time of his so doing he was to the best of their Apprehensions of Sound and Disposing Mind and Memory, and that they did Subscribe their respective names as Witnesses to the Said Will in the presence of the Said Testator and at his request. —

Sworn to, before Th Wright Dep Clerk

Queen Ann's County Sc. In the name of God Amen

this Sixteenth day of March in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Six I Hynson Downes of Queen Ann's County in the Province of Maryland being old and weak of Body, but of Sound and Disposing Mind & Memory, do make & Ordain this my last Will and Testament in Manner & form following that is to Say, First and Principally I commend my Soul into the Hands of Almighty God my Creator and my Body I commit to the Ground to be decently buried at the Discretion of my Executor & Executrix hereafter named, and all such temporal Estate, which it hath pleased God to bestow upon me I give and bequeath in manner and form following. And first I will that all my just Debts and funeral Charges be paid and Discharged. —

Imprimis I give and bequeath unto my Son James Downes to him and his Heirs forever my now Dwelling Plantation and the Land Belonging thereto called Shord Ditch containing One Hundred and fifty Acres more or less with one Negro Woman named Jane and my new Mahogany Desk with what I have already given him in full for his part of my Estate.

Item I give and bequeath to my Son Hynson Downes Fifty four Acres of Land adjoining to the Land called Shore Ditch bequeathed to my Son James as also that part of two Tracts of Land called Nibbs Range & Denwick containing Fifty Acres more or Less, being the Land I bought of William Jones to him and his Heirs forever, as likewise a Negroe Boy named Daniel after his Mothers Decease, with what I have already given him in full for his part of my Estate. —

Item, I give and bequeath to my Daughter Ann Hynson Callaghan, one negroe woman named Rachel with her Son Isaac to her and her Heirs forever

Item, I give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary Start One Negroe Wench named Lyd together with her child named Kate to her and her Heirs forever

Item, I give and bequeath to my Daughter Esther Denny all that part of a Tract or Parcel of Land called Shore Ditch Enlarged beginning at the end of the East North East Line and running North Sixteen Degrees, fifty two Fifty two Minutes West Thirty One Perches, then West South West, — Two Hundred and Eighty five Perches to the Division Line of John Vanderford and James Wrenches Land, then with that Line Strait

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across to Hemsley's Park containing Fifty Acres be the Same or Less — 377 — together with a Negroe Wench named Daphney, with what I have already given her in full for her part of my Estate, to her & her Heirs forever.

Item, I give and bequeath to my Son John all the remainder of the aforesaid Tract or Parcel of Land called Shore ditch enlarged, to him and his Heirs forever as likewise a Negroe called Jerry, and after his Mothers Decease another Negroe called Charles, in full for his part of my Estate. —

Item, I give and bequeath to my Daughter Sarah George, One Negroe Girl named Priss to her and her Heirs forever.

Item, I give and bequeath to my Daughter Hannah Downes, a Negroe Boy Jacob to her and her Heirs forever.

Item, I give and bequeath to my Son George Downes, a Negroe boy named Perry and a Negroe Girl named Esther to him and his Heirs forever.

Item, I give and bequeath to my Daughter Anna, One Negroe Boy, named Phill, and a Negroe Girl named Tilly, to her and her Heirs forever.

Item, I give and bequeath to my Grandson William, the Son of Hynson Downes One Negro Boy named Joe to him and his Heirs forever. —

Item, I give and bequeath to my loving Children, hereafter mentioned, after my wifes third are Deducted, Viz. Ann Hynson Callagan, Mary Start, Sarah George, Hannah Downes and Anna Downes all the remaining part of my personal Estate not already bequeathed, to be equally Divided betwixt them

Lastly I Constitute and appoint my loving Wife and Son George my whole and Sole Executrix and Executor of this my last Will and Testament, revoking and Disannulling all former Wills by me heretofore made. —

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto Set my Hand and Seal the Day and Year above written. —

Signed, Sealed, Pronounced, published and Declared by the Testator as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us

John Callaghane,
James his ✝ mark Barkett
S. Hunn. —

Hynson Downes (Seal)

At the foot of the foregoing Will was thus (Written Viz.)

Queen Ann's County Sc. the 16th Day of December 1776. John Callaghane, James Barkett and Samuel Hunn the Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing Will being duly and Solemnly sworn on the Holy Evangells of Almighty God, do depose and Say that they Saw the Testator Hynson Downes sign the Same that they heard him publish and declare it to be his last Will and Testament, that at the time of his So doing he was to the best of their Apprehensions of Sound and disposing mind & Memory and that they did Subscribe their respective names as Witnesses to the Same Will in the presence of the Said Testator and at his request

before Th Wright Dep Clerk