

In the name of God Amen March the 2 Day 1748

The Last will & testament of William Downingport of Parish
of St Charles White Chapel in the County of Lancaster in Virginia this
being at this time in good and sound memory pleased to to God now
and appoint this to be my Last Will and Testament -

I do bequeath my soul to almighty God who gave it me and
my body to be buried in decent manner as my Executors shall think
fit first my will is that all my just and honest debts and funeral
charges be paid and discharged

I give unto my two Sons John Downingport and William Downingport all
my Land in Richmond County to be equally divided & taken from
and their heirs Lawfully be gotten of their bodies and if in case
one or one of them shall die before they arrive to such heirs
will is that the Survivors shall have the whole tracts of Land
before mentioned

I give unto my younger Son Wood Downingport my now dwelling
plantation and the Land belonging to it clear or less to him and his
heirs Lawfully be gotten of his body and if in case my Son Wood
Downingport should die with out such heirs my will is that the
Child my beloved wife now goes with should have the said plantation
and Land aforesaid and the Lawfull ~~of that~~ heirs of that

my will is if all the Remoaning part of my Estate may be appraised
in money by good understanding men such as the worshipful Court may
think fit

My will and desire is if my Loving wife Rachel Downingport shall
survive me that her Estate Remains in her hands during the time of her
widowhood: my will is if any Sons shall be born out to some trade
as my Executors hereafter named shall think convenient -
and lastly I do authorize my Loving wife Rachel Downingport to be
joyned & live with my Loving Brothers George Downingport and
fortimathost Downingport Executors of this my Last will and now
Acknowledge this to be my Last will and testament
Signed and sealed in the
presence of us

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John Davenport

William Payne

James Wood
Rachel Wood

At a Court held for Lancaster County the 9 day of July
anno Dom 1716 This was proved to be the Last will & testament
of John Davenport by 3 witnesses, to wit, Rachel Davenport & George
Davenport surviving & by 3 witnesses to wit, William Payne, Rachel
Wood & James Wood & it is ordered to be recorded as recorded
Wood Witness thereto & it is ordered to be recorded as recorded
H. W. D. M. C. H. C.