Freeman Subscribing Witness to the within Will being duly & Solemnly Sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God depose & Say that they Saw the Testator John Smith of St Leon. Sign the within Will & heard him publish 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 their Apprehension of Sound disposing Mind & Memory & that they Signed their respective Names as Witnesses to the within Will in the Presence of the Testator & at his Request they further Swear that they Saw Hutcheson Parker Sign the within Will in the Presence of the Testator & at his Request. Sworn before

Clem. Smith Dep. Clk Cou.
Calvert County

Calvert County March the 20th 1754 Came Young Parran & being Sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God Depose & Say that the Testator John Smith of St Leon. delivered the within Will into his Hands Sealed Up in a Paper & told him it was his last Will Testament & desired him to take Care of it.

Sworn before

Clem. Smith Dep. Clk
Calvert County

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Calvert County ss. — In the Name of God Amen James Duke of Calvert County in the Province of Maryland being in Sickness and not knowing how it will please God to dispose of me for Life or Death but wholly Submitting myself to his blessed Will and humbly with hearty Sorrow for my Sins recommending my Soul to the Hands of my Gracious God trusting for Salvation by and through the Merits of the Death and Passion of my Lord and only Saviour Jesus Christ as touching my Worldly Estate do make this my last Will & Testament as followeth — I do hereby Revoke in the first Place all or any Will or Wills whatsoever heretofore made by me First my Will is that all my Just Debts be paid by my Exec. — Item I give to my Son James Duke all that Piece or Parcell of Land where he now lives being part of a Tract of Land Called Brook Place Manor to him and his

Heirs for ever together with all Houshold Stuff of what Sort soever being thereupon. Likewise give and bequeath unto my Said Son James the following Negroes To Wit a Negro Wench named Tamar and the Three Children of her Body now living and my Negro Wench named Hagar and her Daughter but in Case he should die without Issue my Will then is that that all and every part of the abovementioned Estate be Equally divided between my Sons John Leonard ~~and~~ Basil and Andrew and the abovementioned Articles Will shall not be Appraised. Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Benjamin that Water Mill at the Head of Battle Creek known by the Name of Dukes Mill and all the Appurtenances thereunto belonging I likewise give unto him a Negro Girl named now in his Possession this being all that I bequeath unto him. Item I give unto my Daughter Martha Mackall Son Head of Young Cattle this being the Whole of what I bequeath unto her. I also give unto my Son Leonard my Whole Set of Blacksmith's Tools that I Sent for in & Will if they be not Appraised. Likewise give and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary Hellen Son Head of Young Cattle and Ten head of Hogs this being the Whole of what I bequeath unto her. And after that my Whole Estate down here has been Appraised and my Wife has had her third Part thereof I Will that the Two Remaining Parts be Equally divided between my four Sons John Leonard Basil and Andrew. And I do hereby Appoint my Son James Duke to be the Sole Executor of this my last Will & Testament and Will that he take Care to See my Just Debts paid and that he See me buried in a Christian like Manner and I have to this my last Will & Testament put my Hand and Seal this 6th Day of February 1754

Signed Sealed and delivered in the Presence of.

Thos Johnson
Samle Parran
Wm Hilhouse

Jas Duke (Seal)

On the Back of the foregoing Will was Thus Written

March the 20th 1754: Came Easter Duke Widow of the Deceased & declared that she would not Stand to this afore going Will. Clem. Smith Dep. Commd
Calvert County