by Henry Howard the said Sarah's Brother late of Ann Arundel County deceased, and quitted her Claim to any benefit by Devise or Request under the Will of her said Husband deceased and renounced the same and elected, and chose in Lieu thereof her Dower or third part of the deceased's Estate both real and personal, under the Testamentary Laws of this State. Witness her Hand and Seal this fifteenth Day of September 1780 —

Signed Sealed & Delivered in Presence of ——— Henry Howard ——— } Sarah Riggs (Seal)

Examined To the Register of Wills and Commissary of Ann Arundel County

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In the Name of God Amen I Joseph Ellicott of Elk Ridge Hundred and County of Anne Arundall in Maryland being in Perfect Health and Sound & Disposing Mind and Memory do make this my last Will & Testament in Manner & form Following Viz.t —

First it is my Will and I do hereby Order and Direct that all my Just Debts & Funeral charges be first paid and Discharged by my Executors herein after named as soon as may be after my decease. —

Secondly It is my Will and I do hereby give Devise and Bequeath unto my loving Wife Judith one third Part of all my real Estate during her Natural Life. —

Thirdly It is my Will and I do hereby Give, Devise and Bequeath all my real Estate to be equally Devided share and Share alike amongst all my Sons, Viz.t Andrew, David, Joseph and Benjamin and to their Heirs & Assigns, they paying unto my Daughters Namely Sarah, Nancy, Letitia, Rachel and Mary or to their Heirs or Assigns Each half as much as what each of their Shares may be (that is to say that each of my Daughters receive half as much as each of my Sons) And it is my Will that my Wife have her Choice where She may think Proper to live And Further it is my Will that my Wife and Children or a Majority of them make Choice of Some reasonable Judges and that they Put a just Valuation on my Estate, And It is my Will that any Child or Children that have had or received any thing before my Death they allow that as my Present Estate. And that the Young Children under Age have aliving out of my Estate as to be an Equallity with the Elder ones all to be Settled by such Judges as aforesaid. The Personal Estate more than Pay the Debts it is my Will and I do Give Devise & Bequeath one third Part thereof unto my loving Wife aforesaid and the remainder thereof to be equally Divided amongst all my Sons and Daughters Share & Share alike. ———

And Lastly I do hereby Nominate Constitute and Appoint my —

aforesaid Wife Executrix and my Sons Andrew & David Executors of this my Last Will and Testament hereby ratifying and Confirming the same and making Null and Void all other and former Will or Wills, Bequests or Bequeathments by me heretofore made or mentioned to be made In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this Fourth Day of January in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and Seventy Nine ——— 1779 ———

Signed Sealed Published Pronounced and Declared by the Testator as and for his Last Will & Testament In the Presence of us ——— } Jos.h Ellicott (Seal)

The Words "that my Wife" being Enterlined between the Eighteenth & Nineteenth Lines before Signing & Sealing ——— }

Samuel Gibbs —
Lewis Evans
William Evans
Thos. Ross jun.r —

On the Back of the aforegoing Will was the following endorsment to wit ———

Anne Arundel County ss. the 24.th November 1780 — } Then came Lewis Evans and William Evans two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the aforegoing Will and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they did see the Testator Joseph Ellicott Sign and Seal this Will and that they heard him publish and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament, that at the Time of his so doing he was to the best of their Apprehensions of sound and disposing Mind Memory and understanding and that they together with Samuel Gibbs and Thomas Ross Jun.r respectively Subscribed their Names as Witnesses to this Will in the presence and at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other —

Examined 6.th Feb.y } Sworn before Thos. Gassaway Reg.r Wills A A Co.ty

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In the Name of God Amen I John Burgess of Ann Arundel County in the State of Maryland being sick in Body but thanks be to Almighty God of a perfect disposing mind and Memory do make Ordain and appoint this present writing to be taken held and Deemed to be my last Will and Testament in manner and form as followeth Viz.t —

Item — I give to my Son John Burgess five Shillings ———

Item — I give and bequeath to my Son Thomas Burgess, to him and his heirs for ever all my Real and personal Estate of what kind soever it may consist of ———

Item — Lastly I nominate and appoint my Son Thomas Burgess my whole and Sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament in Witness whereof I have set my hand and Seal this tenth Day of January Seventeen hundred and Seventy Nine ———

Signed Sealed Published & declared In the presence of us ——— } John his Mark Burgess