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In the Name of God Amen I James Osborn of Baltimore County, and State of Maryland being weak of body but of sound disposing mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and testament I commend my spirit unto almighty God and my body to the dust from whence it came - my will and desire is that my funeral expences and just debts be paid by my Exor herein after named -

Item I give and bequeath all my Estate of what kind or nature soever in England or great Britton to my Children Viz Mary Ginge Charloty Butcher Martha Osborn Ruth Osborn their heirs or assigns for ever to be equally divided between them -

Item I give and bequeath unto the Eldest son of my daughter Mary my Silver watch -

Item I give and bequeath unto the Eldest son of my daughter Charloty my other silver watch -

Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Elizabeth Osborn one third part of my dwelling plantation during her Natural ^{life} life one half part of my Estate of what kind or nature soever in Baltimore County including what the law in such case has provided - for widows

Item I give and bequeath unto Elijah Merryman of Balt County his heirs or assigns all the residue or remainder of my Estate of what kind or nature soever which has not been or intended to have been herein before devised -

Item I hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife Elizabeth Osborn and Elijah Merryman Executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made On Writings whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 1st day of March in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven -

Signe Sealed published and declared by the above named James Osborn to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of the testator and each other -

Stephen Wheeler

James Osborn

1797

Stephen Gorsuch

John Gorsuch of Sr^o

Baltimore County to wit on the 18th day of June 1798 came Stephen
Wheeler Stephen Gorsuch and John Gorsuch of Sn^r subscribing
evidences to the aforesaid last will and testament of James Osborn deceased
and made oath &c that they did see the testator sign and seal
this will that they 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 apprehensions of sound
disposing mind memory and understanding and that they subscri-
bed their names as witnesses to this will in his presence at his request
and in the presence of each other sworn before me Register of Wills for Balt^{ty}
W^m Buchanan

I James Osborn of Balt County aforesaid on this 1st day of
March in the year four thousand seven hundred and
ninety seven make and publish this Codicil to my last will and
testament in manner following my will and desire is that the
within named Elijah Merryman shall not be accountable or pay
any charge or part thereof which may appear against him the
said Elijah Merryman on any ^{books} or accounts for Raissions

Stephen Wheeler

James Osborn Test.

Stephen Gorsuch

John Gorsuch of Sn^r

Baltimore County to wit on the 18th of June 1798 came Stephen
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dences to the aforesaid Codicil to the last will and testament of James Osborn deceased
and made oath &c that they did see the testator sign and seal this Codicil
that they heard him publish pronounce and declare the same to be a Codicil
to his last will and testament that at the time of his so doing he
was to the best of their apprehensions of sound disposing mind
memory and understanding and that they subscribed their names
as witnesses to this Codicil in his presence at his request & in the
presence of each other sworn before me Register of Wills for Balt^{ty}

W^m Buchanan

Baltimore County to wit on the 18th day of June 1798 came Elijah Merryman one of the
appointed executors in the last will and testament of James Osborn late of said County deceased
and did appear to act as such by virtue of such appointment and refused all his right
title and claim to said executorship accordingly do for me Register of Wills for Balt^{ty}

W^m Buchanan