WILLS

The following will is contributed by Ruth Snyder Honolulu, Hawaii. It will be found in German script in Will Book Z page 103 of Berks Co., Penn. It was drawn May 28, 1768 and probated August 16, 1768 and is her fourth great grandfather's.

WILL OF JOHANN DIETER FAHL

"I the hereafter named Subscriber, do find myself that the Lord hath laid me down with weakness of Body, wherefore I have resolved to confirm my last will and testament after the following manner:

Firstly, I Johann Dieter Fahl give over all my right and Tilt (title) as I have in my possession to my youngest son, Johann George Fahl or to his Heirs and Successors.

 For his legacy my son Johann George Fahl or His Heirs and Successors shall maintain me, Johann Dieter Fahl and wife Anna Margretha with clothing and victuals as we have need of for our bodily wants.

I, Johann Dieter Fahl and my wife Anna Margretha Fahl do not withstanding except, That if the afore mentioned should not be so performed that we may subsist thereby, then I keep for me and my wife for each year four and twenty bushels of grain half wheat and half corn also a fat Sow. Yet George shall have the first, of his Father the Second, also I his Father do except thirty Pounds of Beef. Also two cows to chuse yearly, and these he must keep in fodder as his own, also I except for my choice two sheep for wool, my choice, also I except the living above in the House, to wit, the upper room, wherein my Son must put a Stove, also he must put fire and wood therein or must cause it to be done if when, they cannot do it any more themselves also he must keep the aforementioned room and all that belongs to it in good condition, also as much light as we shall want, also garden truck as much as we shall want, also Horses to ride away where they please, with Saddle and Bridle, also he must give them yearly fifteen Pounds of Flax and as much tow, but should the Flax not succeed will then the half of the Flax and Tow shall be abated, also I keep for us two Rows of Apple Trees, my choice and also the casks for Cyder, also household Goods as much as we want also Eggs for our use also Salt as much as we shall have Use, also he shall give us yearly six pounds in Money, but if one or the other should be sick or weakly so that they cannot wait on themselves, then must my Son or the little Sons do it or cause the same to be done, and if any Thing of our Effects remains after our Death, then it shall fall back again to our George or his Heirs; when one of the two dies then the half of the Living shall be abated.

 My son John George shall pay his Brothers and Sisters each one 30 pounds for their Portion after the following manner.... 5. My son Dieter shall have five shillings before hand.

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6. I, Johann Dieter Fahl have paid my son Dieter the sum of five and thirty pounds three shillings and seven pence back again to me or my wife.

 I, Dieter Fahl have paid 10 pounds for my Son Jost hereby he shall receive twenty pounds for his Portion.

8. I have paid my son Christian in full for his portion.

It is my will that my Daughter Elizabetha shall have thirty pounds for her portion.

 It is my will that my Dau Catharina shall have thirty Pounds for her Portion, an iron Pot and Cake Pan.

11. It is my will that my Daughter Anna Maria shall have thirty Pounds for her Portion, and my son George shall give her the same as her Sisters have received, namely a cow, a Bed and Bedstead together with curtains, a Pewter Soup Dish, a Dish, 6 Plates, six spoons, an Iron Pott, a Cake Pan, and a feast if she should enter into the State of Matrimony or three pounds.

 It is my will that my Daughter Ester shall have thirty Pounds for her Portion and that my son George shall endow her after the same manner as Anna Maria shall be endowed.

13. Now this is my last will, that my son George shall pay fifteen Pounds to my son Jost in the year 1770 the 27th day of May, and 1771 at the May Fair fifteen Pounds to Elizabetha 1772 at the May Fair, fifteen Pounds to Catharina; 1773 at the May Fair, to Anna Maria fifteen pounds; 1774 at the May Fair fifteen Pounds to Esther; 1775 at the May Fair Jost shall receive five Pounds more. Now George shall pay to his four Sisters to each of them fifteen more as they are mentioned above each one year after the other 'till they shall all have received their Thirty Pounds.

Here with will I confirm my Testament and Last Will according to my Hearts will and desire in the name of the Holy Trinity, whereof God in Mercy help me.

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