

**Transcription of will of Daniel Stahl, 1837, , Will Book D. pp. 383-385, Franklin County,
PA**

In the name of God, amen. I, Daniel Stahl, of Antrim township, Franklin county and state of Pa, being well stricken in years and having bodily pain, but of a sound and disposing mind and understanding, considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof, and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs and thereby be the better prepared to leave this world when it shall please God to call me hence do therefore make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say__

First and principally I commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it and my body to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my executors hereinafter mentioned.

Secondly, I give and bequeath all my books unto my two sons, namely unto Daniel and John, and unto the children of my daughter Lydia, to be divided in three equal parts, each of my sons to have one part and the children of my daughter to have one part, my large Bible is to be in my son Daniel's part.

Thirdly, I give and bequeath unto my two sons and unto the children of my daughter deceased all my beds and bedding and all my linnings whatsoever to be equally divided in three equal parts, each of my sons to have a part and the children of my daughter is to have one part.

Fourthly, I give and bequeath unto my son Daniel two hundred and fifty dollars which he got in horses, cattle, and farming utensils at the time he began farming. I also give and bequeath unto my son Daniel three and a half acres of land more or less adjoining his lands laid off to him by Joseph Snively, adjoining lands formerly Pallings. I also give and bequeath unto my son, Daniel Stahl, his heirs and assigns that track of land where he now lives on, formerly Crosses land containing one hundred and ninety acres more or less, excluding what has been sold of the same subject nevertheless to the incomerance hereinafter mentioned.

Fifthly, I give and bequeath unto my son John two hundred and ninety five dollars which he got in horses, cattle, and farming utensils at the time began farming. I also give unto my son John fifteen hundred dollars of which he has already received upward of fourteen hundred dollars and received for the same. I also give and bequeath unto my son John Stahl seventeen acres of land more or less adjoining Hassings land laid off to him by Joseph Snively valuing the same and one hundred and seventy dollars, to have the same during his life, and at his decease it shall become the property of his son, Daniel Stahl. And as the oald mountian farm where I now live held by sundry patents containing two hundred and ninety five acres or thereabouts is to be sold after my decease excluding what above is willed to my sons.

I therefore give and bequeath unto my son John Stahl the one half of the first payment and such a part of each annual payment a even divide, or half, between him and the children of my daughter Lydia, counting them as one part, or as geting one share equal with my son, John, including all of what above is willed to my son John & also including what their mother my daughter received in her life and what I paid on her account after her decease and also including what underneath may be willed to them. I also give and bequeath to my son John the one half of the rent which may arise from my farm where I now until it is soald, first deducting his part of tax and other expence for repairs, sad farm is to be rented at public outcry[?].

Sixthly, and as my daughter Lydia deceased, who was intermarried with John Wengerd deceased did in her lifetime get three hundred and five dollars in beds, bedding, household furniture, cattel, etc., and after her decease I paid on her account seventy six dollars, being a doctor bill and funeral expences, etc., to be counted as part of the children's share. I now give and bequeath unto the children of my daughter Lydia, namely Lazarus Wengerd, Daniel Wengerd, Mary Ann Wengerd, Magdalena Wengerd, (Fannie) Veronica Wengerd, and Martha Wengerd that house and lot of ground with all the improvements thereon which I own in the borrow of Green Castle vallued at six hundred and fifty dollars, to have and share alike of said property all rents or income whatever. And I do hereby authorise my executors to deed and fully convey said property as soon as conveniently can be, not to suffer loss. I also give and bequeath to the children of my daughter Lydia the first payment of the money arising from the sale of my moutian farm, to be equally divided amongst them. I also give and bequeath unto the children of my daughter such a part of each annual payment as will make a equal part or (turn over) divide at the outcome with my son John, the children's part to be equally divided among them. I also give and bequeath to the children of my daughter such a part of the anual rent which may arise of my oald moutian farm in manner following: first, taking out their part of tax and other expence arising, Lazarus Wenger is first to have thirty dollars of the rent and Daniel Wenger is to have twenty dollars of the rent, each one's part is to be applied for his education, and all the remaining rent which may arise is to be equally divided equally amongst all the children of my daughter, and the rents and interest arising of each of my daughter's children is to be applied for schooling, boarding, clothing, especially as far as book keeping in case they be capable of learning, and my will is that Lazarus and Daniel get good learning, and at the age of seventeen they go to learn a trade, such a one as they would choose, and the girls is to get schooling so as to learn to read and write well and to sew well, also learn arithmatick as far as reduction, in case they are capable of learning. If the girls' interest be not sufficient for such learning there may som of their principle be taken for such purposes.

And all my personal property not above mentioned is to be appraised and soald, and the money arising as well as what cash may be, also bonds, notes, and book accounts is to be applied to pay my funeral expence and my other just debts and to settel up my estate, and in case there is any

surplus then it is to be divided between my two sons and the children of my daughter, my son Daniel one third, my son John one third, and the children of my daughter one third. And my will is that my son Daniel pay the one third of all the expences for of setteling up my estate, and if there should be a deficiency wanting of my personal property to pay my debts and funeral expence, then my son Daniel is also to pay the third thereof, my son John the third, and the children of my daughter the third, to be taken of what above is willed to each of them. And my executors is hereby fully authorised and empowered to sell and convey my moutian farm at any time they think proper after my decease, not exceeding seven years from this date so as not to sacrifice the same.

And I do hereby nominate my nephew John Hicks guardian of grandson Lazarus Wengerd and of granddaughter Mary Ann Wengerd, and I do nominate and appoint my nephew Archibald Fleming to be guardian of my grandson Daniel Wengerd and of my granddaughter Magdalena Wengerd, and I also further nominate and appoint my ould friend Joseph Wengerd Sr. to be guardian of my grand daughter (Fanny) Veronica Wengerd and Martha Wengerd, and may the honorable court of Franklin County please to confirm and appoint the above named John Hicks, Archibald Fleming, and Joseph Wengerd guardian of the above named children. And I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my nephew Archibald Fleming and my neighbor Manual Hade to be the executors of this my last will, testament. In witness I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fifteenth day of March in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven.

The word "them" and the word "all" in the 2nd page enterlined before signed, also the word "boarding" in the 3rd page, and in the 4th the words constitute and appoint enterlined before signed.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by me,
Daniel Stahl

Witnesses: John C. Martin
Samuel Evey

Franklin County Ct. On this 21st day of June, 1837. Personally appeared before me, John W Reges, Deputy Register in the aforesaid county, John G. Martin and Samuel Evey, the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing & within instrument of writing, who being affirmed according to law, did depose & say that they were personally present & saw Daniel Stahl now deceased write his name unto & heard him publish, pronounce, and declare the same as & for his last will & testament, and that at the time of the doing thereof said decd. was of sound & disposing mind, memory and understanding according to the best of their knowledge & belief & that their names thereto subscribed as witnesses are in their own proper hand writing & done at the same time.

Affirmed, subscribed before
John W. Reges, Deputy Regr.

John G. Martin
Samuel Evey

21st Jun 1837. You, Archibald Flemming and Emmanuel Hade, do swear that as executors of the last will & testament of Daniel Stahl, decd., you will well & truly administer the goods and chattels, rights and credits of the said decd. according to law, and also “will diligently & faithfully regard & well & truly comply with the provisions of the law relating to collateral inheritances.” Before John W. Reges, Deputy Register.

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