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Last Will of
William Hengst
late of Shrewsbury
Downs Dec

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I, William Hengst of Shrewsbury Township,
York-County Pennsylvania, do make and
publish this my last will and testament,

First, I direct that all my debts and funeral
expenses be paid as soon after my decease as
possible, out of the first moneys that shall come
into the hands of my executor, from any portion
of my estate, Also, I direct that a fair valuation
or appraisement be made of all my said estate, ~~such~~
such as my beloved wife had when we commenced
housekeeping, the same I bequeath to her (Meriah my
wife) and all my household furniture and other
personal estate I direct to be sold at public sale
by my executor. Also, I do bequeath the nett produce of
my estate to my beloved wife Meriah and my beloved
son Elias Shear and Shear alike, Also, I do appoint
my brother-in-law Peter Goodling guardian of my son
Elias, And in case of his refusal, renunciation or decease,
I will that my wife appoint a guardian whom she
sees fit (over my son Elias). And I do hereby make and
ordain Samuel Smith, executor of this my last will
and testament. In witness whereof, I, William Heng-
st, the testator, have to this my will, set my hand
and seal, this eighteenth day of January A.D. 1856

Signed, sealed, and delivered, in the presence
of us, who have subscribed in the presence of
each other,

John Batzley

William Hengst

Peter Goodling jr

York County SS Registers office York February 16 1856
Before me Henry Duff Register for the probate
of Wills and granting Letters of Administration
in and for the County of York and State of
Pennsylvania Personally came John Batty
and Peter Goodling Junr the two subscribing witnesses
to the within and foregoing Will and being severally duly qualified
according to law doth depose and say that they were personally
present and saw and heard William Hengst the Testator sign
seal publish pronounce and declare the within and foregoing
instrument of writing as and for his last Will & Testament and
that at the time of so doing he the said Testator was of a sound
and disposing mind memory and understanding to the best of their
knowledge observation and belief and that they witnessed it at
the request of the Testator and in his presence and in the presence
of each other at the same time

Affirmed and Subscribed } John Batty
before me the date above named } Peter Goodling Junr

Henry Duff
Register

Memorandum that Letters Testamentary on the foregoing Will
of William Hengst Dec were duly granted to Samuel Smith the
Executor named in said Will on the 16th day of February A.D. 1856
he having been first duly sworn according to law

Henry Duff
Register