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That his (the s. Henry's) Father died some time in the  
Year 1747 having made his last Will & Testament as  
afo. Seized & possessed of a considerable Realty & personal  
Estate within the s. County leaving issue Anthony Henry  
James, John, Joseph & Dennis by different Wives. That  
in & by the Will afo. the s. Conrad gave & bequeathed  
the Sum of forty pounds to his Son John (who is an  
Idiot) to be paid by the s. James when Dennis the  
Youngest Son should come to Age and also the Sum  
of Twenty pounds to his youngest Son as afo. when  
he should come to Age. That the s. James Conrad  
Executor with the s. Petition. as afo. is about  
to depart this Province & settle in Virginia And the s.  
Pet. conceiving that John (an Idiot as afo.) and Dennis  
may suffer as the s. James sold a good part of his  
Real Estate humbly prayed a Citation might be  
issued forthwith requiring him the s. James to give  
Security in this Court for the said Legacies according  
to the Laws of this Province in such case made by And  
also that some proper person might be appointed for  
a Guardian to the said John Thereupon Jacob  
Wentz is appointed Guardian to the s. John  
and a Citation was awarded which issued accordingly

At an Orphans Court held at Philad. for the City &  
County of Philad. the eighth day of March in the  
Year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred &  
fifty four before Joshua Maddox, Charles Willing  
& Benjamin Shoemaker Esq. Justices of the  
said Court.

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P. The Petition of Josiah Evans & Mary his Wife late  
Mary Osborn Nicholas Osborn Elizabeth Osborn  
& Richard Osborn Children of Richard Osborn late  
of the same County deced War to setting forth

that his Father died Intestate seized & possessed of Two hundred & fifty Acres of Land situate in Worcester Town in Philad. County, which according to the Laws of this Province descended to the s. Pet. that no Partition had hitherto been made of the Lands afo. Wherefore they prayed that some proper & discreet persons might be appointed to make Partition of the Lands afo. to & among the said Pet. Thereupon It was Ordered Richard Jacobs Peter Robeson William Downes Abraham Dawes Samuel Law & John Shrocks [they being agreed upon] by all the parties or proper & discreet persons to make Partition of the Lands Tenements & premises afo. with the Appurtenances having first taken an Oath or Affirmation duly & equally to divide the same according to Law & the best of their Judgment to go to the s. Tract of Land & premises with the Appurtenances & having put a just Value on the same as in their Judgment they shall think right they in the presence of the Parties or their Guardians & Representatives [if upon being warned they will be present] the s. Two hundred & fifty Acres of Land situate afo. & premises with the Appurtenances into five equal parts they caused to be parted & divided. And two equal fifth parts out of the said five parts to Nicholas Osborne, One equal fifth part to Josiah Evans and Mary his Wife (in right of the said Mary) One equal fifth part to Elizabeth Osborne & the other equal fifth part to Richard Osborne according to Law & the several Rights and Interests of the Parties afo. therein they do Assign and Deliver to hold to them their Heirs & Assigns in Severalty for Ever. So that neither the s. Nicholas Osborne, Josiah Evans & Mary his Wife (in right of the s. Mary) Elizabeth Osborne & Richard Osborne have more of the s. Lands & premises with the Appurtenances than to them of right pertaineth to have according to Law & their respective Rights & Interests therein. So that the s. Nicholas Osborne, Josiah Evans

Mary his Wife Elizabeth Osborn & Richard Osborn  
of the respective purparts or Shares to them belonging  
of the s. Lands & Promises with the Appurtenances may  
may be able severally to improve & possess themselves  
And that immediately after wards the afo Richard  
Jacobs, Peter Probeson William Dowdes Abraham  
Daires Samuel Lane & John Shrocks do deliver unto  
the said Nicholas Osborn Josiah Evans & Mary his  
Wife (in right of the s. Mary) Elizabeth Osborn and  
Richard Osborn full Seizin of all & singular their  
respective purparts or Shares of the s. Lands and  
Promises with the Appurtenances to hold to them  
their Heirs & Assignes in severalty for Ever. And that  
of their doings in the Premises they openly and  
distinctly make Report before the Justices at the  
next Orphans Court.

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p. *Codem Die*. The Report of John Stampor Joseph  
Richardson and Bartholomew Neuroso was read in these  
Words following to wit, Pursuant to the Order of Court  
We have examined the severals Accounts produced to  
William Bell Administrator to the Estate of Seth Keyle  
deced and do find sundry debts due from said Estate  
amounting in the whole to One hundred & three pounds  
Six Shillings & Nine pence half penny more than the  
amount of the personal Estate Also the Sum of eleven  
pounds fourteen Shillings & two pence due to John  
Baynton & William Plumsted thereupon It was  
Ordered that the s. William Bell do sell & dispose of  
the Real Estate of the s. Seth Keyle deced for the  
best Price that can be got & to make Report of his  
doings in the Premises at the next Orphans Court