In the name of God Amen.

The 22nd day of February Anno Domini 1736, I **HENRY DRAPER** of the county of Sussex upon Delaware, yeoman, being weak and sick of body but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given unto God therefore, calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make & ordain this my last will and testament, that is to say:

PRINCIPALLY AND FIRST OF ALL I give and recommend my soul unto the hands of God who gave it hoping in the general Resurrection to receive the same again by the mighty power of God and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried at the discretion of my executrix, hereafter named. And as touching such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give, demise, and dispose of the same in Manor and form following:

IMPRIMIS I will and desire that my lawful debts and funeral charges be first paid and discharged.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my sons **HENRY** [**DRAPER**] and **ISAAC DRAPER** all my Plantation and land belonging to it, that I live upon, and 57 Acres of land that I bought from **LUKE DAVIS**, my neighbor, which joins to it and the little marsh pasture to be equally divided between them their heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM I give unto my said Son **HENRY DRAPER** his heirs, and assigns forever, one feather bed and furniture that is all covering necessary and that I have laid out towards his vessel or sloop that in that is building, except the paying for the Oakum tar and boat nails.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my son **ISAAC DRAPER** his heirs, and assigns, forever the son of £20 current money of America and one feather bed, furniture and covering.

ITEM my will and desire is that my said two sons **HENRY** [**DRAPER**] and **ISAAC DRAPER** payoff and discharge the land mortgage to the land office of this County for the land I have given to them.

ITEM I devise and bequeath unto my son **AVERY DRAPER** 308 acres of land called Cabin Hill in Slaughter's Neck in the County aforesaid £40 current money of America, one feather bed, furniture and a yoke of oxen to him, his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM I give unto my three sons aforesaid, viz: **HENRY** [**DRAPER**], **ISAAC** [**DRAPER**] and **AVERY DRAPER** all my marsh Land not yet bequeathed to be equally divided amongst them their heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM I give unto my daughter-in-law **REBECKAH CIRWITHIN** a three year old heifer with her increase to her heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM I give unto my two daughters, viz: **SARAH** [**DRAPER**] **DAVIS** the wife of **THOMAS DAVIS** of this county, yeoman, and my daughter **ELIZABETH DRAPER** and the heirs of their body lawfully begotten the half of my movable estate to be equally divided between them only my daughter **SARAH** shall allow her sister **ELIZABETH** aforesaid as much as she had given her at her marriage which £15 current money of America before the said division be made and then the said moiety to be equally divided as aforesaid.

ITEM I give unto my loving wife **SARAH DRAPER** the third of all my lands and Tenements according to law and the other moiety or half of my movable estate and the House I live in during her widowhood and at her marriage if ever she does what I have given her over and above her third I desire at her marriage may be given to her two daughters aforesaid viz, **SARAH DAVIS** and **ELIZABETH DRAPER** to be equally divided between them and the heirs of their body lawfully begotten.

And I hereby constitute and appoint my said loving wife **SARAH DRAPER** to be only and sole executrix of this my last Will and Testament and I do hereby utterly disannul revoke and make void all and every other former Wills and Testaments by me heretofore made ratifying allowing and holding for firm and effectual this and no other to be my last Will and Testament.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seal the date first within written.

## **HENRY DRAPER** {seal}

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced and declared by the said HENRY DRAPER as his last will and testament in presence of

JOHN ASTON HANES BIRESTRIM JAMES WHITE

Sussex

### **MEMORANDUM**

On this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 1736/7 the within **HANES BIRUSTRUM** and **JOHN ASTON**, two of the witnesses to the within will, subscribing, appeared before me, **JACOB KOLLOCK** Deputy Register Appointed for the probate of wills and granting of letters of administration for the county of Sussex aforesaid and on their solemn oaths did declare that in their sight, presence and hearing the testator, **HENRY DRAPER**, did sign, seal, publish, pronounce and declare the within written to be his last will and testament and at the doing thereof the said testator was of a sound and perfect disposing mind memory and judgment and also that they saw **JAMES WHITE** sign with them as evidence to the same.

JACOB KOLLOCK Deputy Regr.

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