

The Will of Richard Cheesman

Let it be recorded this ninth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven that I Richard Cheesman son of the township and county of Gloucester in the state of New Jersey being at this time in health of body and of perfect and sound mind and disposing memory thanks be given to Almighty God for the same, but calling to mind the mortality of my body well knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die and for the of peace hereafter in my family do make this my last will and testament, and first and principally I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent and Christain like manner at the discretion of my executor herein after named, and as touching such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bless one with, I give and dispose of in the following manner, It is my will and I hereby order that in the first place all my just debts and funeral expences be duly paid and satisfied by my executor herein after named as soon as conveniently may be done after by decease.

Item, I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Jemima Cheesman all my household goods that is in my house and one room in my house the which she shall choose and the priviledge of one half the room that is called the Big room with fire place in during her life, the household goods to be at her disposal at her decease, and my son Ephraim Cheesman to give unto his mother out of what I give him, the sum of fifteen pounds current money four bushels of wheat and twenty bushels of such other grain as she shall choose yearly and every year during her natural life and also four hundred weight of meat such as she shall choose yearly and every year during as afore



and also to find and keep for her a horse bridle and saddle fit for her to drive which horse bridle and saddle to be my son Ephraim at my wifes decease. I also give my wife one cow which she shall choose my son Ephraim to keep said cow for his mother, I also give unto my daughter Drusilla Hillman the priviledge of living in the same rooms in my house with my widdow during the time that she remains the widdow of Joseph Hillman and also to find keeping for a horse for her winter and summer and to find firewood sufficient for both my wife and daughter brought to the house during the winter time, and in case my wife should choose to move away and live elsewhere then my son Ephraim Cheesman to pay her the sum of twenty five pounds current money yearly and every year during the time that she shall so live out of my house.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my grandson Alexander Cheesman the son of my son Uriah Cheesman the sum of five shillings.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my son Richard Cheesman the like sum of five shillings current money as I have given each of them their share of my estate already.

Item. I give and devise unto my grandson Elijah Cheesman son of my son John Cheesman all that tract of land whereon Lot Evans lately lived by the same more or less to him his heir and assigns forever.

Item. I give and devise unto my son Ephraim Cheesman all my plantation whereon I now live except that piece that John Thorne hath within his fence and also all that tract of pine land near the four mile branch beginning at a Blackoaks Corner to land formerly Henry Bells and my half of the Soader Swamp on the four mile branch

and one half my sawmill and half the land thereto adjoining as I have already given my son Richard Cheesman the other half and I also give my son Ephraim my share of that Soader Swamp which I purchased in partnership with Henry Thorne, of Abraham Leeds, and all the remainder of a diid of rights purchased of Jonah Francis bearing date the second day of February 1775, and one hundred and fifty acres of that deed of rights which I purchased of Hannah Sawyer all which to hold to him his heirs and assigns forever, and also give unto my son Ephraim my heavy waggon and also the light waggon three horses two ploughs and five harrows.

Item. I give and devise unto my great grandson Joab Hillman son of my daughter Lettia that lot of land which I purchased of John Blacswlld adjoining the Meetinghouse lot in the township of Gloucester and the building thereon erected to hold to him his heirs his assigns forever, I also give in case I should die before he attains to the age of bequeath unto my grandson Isaac Jones son of my daughter the sum of five shillings current money to be paid to when he arrives to the age of twenty one years.

Item. I give and devise unto my son in law John Thorne that piece of land excepted off my plantation which he hath within fence beginning at John Hiders Corner and to run straight line to his Corner on the hill side to hold it to him his heirs and assigns forever he paying thereout two thirds of the value which three neighbors shall judge it was worth when it was uncleared, one third to my daughter Deborah Smallwood or her heirs and the other third unto my daughter Drusilla Hillman and Isabella Thorne each of them one hundred and fifty acres of that deed of rights which I purchased of

Hannah Seer to them their heirs and assigns forever and also the remainder of my personal estate whatsoever and wherefor ever to be equally divided between my aforesaid three daughters Deborah Smallwood Drusilla Hillman and Isabella Thorne share and share alike.

Lastly, Nominate and appoint my son Richard Cheesman and my son Ephriam Cheesman executor of this my last will and testement witness my hand and sael the day and year above written.

Richard Cheesman

Signed sealed published and declared by the above said Richard Cheesman to be his last will and testement in the presence of

Isaac Tomlinson

Witnessed: Charles Dennis and Joseph Williams

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In the name of God amen the 14th of Agust in the year 1755 of Richard Cheesman of the Township of Newtown in the county of Gloucester Yoman bein sick in body but of good perfect memory thanks be to God and calling to remembrance the uncertain state of this transatory life that all flesh unto death when it shall please God to call do make and declair this my last will and testament my body I committ to the earth to be buried at the descresion of my exccetors hearafter ordained and for the settling of my estate and such goods and chattles and debts as it is pleased God to bestow upon me I do order give and dispose the same in manner and form following this is to say imprimas that all my just debts should be paid and all the rest of my estate both real and personal be laid out in the bringing up my children according to the discrestions ot my executors and that my two sons Isaac and Abner

when they shall be judged to be old enough by my executors to be put out to learn a trade such as they shall choose I do thereby make constitute and appoint my loving wife Hannah Cheesman and Jotham Cheesman and Robert Friend Price to be my sole Executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking canceling and making void all former wills and bequests by me made and declaring this only to be my last will and testament and further more I do empower and authorize these my executors above named to sell and dispose of all my real estate and personal effects as above mentioned and in witness whereof I have herewith set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Signed sealed published and delivered by the testator above said as his last will and testament in the presence of us

George Weed

Richard Cheesman

William Harry

Marg Harry

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