

5) Mary Thompson Will, 1795. Recorded in Will Book O-1, p. 50.

In the Name of God Amen. I, Mary Thompson, of the Town and County of New Castle in the State of Delaware, Widow, begin sick and weak in Body but of sound and disposing mind, memory and Understanding, and calling to mind the uncertainty of Human life, do make this my Last Will and Testament in the manner and form following. To wit. Imprimis, I direct that all my just debt and funeral Expences be paid by my Executor hereinafter named, out of that part of my personal Estate which is hereafter charged with the payment thereof, as soon after my Decease as conveniently may be done. Item I do give and bequeath unto my eldest Daughter, Catherine Thompson, my Walnut Bureau, and Walnut Breakfast Table, my Silver Cream Pot and Silver Tea Tongs, my Best Bed, Bedsted, Bolster and Two Pillows, two pair of Sheets, one pair of Blankets, one blue and white Rug, and the Sacken Bottom belonging to the Bedsted, and also one half of my wearing apparel, all which I do give to my said Daughter Catharine over and above what is hereafter given to her out of the neat amount of the Remainder of my personal Estate. Item, I do give and bequeath unto my youngest Daughter Mary Thompson my Silver Soup Spoon, my three Large silver Table Spoons, my six new and my four old Silver Tea Spoons and the other half of my Wearing Apparel, all which I do give to my said daughter Mary over and above what is hereafter given to her out of the Neat Amount of the Remainder of my personal Estate, as hereinafter mentioned. Item, I do direct that the Remainder of my personal property not herein before disposed of be sold by my Executor hereinafter named, and I do give and bequeath the Neat Amount of all my personal Estate (except the articles herein before disposed of) after deducting the amount of my Debts and funeral Expences, to and among my five Children in the manner and proportions following, to wit.

To my Daughter Catharine, the sum of Ten pounds, To my son John, the sum of Twenty pounds, To my Daughter mary, the sum of Thirty pounds, and to my sons Joseph and Samuel All the Residue of the said neat amount to be equally divided between them, the said Joseph and Samuel share and share alike. Item I do give and devise unto my said Daughter Catharine Thompson All that Messuage and lot of ground with the Improvements thereon (late of my deceased Brother John Silsbee) Situate in the Town of New Castle, now in the tenure of Henry Rowen, bounded on the Northwest by Beaver Street, on the North East by the Lot of ground belonging to Mrs. Wharton and Mrs. McWilliams, on the South East by another public Street, and on the South west by the Lot of ground and Brick Messuage wherein I now dwell, To have and to hold the said Catharine Thompson, her heirs and assigns forever. Item I do give and devise unto my Son John Thompson and my Daughter Mary Thompson the Brick Messuage wherein I now dwell and the Lot of ground thereto belonging with all the Improvements thereon (being late the Dwelling House of my deceased brother John Silsbee) Fronting on the public Green or Market Square on the South East, adjoining Adam Dyets Lot on the South west, bounded by Beaver Street on the North West, and by the Messuage & Lot of ground herein before devised to my Daughter Catharine on the North East. To have and to hold to the said John and Mary, their heirs and assigns forever, by equal moieties, as Tenants in Common and not as Joint tenants. Item I do give and devise unto my two sons Samuel Thompson and Joseph Thompson All that my Lot of ground, commonly called the Orchard Lot, and all that House & Lot of ground ~~thereunto~~ adjoining the said orchard

Lot on the South west & now occupied by William Patton, both of which said Lots are situate in the Town of New Castle afsd. (and were late the property of my Brother John Silsbee deceased) being bounded on the North East by a Lot of ground belonging to the Heirs of George Monro the elder, deceased, on the Northwest by Beaver Street, on the Southwest by Adam Boyd's Lot and on the South East by another public Street. To have and to hold unto them the said Samuel and Joseph, their heirs and assigns, forever by equal Moieties as Tenants in Common and not as Joint tenants. Item I do direct that my said sons Joseph, Samuel and John be bound out apprentices, by their Guardian hereinafter named, to such Trades respectively as by their said Guardian shall be thought most suitable for them—as soon as they arrive to proper ages, respectively, for that purpose hereby requesting and directing their said Guardian to give them as good an English Education before they are bound out—as their small portions will afford. And lastly, I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my trusty and esteemed friend Joseph Tattow [Tatlow?], Esquire, Executor of this my Last Will and Testament, and also Guardian of my said Children Catharine, Samuel, Joseph, John and Mary in full confidence that he will discharge the Trust reposed in him to the best of his knowledge and Ability for the Benefit and advantage of my Children—hereby recommending them to his particular Care and friendship, and allowing him all necessary and reasonable expenses in the executing of his said Trust; And I do hereby revoke all other and former Will or wills by me heretofore at any time made. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, January the Twentieth A. D. 1795.

Mary Thompson's will – 1795

Bequests

Eldest daughter – Catherine Thompson

walnut bureau
walnut breakfast table
silver cream pot
tea tongs
“best bed”, bedsted, bolster, 2 pillows
2 pairs sheets, 1 pair blankets
1 blue & white rug
“sacken bottom belonging to the bedsted”
½ of wearing apparel
also 10 pounds \$

Youngest daughter – Mary

silver soup spoon
3 large spoons
10 silver teaspoons
½ of wearing apparel
also 30 pounds \$

Son John 20 pounds \$

Sons Joseph & Samuel to divide remainder
guardian assigned to supervise
education & apprenticeships
(Joseph Tatlow – also Executor)

“... to give them as good an English education before
they are bound out as their small portions will afford.”

1. House to Catharine & heirs

dwelling & lot of grounds w/improvements
late of brother John Silsbee, now
belonging to Henry Rowen

boundaries:

NW by Beaver St.
NE by lot (Mrs. Wharton & Mrs. McWilliams)

SE by "another public street"
SW by "the lot of ground & brick misuage
wherein I now dwell

2. House to son John & daughter Mary tenants in common
"the brick misuage wherein I now dwell"
and lot
late of brother John Silsbee

boundaries:

SE fronting on public Green
SW adjoining Adam Dyet's lot
NW Beaver St.
NE ground given to Catharine

3. To Samuel & Joseph

"Orchard" lot & house & lot adjoining
orig. of John Silsbee, now Wm. Patton

boundaries:

NE ground of George Monro
NW Beaver
SW Adam Boyd's lot
SE "another public street"

Settlement 1810

appraisals, payments

Thomas Rowen (Bowen?) & Mary (daughter of Mary)
"amount of certain articles of Plate bequeathed
to her by the will of her mother brought \$14.02

Bequeathed to Catharine – appraised at \$48

Total \$259.32

Add balance of funds of Executor to be desposed of as per will, etc.

Final accounting \$488.29

Settlement – inventory of goods & chattels

Total \$252.75 per appraisal