of your Honor, to the several parties entitled thereto, and that your petitioners may have such other and further relief as their case may require,

May it please your Honor to grant to your petitioners an order of publication, giving notice to the said John M. Carey, Eliza Brish, Henry Brish and Eliza Brish, George R. Ritchie, George Kemp and Fannie Kemp his wife, William Ebert and Jacob Ramsburg and Ann Ramsburg his wife, John Pucky Jacob Crouse and Ann Crouse his wife, William Wensel and Mary Wensel his wife, Ophelia Carey, James H. C. Carey, Henrietta H. Carey, Louisa A. C. Carey, Sallie M. Carey and Willie Ann Carey, of the substance and object of this bill and warning them to be and appear in this Court in person or by Solicitor, on or before a certain day, to answer the premises, and show cause if any they have, why a decree ought not to pass as prayed, and also a writ of Subpoena against the said Catharine Thomas, Catharine Hanshew, Dennis Snooks and Matilda Snooks his wife, John Ritchie, of Frederick County, and Joshua Ingman and Catharine Ingman his wife, of Hagerstown, Washington County, commanding them to appear in this Court at some certain day to be therein named to answer the premises and abide by and perform such decree as may be passed therein, and as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray &c.

James W. Sherry
Sol. for Complainant

Exhibit "A"

"In the name of God Amen."

I John Casper Ritchie of Frederick City Frederick County in the State of Maryland being much afflicted in body, but of sound disposing mind, memory and understanding do make constitute and publish this instrument of writing to be my testament and last will in manner and form following, that is to say first I commit my soul to God my body to the earth to be buried in a plain and unostentatious manner and after my funeral expences and the few debts I may owe at the time of my decease are paid — I dispose of the residue of my estate as follows, to wit; whereas all my earthly possessions were obtained under Gods blessing and providence by the joint efforts and mutual industry of my beloved wife Barbara and myself, therefore if it be Gods will that she survive me,

I bequeath to her absolutely all my household and kitchen furniture, my family Bible and German books, and the sum of Six hundred dollars current money, to be paid to her by my Executor out of the first available funds comming into his hands belonging to my Estate, I also bequeath to my wife during her natural life only, the interests, dividends, rents and profits of all the rest and residue of my estate except the house and lot of ground hereinafter devised to my servant man Henry Jones and the residue of my English books) She to have the privilege of occupying the real estate or renting the same as she may choose, the taxes & necessary repairs to be paid by her, and after her decease, I dispose of it, in the manner and form following to wit,

Item — I give and bequeath to the heirs and representatives of my deceased Sister Rebecca Ebert, namely Benjamin Ebert, Valerius Ebert, John M. Ebert, William Ebert and Ann Ramsburg fifty shares of Frederick County Bank Stock to be equally divided amongst them,

Item to the heirs and representatives of my deceased Sister Maria B. Richie, namely William Cary, John M. Cary, Eliza Brish, Elenor Brish, George G. Ritchie and Fanny Kemp his Sister, I also give and bequeath fifty shares of Frederick County Bank Stock to be equally divided amongst them,

Item — I give and bequeath to my wifes neice Catharine Hanshew and her heirs as tenants in common