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State of Indiana
Blackford County

Be it remembered that on the 8th day of November, AD 1854, William Frash and William Taughinbaugh personally appeared before me, Silvester R. Shelton, Justice of the Peace in and for said county, and upon their oaths say that they were the subscribing witnesses to the last will of Jacob Stahl, late of Blackford County, Indiana, deceased, and that said testator was of full age to devise his property and that he was of sound mind and memory and not under coercion or restraint, and they saw him set his name to said will, and they each at his request signed as witnesses and in the presence of each other.

Wm. Frash
Wm. Taughinbaugh

Subscribed and sworn before me this 8th day of November, 1854

Silvester R. Shelton
Justice of the Peace

I, Jacob Stahl, of Blackford County in the state of Indiana, do make and publish this my last will and testament, hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me at any time heretofore made.

First. I direct that my body be decently interred and that my funeral be conducted in a manner corresponding with my estate and situation in life and, as to wordly estate that as it has pleased God to entrust me with, I dispose of the same in the following manner. To wit:

I direct first that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my decease as possible out of the first monies that shall come to the hands of my executor from any portion of my estate, real of personal, as follows. To wit:

1stly: I will and bequeath unto my beloved wife, Eleanor, all my all my real and personal estate during her natural life, excepting what surplus she might wish to dispose of at my decease to to meet the expenses of funeral and other debts against my estate.

2nd: I will that at the decease of my beloved wife Eleanor that my executor hereinafter appointed sell all my real & personal estate to the best advantage.

3rd: I will that each of my daughters receive one hundred and fifty dollars of the proceeds of my estate so soon as my executor can perform a sale .

4th: I will also that the balance of funds of my estate be divided equally among my sons.

5^{THLY}: I do hereby appoint by beloved son, Abraham Stahl, executor of this my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and set my seal this 13th day of April , AD 1854.

Jacob Stahl

Signed, sealed, published, and declared by the above testator above named as his last will and testament in the presence of us and at his request subscribed our names as witnesses thereunto in the presence of each other and in the presence of the testator.

Wm. Taughinbaugh
Wm. Frash

Attest,

Wm. Taughinbaugh, clerk