

3) Silsbee, Samuel Will, 1751. New Castle County Will Book G-1, p. 485 ff.

I, Samuel Silsbee, of the Town of New Castle on Delaware in the County of New Castle, being sick and weak of Body but of sound & perfect mind & memory, Blessed be God for it, & calling to mind the mortality of my Body, Do make, Ordain, Constitute & appoint this to be my last Will & Testament in manner & form following, Vizt.

First, I commend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it and my Body to be decently buried in the Earth at the discretion of my Execut. hereinafter named.

2dly, It is my will that all my Just debts & funeral Charges be first paid and discharged out of my personal Estate.

3dly, After all my Just debts & funeral Charges are paid out of my personal Estate as aforesd., the residue of my sd. personal Estate I give and Bequeath unto my Beloved Wife Mary & her Assigns for ever and the one third part of my whole real Estate, to wit of my Mansion house & lott in the town of New Castle aforesd., and of my meadow scituate lying and being in ye great mash on the North side of the South of New Castle aforesd., I give & bequeath unto my sd. Wife Mary for and during her natural life, as her full right of Dower; and also the whole clear rent, fines & proffits of the remaining two thirds of my sd. real Estate untill my Sons John and Joseph arrive at the age of twenty one years for the Educating & maintaining them & my Daughter Mary untill they are fitt to be put out Apprentice to trades.

4thly, I give & Bequeath unto my Sons John & Joseph my sd. Mansion house and lott in the town of New Castle aforesd. & my meadow Scituate lying & being in the green marsh on the north side of ye town of New Castle aforesd., to be equally divided between them, their heirs & assigns for ever and in case either of my sd. Sons should die before he arrive at ye age of twenty one years, the part of him so dying shall fall And belong to his surviving Brother, his heirs and assigns.

Each to enjoy his part when he arrives at ye age of twenty one years any thing herein contain'd to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding. My wife Mary if she be then living only excepted.

It is my will that my sd. Son John shall well & truly pay or cause to be paid unto my Daughter Mary the sum of Ten pounds Curr. money when she arrives at ye age of Eighteen years and that my sd. son Joseph when he arrives at ye age of twenty one years shall then well & truly pay or cause to be paid unto my sd. Daughter Mary the sum of ten pounds Curr. Money and in case either of my sd. Sons should die before he arrives at the Age of twenty one years, the survivor shall pay unto my sd. Daughter Mary both ye sums abovementioned.

6thly, I Give and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary her heirs & Assigns ye sum of twenty Pounds Curr. money to be paid by her Brothers, my sd. Son John & Joseph at the times abovementioned.

7thly, It is my will that my sd. Sons John & Joseph, as soon as they arrive at a proper age, shall be put apprentice to some trade, and as to my Daughter Mary, I leave it intirely to the descretion of my sd. Wife Mary to put her out or not as she may think most to her Advantage. Lastly, I do hereby Nominate, Constitute & Appoint my sd. Wife Mary Executrix & her Brother Peter Jaquet Executor of this my last will & testament, hereby revoking, disanulling & making void all other & former Wills & testaments by me

heretofore made & declaring this only to be my last will & testament and desireing that it may be truly observed, kept & fulfilled according to the true intent & meaning thereof by my ds. Executs. In testimony whereof I have hereunto put my hand & Seal the Eighth day of July in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred & fifty one.

Samuel Silsbee

Sign'd Sealed published & declared

In presence of

Benja. Swett

Thomas Craghead

Joseph Jaquet