

12. Blake

The Last Will and Testament of James Blake of the Township of Woodbury, County of Chester and State of Pennsylvania

I James Blake considering the uncertainty of this mortal life, and being of sound mind and memory do make and publish this my last Will and Testament, in manner following: First I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Polly the yearly rent or full possession of my lot of ground and two acres in the town of Woodbury or long as she remains my widow or be at her death or marriage it is my will that the said Woodbury property be kept and the proceeds thereof equally divided between my three sons James Blake Simon Blake and Benjamin Blake and further I give unto my wife Polly as aforesaid ten mules and one horse three sheep three head two bushes of Wheat twenty bushels of Corn and the vegetables &c now in my garden and all my household furniture excepting that herein after disposed of, and one cow and one sheep and one copper stiller.

I give and bequeath unto my eldest son James Blake the farm on which I now reside formerly belonging to Adams Tucker and suppose to contain about twenty acres

I give and bequeath unto my son Rudens Blake twenty acres of Woodbury adjoining an adjoining parcel his other land and that of my son Simon Blake

I give and bequeath unto my son Henry Blake one of the State of Newbury one thousand dollars to be paid to him by my son Simon Blake (in consideration of the farm now being by me as follows: One hundred and fifty dollars annually until the whole is paid, my wife however is that the first payment shall not be made until two years after my decease and as the said Henry Blake die without issue then my will is that my son Simon shall pay to each of my sons Rudens and James the sum of ten hundred and fifty dollars

I give and bequeath unto my Grand son John Baptist Cole hundred dollars to be paid by my son Simon Blake one year after my decease

I give and bequeath unto my Grand child Ann Blake daughter of my son James Blake fifty dollars to be paid by my son Simon Blake when she shall be of age

I give and bequeath unto my Grand child Sarah Blake daughter of my son Simon Blake twenty five dollars, fifty dollars of which is to be paid by my son Simon Blake one year after my decease, and the remaining twenty five dollars to be paid by my heirs after named executor may give it as convenient, and further I give and bequeath to the said as aforesaid my Rudens to be delivered her immediately after my death

I give and bequeath unto my son Rudens Blake my silver Watch. I give and bequeath unto my son James Blake my desk. I give and bequeath unto my son Simon Blake my mantle clock

And lastly as to the residue of my personal estate not here before bequeathed, it is my will that it be paid to her immediately after my decease by my heirs after named executor, and the proceeds thereof equally divided between my three sons James Blake Simon Blake and Rudens Blake

And I do hereby make and ordain my son Rudens Blake and my attorney friend Edmund Crover Executors of this my last will and Testament

Do Witness whereof I have subscribed my hand and seal the tenth day of August in the year two thousand one hundred and thirty four

James Blake

Witnessed by the above named James Blake to his Last will Testament in the presence of us who at his request & in his presence have subscribed our names as witnesses The following between lines & by mutual signing James Jones John M. Stewart

I Witnessed by



The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do Daniel M. Connors of Newry in the County of Montgomery Know ye that

your presence and fidelity, shall appoint you, and by their parents do appoint and give unto you full power and authority in pursuance of the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, to call before you at a certain day and place by you for that purpose to be appointed James Stewart and John McWhorter of said County the subscribing witnesses to a certain instrument of writing heretofore subscribed purporting to be the last Will and Testament of James Blake late of Woodbury ^{township} in said County of Bedford deceased, and there to examine the said James Stewart and John McWhorter upon their oaths or affirmations touching the premises reduce their Testimony to writing, and when you shall have so done, you are to send the same to me at Bedford together with the interrogatories and the oaths and your hand and seal

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Register Office for said County at Bedford the 25th day of August Anno Domini One thousand eight hundred and forty five

(Copy of Interrogatories 10)

At 12 M. the 10th Page

In the case of a paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of James Stewart late of Woodbury township in the County of Bedford and presented for probate before the Register for the Probate of Wills and granting letters of Administration in and for said County the undersigned being the ally of said State one of the Clerks and records of said State and request and desires the Register aforesaid to give a commission to take the Depositions of James Stewart and John McWhorter of said County James subscribing witness to the paper above mentioned, upon the following interrogatories which he desires to have filed in the Office of said Register, and James McWhorter Esq. of said County is named in his part or by him, to take said depositions

(Interrogatories)

1. Were you witness to the Execution of the paper heretofore mentioned, purporting to be the last Will of James Stewart?
2. Are the names James Stewart and John McWhorter which subscribed as witnesses, of your own proper hand writing?
3. Did you sign your names thereto as witnesses in the presence and the request of said Stewart?
4. Did you see James Stewart the testator sign and seal and hear him publish & pronounce the same as and for his last Will and Testament on the day of the date thereof?
5. State whether the said testator at the time of the Execution of the said paper was of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding to the best of your knowledge and belief.

Profranchibus
 I J. B. Miller Register for the Probate of Wills and granting Letters of Administration for said County, testify that the foregoing is a full and true copy of the Interrogatories filed in my office in the foregoing case

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of Office at Bedford the 25th day of August A. D. 1845.

J. B. Miller Rego

your prudence and fidelity, I have appointed you, and by these presents do appoint and authorize you full power and authority in execution of the act of Assembly in such case made and provided, to call before you at a certain day and place by you for that purpose to be appointed, James Stewart and John McWhorter of said County the Subscribing witnesses to a certain instrument of writing heretofore subscribed purporting to be the last Will and Testament of James Blake late of Woodbury ^{township} in said County of Bedford deceased, and these to examine the said James Stewart and John McWhorter upon their oaths or affirmations touching the premises and reduce their Testimony to writing and when you shall have so done, you are to send the same to me at Bedford together with the Interrogatories and this writ under your hand and seal

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of this Register Office for said County at Bedford the 25th day of August Anno Domini One thousand eight hundred and forty five

(Copy of Interrogatories &c)

Jas B. Miller, Rego

In this case of a paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of James Blake late of Woodbury township in the County of Bedford and produced for probate before the Register for the Probate of Wills and granting letters of Administration in and for said County the undersigned being the ally of said Probate one of the Executors and assigns of James Blake and request and desires the Register aforesaid to give a commission to take the Depositions of James Stewart and John McWhorter of Huntingdon County James volunteering witnesses to the paper above mentioned, upon the following interrogatories which he desires to have filed in the Office of said Register, and James McCune Esq of a City, Huntingdon Co. names of his part or by him, to take said depositions

(Interrogatories)

1. Were you witness to the Execution of the paper heretofore subscribed, purporting to be the last Will of James Blake aforesaid?
2. Are the names James Stewart and John McWhorter thereunto subscribed as witnesses, of your own proper hands writings?
3. Did you sign your names there as witnesses in the presence of the request of said Probate?
4. Did you see James Blake the Testator sign and seal and hear him published & pronounced the same at and for his last Will and Testament on the day of the date thereof?
5. State whether the said Testator at the time of the Execution of the said paper was of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding to the best of your knowledge and belief?

A. Henry ally for James Blake one of the Executors devised of James Blake aforesaid

Respectfully

Jas B. Miller, Register for the Probate of Wills and granting Letters of Administration for said County, certify that the foregoing is a full and true copy of the Interrogatories filed in my office in the foregoing case

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of Office at Bedford the 25th day of August A. D. 1845

Jas B. Miller, Rego