

In the name of God amen. I James Downing of the County of Isle of Wight, being weak and infirm, though of Sound mind & memory, Thanks be to Almighty God, do make and ordain this my last will and Testament, In manner and form as follows, first I leave to be sold a piece of Land lying on the east side of Black water Road, adjoining Armstrong Edwards line, to the land of William Whitley, then by a line of marked Trees in Easter Michael line to Broad water Road, then bound by the two Roads, before mentioned, containing about one hundred Acres, which may be sold at Public or private Sale, as my executor hereafter to be named may think proper. The money arising from such Sale to be applied to the payment of my just Debts, and the deficiency if any, to be made up in bond, which I leave in the house for collection. Item I Give to Sally Wills Daughter of Good Emanuel Wills, one Negro Boy named Teagle at the death of my Mother, also a negro Girl Eloy, should she be allotted to me in this division.

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Meador provided he lives to the age of twenty one years in many
 the land whereon I now live, together with the land adjoining it
 which I purchased of Elizabeth Jones, one of the Heirs of John
 Michael, each lying between broad & Black water Road, and
 containing about two hundred and fifty Acre, I also give unto
 the said James Meador if he lives to twenty one years all
 my Right to my Mothers Dower in the Negroes, which I have
 not already disposed of, with a residue of my estate, all & every
 kind whatsoever remaining at the death of my Mother &
 not other ways disposed of. I father desire after the death of
 my Mother, that James Meador may be Schooled & out of
 the profits of my estate, provided his father will let him be
 Schooled under the direction of my executor, but should the said
 James Meador die without lawful issue or before he comes of age,
 I then give unto the said

I then give in the following manner, to wit, I give to Sally Wills
all my land before mentioned with all and singular the Appurtenances
thereto belonging to her & her heirs forever, and the residue of my
personal estate, given to James Meador, in case of his death to be
equally divided between Mills T. Wills and John T. Wills to them
and their heirs forever, Also, I give to Edwin M. Edwards provided
he live to the age of twenty one years, one thousand Dollars to be paid
out of the profits of my estate. I do hereby Appoint General
Emmanuel Pills Sole executor of this my last will and Testa-
ment In Witness whereof I have hereunto Affixed my
hand and Seal, this Seventeenth day of February in the year
of our Lord Christ One Thousand Eight hundred and four

Witness my hand
at New York

James Dunnington

hundred and forty two, bounded as follows beginning at a sapling
being Moody's & Downings old corner then up the branch to a large
Pine on the side of the Road near the fork that leads to the Court House
then by a straight line to Sounding Hill. Thence bounded by the land of
William Whitley, John Edward, John Moody and Joseph Moody to the
first Station, provided Nevertheless he the said Moody shall comply,
with the following agreement To wit, by paying Twelve Shillings an
Acre in the following payments, one hundred to be paid at giving the de-
ed one hundred in August next and the balance next Christmas, otherwise
I do empower my executor to sell the above land, agreeable to the above
payments, at private or public sale as he may think proper. In witness
whereof I have hereunto affixed my hand & Seal the day & date above
mentioned

James Downing Sr

Signed Sealed & delivered

In presence of

Isaac Moody &

Mills F. Wills

At a Court held for Isle of Wight County the 2^d day
April 1804 This Will was presented into Court by Emanuel Wells
the executor therein named who made oath thereto according
to Law, and the same being proved by the oaths of Isaac Moody, Mills
F. Wills and Joseph Moody the witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded
and on the motion of said executor who together with William Jordan
his Security entered into and acknowledged their bond in the
sum of five Thousand Dollars with condition as therein expressed
Certificate is granted him for obtaining a probat thereof in due
form of Law —