in the Presents of us who at his request
and in his Presents have Subscribed
our names as Witnesses thereto.

Caleb Burgess
Richard Goodwin
Richard Robinson

Ann Arundel Coty. ss: Came Caleb Burgess and Richard Goodwin two
September the 11th 1777 of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within Will and
made Oath that they saw West Burgess the Testator sign and Seal this
Will and heard him publish Pronounce and declare the same to be his last
Will and Testament, and that at the time of his so doing, he was to the
best of their apprehensions of a sound and disposing mind memory and un-
-derstanding, and that they together with Richard Robinson signed their
names as Witnesses to this Will in the presence and at the request of the
Testator, and in the Presence of each other.

Sworn before me Elie Vallette Regr. Wills A.A. Coty.

In the Name of God Amen, I Elisha Riggs of

Ann Arundel County, being low and sick of Body, but of Perfect mind
therefore think proper to make this my last Will and Testament in manner
and form as follows Viz.

Item, I Give and bequeath to my dearly beloved Wife Carolina Riggs, all my real
and Personal Estate of every kind whatsoever, after all my just Debts are
Paid during her natural Life as a Widow, but if my said beloved Wife
shall think proper to Marry then it is my Will and desire that she shall
possess the whole of my Estate, tell my Son John Riggs (or any other of my
Children as I shall hereafter mention) arrives to the age of Twenty one Years
then it is my Will and desire that my said beloved Wife Carolina Riggs
shall only possess the one sixth part of my real and personal Estate, and

that the Residue and remainder of my said Estate Real and Personal shall
be equally devided between my five Children, Nancy Riggs, John Riggs,
James Riggs, Mary Riggs, and my Child that my dearly beloved Wife
Carolina Riggs, is now with Child off, to them and there Heirs for ever,

Item, It is my Will and desire when my said beloved Wife Carolina Riggs,
shall depart this Life (or if she) my said beloved Wife shall think proper to
Marry, then it is my Will and desire that the whole of my Estate real and
Personal with the Increase shall be sold at Public Vendue to the highest
Bidder when my Son John Riggs or any other of my Children as before menti-
-oned arrives to the age of Twenty one Years, by my Executor as I shall hereaf-
-ter appoint unless my Son John Riggs or any other of my Children as before men-
-tioned can or may make it convenient to take my Land and pay whatever
sum of money the said Land shall or may be valued to be worth by two or three
indifferent Persons to be appointed by my Executor, the money Arrising from
the said Land and Personal Estate with the Increase, to be by my Executor
devided as before mentioned,

Lastly, I do hereby Constitute and appoint my Brother John Riggs, my
whole and Soul Executor, In Testimony whereof I have hereunto Set my
hand and Seal this Seventeenth day of May, Seventeen hundred and seven-
-ty Seven —

Signed Sealed, and Acknowledged
in the presence of us
to be his last Will and Testament.
the words to the highest bidder being
enterlined before signd —

Elisha Riggs ... (Seal)

Edwd. Gather Junr.
Samuel Brown
Benjn. his + mark Stevens

Ann Arundel Coty. ss: Came Edwd. Gather Junr. and Benjamin Stevens
September 23rd 1777 .. Two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within
Will, and made Oath that they saw Elisha Riggs the Testator sign Seal