190) In the name of God amen the Ninth
day of November in the year of Our Lord God one thousand seven
hundred Saty and four I Benjamin West of Prince Georges County in the
province of Mayland planter being sick and weak in body but of
sound and perfect memory thanks be to God for the same and Calling to
mind the Uncertainty of this Mortal Life knowing it is Appointed
for all men Once to Die do make and Ordain this my last will and
Testament in Manner and forme following That is to say Principally
and first I recommend my soul to Almighty God that gave it and my
Body to the Earth to be Buried in a Christian like Manner with
that Decency the Discretion my Executors or Executors shall leade them too hopeing
at the General resurrection to receive the same again through the
Mercy and mighty power of God Almighty God how as Touching my
Worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to Bless me my will
is that the same shall be disposed of in the Maner and forme
following Viz
Impsimis I Give and bequeath unto my son Joseph West all that Trat of Land
Called the younger Brither Containing and laid Out for three
hundred and Seventy Acres I also Give and bequeath to my son
Joseph West one half of my personall Estate to him and his heirs
for Ever. Item I Give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah West
all that part or parcell of Land wherein I now dwell and likewise
the other half of my personal Estate to be Equally devided in Quantity
and Quality to her and her heirs for Ever. Item I Give and bequeath
to my Daughter Sarah West one Gold ring. Item I leave my son
Joseph West at Eighteen years of age to receive his Estate. Item I leave
my Daughter Sarah West at the age of Sixteen years to receive her Estate
Item my will is that my loving Mother may have a reasonable Living
Out of my Estate if she hath not Enough of her Own my will is that my
riding horse may be sold. Item I Constitute my Brother John
West Executor of this my last will and Testament Given under my
hand and seal the Day and year first before written. Signed Sealed
published pronounced and Declared by the aforesaid Benjamin
West as his last will and Testament of

Interlined before Signed or Sealed
Nath. Wickham junr.
Jam. Perry
Kennedy Farrell.

Benj.a West Seal

At the foot of the aforegoing will was thus
Written Viz.

191) June 27. 1745. Nathaniel Wickham junr. and James Perry two of the
Subscribing Witnesses to the above testament being duly sworn severally depose
and say that they and each of them did see the testator Benjamin West signe
and seal the above testament and 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 Judgment and Apprehension of sound and disposing mind and memory
and that they and the Other Witness Kennedy Farrell subscribed their Names
as Witnesses thereto in the presence of the Testator sworne to before me

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In the name of God Amen I Owen Ellis of
Prince Georges County in the Province of Mayland being Very much afflicted
with Bodily paine but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto
God therefore Calling unto mind the Mortality of my Body and knowing
that it is appointed for all men Once to die do make and Ordain this my last will
and Testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend
my soul into the hands of God that gave it me trusting through the Merritts
of my Dear Saviour Jesus Christ to have remission of all my sins and to Enter into his
Glory and for my Body I recommend it to the Earth to be Buried in a Christian like
and Decent Manner at the Discretion of my Executrix Nothing Doubting but
at the General resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power
of God and as Touching such Worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to
Bless me in this Life I give and Dispose of the same in the following manner
and forme Viz

Impsimis It is my will and Desire that first of all my Just Debts to all men whatsoever
be paid without Delay by my Executrix

Item. I Give and bequeath unto Mary my Dearly beloved wife all my Estate both real &
personal of Every kind whatsoever that I enjoy at the Time of my Decease or in
any wise to me belonging that is to say for and During her widowhood but if it
shale please God that she shall marry then and from that Time I give and
Bequeath unto her Only the One half of my plantation and only her Choice of
any two of my Negroes and also the one half of all my Goods and Chattles then
in her possession the said Goods and Chattles bequeathed to my wife shall
within One Month after she is married be all brought to the View of two
persons hereafter Named and by them to be Valued and Devided that is to say
the One half to be then Delivered to Mary my wife and the Other Moiety to be
Equally Divided between my six Children if they are then all Living if not if any of
them