Evangelists of Almighty God that he did see the Testator Jacob Howard sign the said Will and heard him publish the same to be his last Will and Testament and that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of his Skill and belief of a sound and disposing Mind & Memory and that he signed his name as a Witness thereto in the presence of the Testator.

J Bowles Dy Comty

(4 sides)

In the name of God Amen the eighteenth Day of October in ye Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and seventy five I John Justice of Frederick County and province of Maryland Planter being Sick and Weake in Body but of perfect mind and Memory thanks be given unto God therefore & calling unto mind the Mortality of my Body & knowing that tis 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 and for my Body I recommend it to the Earth to be Buried in christian like and decent manner at the discretion of my Executors nothing doupting 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 devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

Imprimis It is my Will and I do order that in the first place all my just debts and funeral charges be paid and satisfied as soon as possible –

Item I give and bequeath unto Margret my dearly beloved Wife all my Plantation and Tract of Land whereon I now dwell together with all and singular my hous hold Goods and stock and moveable Effects to be to her only proper use benefit & behoof for and during the term of her natural life –

Item I do order that after my said Wifes Death that all my Estate both Real and personal be sold and the Monies arising therefrom be eaquilly devided between my children namely I give and bequeath unto my Son Jacob Justice one Sixth part unto my Daughter Elizabeth

(Wife)

Wife of Robert Birchfield one sixth part unto my Son John Justice one Sixth part unto my Son Hans Justice one sixth part unto my Son Joseph Justice one sixth part & unto my Sons William Justice one sixth part to be eaquilly devided share and share alike.

Item I do also hereby Constitute make and Ordain my trusty friend Gabriel Eseberg & my beloved Son John Justice to be my sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament whome I do also hereby authorise and give full power to Sell make execute and acknowledge as good a title or deed of Conveyance for my said Plantation Tract of Land & Premises as I myself could were I personally present. And I do hereby utterly disalow revoke and disanull all and every other and former Testaments Wills Legacies and Executors by me in any wise before named Willed and bequeathed ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal the day and year first above written.

Signed Sealed published Pronounced and declared by the said John his ‡ mark Justice as his last Will and Testament in the presence of the Subscribers } John his ‡ mark Justice (Seal)

gabriel iseinburg
Nicholas Umsted
James his ‡ mark B Brown } On the back of the aforegoing Will was thus written Viz.

On the 22d day of October 1776. Came Gabriel Isenburg & Nicholas Umsted two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the aforegoing Will and made Oath on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God that they did see the Testator John Justice sign and seal the said Will and heard him publish pronounce 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 Apprehension of sound and disposing mind and memory and that they also did see James Brown make his mark as a Witness thereto and that they severally subscribed their names as Witnesses to the said Will in the presence of the Testator and in the presence of each other.

Sworn before J Bowles Dy Comty

In the name of God Amen. I James Hagan Senior of Frederick County and Province of Maryland