

Last Will and Testament
of Peter Cooper Dece'd
proved the 9th Day of June
1766

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Recorded

In the Name of God Amen The fifteenth Day of February 1766
The year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and Sixty
Six, I Peter Cooper of Shrewsbury Township in y^e County of
York and province of Pennsylvania gunsmith being very sick
and weak in body, But of perfect mind and memory thanks
be to God therefore calling unto mind the mortality of my body
and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to dye, do
Make and ordain this my last will and testament; that is to
say principally, and first of all I give and recommend my soul
in to the hands of God that gave it and for my body I recom-
mend it the Earth to be Buried in a Christian like and decent
Manner at the discretion of my Executors Nothing doubting but
at y^e general Resurrection I shall Receive the same again
By the mighty power of God; and as touching such worldly Estate
wherewith hath pleased God to Bless me with in this Life I give
Devise and Dispose of the same in the following manner: and
form: In primis it is my will and I do order that in the first place
all my Just Debts and funeral Charges be paid and satisfied
Item: I allow that my dearly beloved wife Margaret shall live with
my children and take care of them with the Land and have the whole
care of them ~~until my youngest son Peter~~
the age of twenty one years she the said Margaret my wife to have the
third of all my moveable Estate and if she lives single with her children
I allow her the following particulars to be given to her yearly and every
year during her single life from her childrens arrival to y^e age
of twenty one years that is to say first twenty bushells of wheat
ten bushells of Corn three acres of meadow where she pleases to take it
and liberty to keep as many horses Cows Sheep and hogs as the said
meadow will produce grass to maintain and she is to take care to cut and make the
hay her self and her sons is to draw the hay for her when and where she
pleases and one hundred Bundles of straw and the Dung of her own Stock
to be had for her where she pleases without cost and a garden and potato patch
where she pleases y^e patch to be ten Rod long and two broad and a quarter
of an acre of flax and a ~~quarter~~ half of an acre of turnips Both with her sons
and she has liberty to chuse her flax in the Blossom and turnips at four
weeks age and a house to live in by her self if she sees cause and fine wood
during her single life; But if my wife Margaret should marry another
man she is to quit claim to; But her third of my moveable Estate only she
shall live on my Land till my youngest Child Elizabeth arrives to the age
of Eighteen years and further before she marries the whole Estate of move-
able is to be praised by men chosen for that purpose and sold at publick
vendue and the money put out to Interest for the Child ^{part} except my wife
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the age of twenty one years she the said Margaret my wife is to have the
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Next the Griffiths and five acres more Joining the big field and
Meadow ground Down the Run to the big white oak tree and up the
Run to a marked white oak But not to wast or destroy timber on no
part of the lands

Next I allow my Eldest Son Adam at his arrival to age to have that
part of land which I bought from the Griffiths with the land and
Meadow ground up the Run as far as my land goes from a marked white oak
on the South of my Clear ground Except the timber hill Joining Conrad
fourth also if there is not meadow ground sufficient I allow ten acres
of meadow ground Down the Run next the sawmill

also I allow to my young Son Peter the land I live on ~~to the~~ at
his arrival to age providing always that my two Sons Adam
and Peter shall at their settling so land praise the lands together
and pay to my two Daughters Eve and Elizabeth the one half of the
whole preismnt to be equally divided between my two Daughters
for which proviso to be full filled I ~~will~~ bequeath to my two
Sons or to their ^{heirs} and assigns forever all the above said lands

further I do empower and allow my wife Margaret with
George Kiss in Yorktown and County to be my whole and sole
Executor of this my last will and testament

further I allow my house and lot in Lancaster to be repaired
and sold to the ^{best} advantage In witness my hand and Seal the
Day and Year above written

Signed Sealed published pronounced
and declared by the said Peter Cooper
as his last will and testament in the
Presence of us the Subscribers &c

Peter Cooper

Jam: Smith

Philip Snider

John Gore

York County ss

Before me Samuel Johnston Esq^r Deputy Register
for the Probate of Wills and granting Letters of Administration in
and for the County of York Personally appeared James Smith and
John Egan two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing
Instrument of Writing and in their Oaths respectively Taken
according to La. Do say that they were personally present and saw
and heard Peter Cooper therein named Sign Publish and Declare the
said ~~written~~ Instrument Writing as and for his Last Will and Testament and
at the Doing thereof was of Sound and Disposing Mind and Memory
to the best of their Knowledge and that they the Deponants subscribed
their names as witnesses to the same in the Presence of the Testator and
at his request and that they did likewise see Philip Snider the other
Subscribing Witness to the same also sign his name as a Witness thereto
in the presence of the Testator and at his request

Sworn and Subscribed before
me at York this 7th Day of
June 1766
Sam^l Johnston

James Smith
John Egan

Peter
Cooper
Will Proved this 9th Day
of June 1766
Recorded
Letters Testamentary granted
the same Day -