

WILL OF PETER COOPER.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. The Fifteenth day of February in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-Six, Peter Cooper, of Shrewsbury Township in 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 Sol into the hands of God that gave it, and for my Body I recommend it the Earth to be buried in a Christian like and decent manner at the discretion of my executors nothing doubting but at general resubrection I shall receive the same again by the Mighty Power of God and as Touching such worldly estate where with hath pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give, devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

Imprimise 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 Margrat shall live with my children and take care of them with the lands and have the whole care of them till my youngest son Petter is of age and at his arrival to the age of twenty one years she the said Margrat my wife is to have the third of all my moveable estate, and if she lives single with her children, to low her the following perticulars to be given to her yearly and every year during her single life from her childrs arrival to the age of twenty one years, that is to say, first twenty bushells of wheat ten bushells of corn three acres of medow where she pleases to take it and liberty to keep as many horses, cows, sheep and hogs as the said medow will produce grass to maintain and she is to take care to cut and make the hay herself 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 held for her where she pleases without cost and a garden and potato patch where she pleases. Patch to be ten rod long and two broad and a quarter of an acor of flax and a half an acor of turnips, both with her sons and she has liberty to chose 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 fire wood during her single life. But if my wife Margaret should marry another man, she is to quit claim to all 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 movables is to be praised by men chosen for that purpose and sold at public vandue and the money put out to interest for the children except my wife's third, and they have liberty to clear ten acres joining my improvements next Thos. Griffiths and five acors more joining the Big Field and medow ground down the run to the Big White Oak tree and up the run to marked white oake but not to wast or destroy timber on no part of these lands. Next I allow my eldest son, Adam, at his arival to age to have that part of land which I bought from Thos. Griffith 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 fouts also if that is not medow ground sufficiente I allow ten acors of medow ground down the run next the saw mill also I allow to my young son Peter the land I live on at his arrival to age, providing always that my two sons Adam and Petter shall at their sellings Land praise the lands together and pay to my two daughters, Eve and Elizabeth, the one half of the whole appraisements to be equally devided between my two daters for which proviso to be fulfilled.



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I give and bequeath to my two sons or to their heirs and assigns forever all the above said lands. Further I do Impower and allow my wife Margaret, for with George Kins in York Town and County to be my whole and said solested for executor of this my Last Will and Testament. Farther 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, the hands of (Signed) Peter Cooper was writing Signed, sealed, published, pronounced and declared by the said Peter in the Cooper as his Last Will and Testament in the presence of us the subscribers.

James Smith  
Philip Snider  
John Eson

[Faint, mostly illegible text, likely a continuation of the will or a list of subscribers, including names like James Smith, Philip Snider, and John Eson.]