On the back of the aforegoing Will was thus written Viz.

Saint Marys County (to wit) On the Twenty ninth day of November Seventeen hundred and Seventy Four came Timothy Bowes, Bennet Ryley & Robert Ford the three Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will & Testament of Bennet Medley deceased and made oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they did See Bennet Medley the Testator therein named Sign and Seal this Will and heard him publish and declare the same to be his Last Will & Testament and that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their and each of their Apprehensions of perfect Sense and of sound and disposing mind memory and Understanding and that they respectively signed their names as Witnesses to this Will in the presence and at the Request of the said Testator and in the presence of each other.

(5 Sides) **Sworn** before and Certified by

J. A. Thomas Dy Commy St. Marys County

In the name of God amen I Edward Spalding of St. Marys County

being weak of Body, but of sound Memory (Blessed be God) do this day the Twenty eighth of October one thousand seven hundred and Seventy four made and publish this my Last Will and Testament in manner following.

First I bequeath my two negroe Children (viz) Mathew and Rose) to be sold and the money to pay what Rows, and what ever money is over what pays my debts, that the two said Negroes Sells for I devise it to be put to Interest. Also a mare and young horse, Colt Seven head of Cattle, nine head of Sheep, and twelve head of hogs, and five Iron Potts, Five puter Basons, fourteen puter plates, and two puter dishes, and four Beds and Furniture, Two Chests, an old Chest of drawers, and a wooden Safe and eight Chairs, every Article of the above mentioned Effects Give and bequeath to my Loving wife Ann Spalding during her single life, and if she sees it convenient to marry again then the said Goods and Chattles I devise to be divided among my four Children, Winifred Mary, Teresia and Ann Spalding out of the Sd. Effects. Give first Thirty Shillings Common Currt more to my daughter Winifred and then the rest of my Effects to be equally divided among all my Children, I make and order my Loving wife Sole Executrix with Joseph Saint Executor of this my Last Will and Testament for the Intents and Purposes of this my Will contained.

Edward Spalding Junr. (Seal)

Acknowledged in the Presence of us who were present at the Signing and Sealing thereof.

Clement Power
William his mark + More
Edward his mark T. Power

On the back of the aforegoing Will was thus written, Viz.

Saint Marys County (to wit).

On the fifth day of December Seventeen hundred and Seventy four came Clement Power and William More two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within Last Will & Testament of Edward Spalding deceased and made oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they did See Edward Spalding the Testator therein named Sign & Seal this Will & heard him Publish and declare the same to be his Last Will & Testament and that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their and each of their Understandings of perfect Sense and of

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Sound & disposing mind memory & Understanding and that they respectively Subscribed their names as Witnesses to this Will in the Presence and at the Request of the Testator & in the Presence of each other. And that they did see Edward Power the other Subscribing Witness sign his name hereto as a Witness in the Presence & at the Request of the said Testator.

(3 1/2 Sides) **Sworn** before & certified by

J. A. Thomas Dy Commy St. Marys County.

Sir

Be pleased to take notice that I do not stand to the Will of my deceased husband Edward Spalding.

5th December 1774 Jam Mrs & Anne Spalding

To John Allen Thomas Dy Commy St. Marys County.

In the name of God amen I Esther Downs of Worcester County in the Province of Maryland

being in a Sick and low condition as to health but in perfect mind and memory do make ordain and appoint the following writing as my Last Will and Testament viz.

Imprimis I give and bequeath unto Sarah Downs a negro Girl called Lucy with her Increase to her & her Heirs forever.

Item I give unto my Sister Mary Martin Six pound in cash.

Item it is my devise that the remaining part of my Estate be equally devided between my Sister (in Law) Betty Downs and her Children In Testimoney whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixt my Seal this 21st day of April Anno Dom. one thousand Seven hundred & Sixty eight.

Signed Sealed Acknowledged Published Pronounced and declared by the said Esther Downs to be her last will & Testament in presence of . . . . . Esther Downs (Seal)

James Martin
Mary Martin } Jurat 25th Novr 1774.

On the foot of the aforegoing Will was thus written Viz.

November 25th 1774. Then came James Martin and Mary Martin the Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing Will and made oath on the Holy Evangelis of Almighty God that they saw Esther Downs the Testatrix Sign Seal and heard her publish pronounce and declare the same to be her Last Will and Testament and that at the time of her so doing she was to the best of their Apprehension of a sound and disposing mind and memory and that they Subscribed their names as witnesses to said will in the presence of the Testatrix and at her Request.

(2 1/2 Sides) **Certified** by

Benton Harris Dep. Commissary of Wor. County.