THE WILL OF CASPER HINTERLEITER

In the Name of God Amen!

Whereas I Casper Hinterleiter of Haraborough Township in the County of Philadelphia in the State of Pennsylvania, yeoman do find myself very sick and weak in body, but of sound mind, understanding and memory, thanks be to God, and calling to mind the mortality of my body so do I on this Sixth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty, make publish and ordain this my Last Will and Testament. And first of all I recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God, that gave it. And I do order, that after my death, my body be buried in a christian-like and decent manner, at the discretion of my executors. And as touching to my worldly estate, I do hereby dispose of the same in the following manner. With provisions, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Elisabeth, my bed with the bedstead, with all what belongs to it and also her chest, with all what belongs to her therein, and also one cow and the calf. She is to have the choice to take which she likes best out of every stock of cattle and also two sheep, and further of my household goods. The following particulars as the kettle, two iron pots, two pewter dishes, two pewter plates and four spoons, the table, the churn, one tub, two buckets, three kegs, one spade, one dung hook and dung fork. And I do further give and bequeath to my said wife Elisabeth a full right privilege and liberty to live on my plantation and land, in the small dwelling house, wherein we now live during all her life time, provided that she remains my widow, and to have for her life the iron stove therein, as also the garden near the said house and that yearly two wagon load of dung be carried therein, and also ploughed for her by the tenant. I give to her also all the sundry articles of provision of what name soever, so much as shall be left behind after my death for her own life and that she shall have a full right to the water and otherwise to the premises as far as may be necessary for her by all means, and further it is my will, that my present tenant Jacob Shiff, or after the expiration of his term, the same, who shall either buy or possess my said plantation, shall yearly find provide and give to my said wife, five bushels of wheat and ten bushels of rye, three bushels of buckwheat and one bushel of Indian corn and twelve quarts of salt and one hundred pounds weight of pork and one hundred pound weight of beef and four dozen of eggs, yearly as also eight pounds of good ketcheled flax and twelve pounds of good flax tow, or instead of that so much hemp and hemp tow if flax or hemp shortens should grow well, but in case of failure, she is to get her share in proportion. And my said wife shall also have for her use that tract of meadow near the old garden as also that piece of meadow that lies in the farther most field, and the small piece in the morass and the hay and late hay shall be mowed, dried and carried home for her upon the old stable, by the tenant or whosoever shall possess my plantation, who shall also keep her cow, calf and two sheep with the lambs in his pasture in the fields and meadows, always with his own cattle. She shall also have of the orchard, the lowermost part thereof on the left hand of the road, that leads through the same as all the apples and fruits thereof for her life. She shall also yearly get and receive the sum of six pounds of current and lawful money in cash for her further subsistence, and if afterwards my plantation shall be sold, then the sum of one hundred pounds shall be kept in the buyers hands and his paying the lawful interest for it as the said six pounds yearly to my said wife during her life time who shall then also give to her yearly fifty bushels of good straw. And further it is my will that my said tenant or possessor afterwards, whoever he be shall cut and carry firewood for my said wife's use as much as she may have necessary in summer and winter time and carry it to her dwelling so that it be fit for her immediate use, and also shall carry her grain to the mill and the meal home again. And it is my will that all the above described particulars of the yearly subsistence of

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for my said wife shall faithfully and inviolably be held one and performed during all her lifetime, according to the tone laest tenor and meaning hereof. In case she remains my widow and if she should fall sick, and if she should desire of any of my children to attend her; if then they should refuse to do it, then anybody, when she might get to attend her at her last sickness, shall after her death, get her bed and all such moveable goods, as she then shall have in her possession of my estate though at her own discretion, according to the service done her. And her grandchildren shall only get for their share of their said mother’s estate after her death. All those particulars of household goods, as she hath brought to me, one badstead, all her clothing whatsoever it be, the small iron pot, coffee kettle, tea kan, spinning wheel and reel, a sermon book and a song book. And further it is my will that after her death, all the said particulars, what I have given and bequested to her, my said wife of my estate, shall then fall back to all my children and heirs to be equally divided between them, share and share alike as consequently all her said subsistence will cease and be void, the benefit thereof is also to fall to my children and heirs in equal shares according as circumstances will be. But if my said wife should happen to marry again, then it is my will that all my said legacies given to her together with all her said yearly subsistence is to revert entirely to my own children and heirs in equal shares and she shall have no longer a right to live on my said plantation according to the tone same and meaning hereof. And further it is my will that my said tenant Jacob Ship, shall have a full right and privilege to live on my said plantation uncontrolled, until the time of his rent be expired, which will be on the first April, Anno one thousand seven hundred and eighty two on the same conditions as I have bargained and agreed with him about it and that after that time, my children shall have liberty to sell or rent out the same again as to them shall seem best, upon condition that in any of both cases as they except and reserve the said yearly subsistence and all these sundry particulars to be done and given to my said wife during her lifetime or widowhood as above described. And further I do give and bequeath to my eldest son, Mathias Hinterleiter the sum of five pounds of current money of Pennsylvania as for his right of being my eldest son, and I do hereby impose him to keep the share of my eldest daughter Christina, of my estate, in his hand and lend it out on interest and to pay her only so much thereof as she may have need of for her use, so that her husband may get nothing from it. And I do hereby give devise and bequeath all my Negro plantation and situate in Marlborough Township aforesaid and containing about one hundred and fifty acres of land, more or less, with the appurtenances thereunto belonging together with the remaining part of my cattle, household goods, or other moveable or personal estate whatsoever, to all my harenaunto named children and their heirs, as to my two sons Mathias Hinterleiter and Michael Hinterleiter, and to my four daughters, as Christina now the wife of Andrew Haag and Clara, now the wife of Benedict Neldinger, and Dorothea now the wife of Peter Young and Margaret now the wife of Abraham Shantz. To hold the same to them their heirs and assigns forever upon condition that all the same shall be equally divided by among and between them. But if any of my children should undertake to oppose my said will or raise quarrels or contentions against the sense of it, the same shall be debarred and excluded from any share of and or my said estate, and be no heir to the same, and I do hereby nominate and appoint my son-in-law, Benedict Neldinger and my trusty friend Philip Roth to be overseers and trustees in the case relating the yearly subsistence which my said wife shall get as above said. And I do further hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my above named two sons, Mathias and Michael Hinterleiter to be sole executors of this my last will and testament. And I do hereby fully impose and authorize my said executors, to sign seal and deliver lawfull deed or deeds for the said
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