

Frederick Reek

The Last Will and Testament of Frederick Reek Esq. In the name of God Amen, I Frederick Reek Esq. of the County of Bedford, being sick and weak in body but of sound mind memory and understanding (praised be God for it) and considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof, and to the end I may be the better prepared to leave this world whenever it shall please God to call me hence; I do therefore make and declare this my last will and testament in manner following; that is to say

First and principally I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God my Creator hoping for his pardon and remission of all my sins and to enjoy everlasting happiness in the Heavenly Kingdom through Jesus Christ my Saviour my body I commit to the earth at the discretion of my Executors herein after named

First my will is that my beloved wife Catharine is to keep of the personal property what ever she sees cause to keep house with and the remainder of it her personal property to be appraised and sold to pay my honest debt, my will is that my wife Catharine is to keep the house that we now live in and the plots around the house and the lawn and the piece of ground around the lawn during her life time and the orchard piece she is to have all her life time and after her death all of the personal property that is left is to be appraised and sold to pay her former expenses and debt of any and the balance of any left divided amongst my children I have and shall alike my will is that the real estate is not to be sold till after my wife Catharine's death my will is that my wife Catharine is to have the thirds of all the grass that is raised on the farm either to be divided in the bush or in the sheep whichever way the Executors see proper, and she is to have half of the meadow hay and the thirds of the clover hay to be delivered in the barn by the tenant and my will is that after my wife Catharine's death the real estate is to be sold whenever the Executors see proper to sell it and to be divided share and share alike except in case that I had my son Thomas had been to die then my will is that his only child that only I saw the half of his share and the other half falls back to the other half that is my children or any son I have that is dead his children shall draw his share and my son David that is dead his children draw his share. And of the said share I will that the husband of my youngest daughter Catharine pay the interest on the two notes that I hold against him to the Executors yearly than the promise is to have till after my wife Catharine's death, and then to be taken off of his wife's share and in case that the said David does refuse to pay the interest to the Executors yearly then my will is that the Executors must push the judgment right away that I hold against him, and of the money I hold against him cannot be collected then my will is that the said David does and his wife Catharine is to have one dollar where besides what I hold against them for their share; and I make and ordain my son John Reek and Benjamin House Executors of this my last will and testament

In Witness whereof I the said Frederick Reek do hereby this my last will and testament set my hand and seal the twentieth day of September one thousand eight hundred and forty four

Frederick Reek
David Galt Humphrey Reek
Witness

Frederick Reek

My will is that if I had child Thomas die before it is of age it shall draw its share then all share must fall back to the real estate amongst my children

Bedford County
I personally appeared before the Register for the State of New York County of Bedford and Humphrey Reek the Substantive witnesses to the foregoing instrument of writing who being duly sworn do say that they were personally present and saw the said Frederick Reek then sign his name to the same, and heard him pronounce and declare said instrument of writing to be his last will and testament, that he desired them to sign their names as witnesses thereof and that at the time of so doing he the said Frederick Reek was of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding to the best of their knowledge and belief
18th day of November 1844
David Galt
Humphrey Reek
In B. W. Reek

Be it Remembered that on the Eighteenth day of November last I saw Simon One thousand eight hundred and forty four
Frederick Reek and Benjamin House Executors in due and lawful manner they having been first duly sworn according to Law
In B. W. Reek