

ABSTRACT OF LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

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Testator: Michael Stahl **Place of Residence:** Washington County, MD

Executor(s): Andrew Mann (son-in-law)

Date Signed: 20 Feb 1822 **Date Proved:** 16 Oct 1822

Signature or Mark: Michael Stahl

Witnesses: Thomas Brent, John Brosius, Joseph Brosius

Bequests, Devices, etc.:

"In the name of God, amen.

I, Michael Stahl of Washington County and state of Maryland being perfect health of body and of sound and disposing mind, memory, 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 the 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 and my body to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my executor hereinafter named and after my debts and funeral charges are paid, I devise and bequeath as follows:

I give an bequeath unto my beloved wife Ester Stahl all my real estate to have and to hold the same for and during her natural life, and after her death - I give and devise unto my son Jacob and his heirs and assigns forever a tract of land call The Three Bottoms situated in the waters of Tonoloway in Belfast Township, Bedford County and state of Pennsylvania. Item: I give and devise unto my son Abraham his heirs and assigns forever my tract of land called Reynold's Hazard situated on Barnett's Run in Bedford County and state of Pennsylvania. Item: I give and devise unto my two sons Jacob and Abraham, them and their heirs and assigns forever, two tracts of land adjoining each other situated in Belfast Township, Bedford County and state of Pennsylvania, one called Addition and the other Barnett's Choice, the said two tracts of land to be divided between them the said Jacob and Abraham by the following courses. Beginning at a crooked chestnut oak, the eleventh corner mentioned in a patent granted Henry Stahl and thence south eight degrees east forty four perches to a post standing in the tract called the Addition, then north seven degrees east one hundred and eighty seven perches to a white oak in said tract, then south eighty nine degrees east eighty perches to a stone standing in the tract of land called

Barnett's Choice, then north six degrees and one half degree east eighty three perches to a stone in said tract, then north eighty eight degrees east thirty four perches to a maple tree marked standing on the bank of Tonoloway Creek. My son Jacob shall have the land lying on the east and south of said division line and my son Abraham shall have the land lying on the west and north of said division line: - Item, I give and bequeath to my son Henry, his heirs and assigns, the sum of five hundred and seventy dollars to be paid to him by my two sons Jacob and Abraham in the following proportions, that is to say my son Jacob shall pay to my son Henry the sum of three hundred and thirty dollars in three equal annual payments and my son Abraham shall pay to my son Henry the sum of two hundred and forty dollars in three equal annual payments, and I do by this my will charge and make subject all the lands hereby devised respectively to my sons Jacob and Abraham, to and with the payment of the said sum of five hundred and seventy dollars unto my son Henry, his heirs, executors, and administrators.

I will and direct that my executor hereinafter named immediately after the death of my wife, or as soon thereafter as may be most convenient and advantageous, do and shall sell at publick or private sale all that former tract of land whereon I now reside situated in Washington County and state of Maryland and the money arising from the sale thereof I give and bequeath to my four daughters, Mary, Susannah, Ann, and Ester, to be equally divided between them their heirs and assigns, share and share alike. Item: I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Ester Stahl as much of my personal property & household effects as she may think proper to take and I will and direct that my wife do give to my daughter Ester as much of my personal property as shall be equal to the portion of personal property already given to my daughter Anna. The rest and residue of my personal property if any I will and direct to be sold by my executor hereinafter named and after the payment of my debts, funeral and other charges, out of the money arising from the sale thereof the balance if any my executor shall put and place out upon interest for the use and benefit of my wife during her natural life, and after her death all the rest and residue of my personal property then left to be sold and the proceeds to be equally divided amongst my sons and daughters, their heirs or assigns, share and share alike.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my son in law Andrew Mann esq. to be sole executor of this my last will and testament, revoking and annulling all former and other wills by me heretofore made, ratifying and confirming this and none other to be my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have herewith set my hand and affixed my seal this twentieth day of February in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and twenty two."

Codicil: None