

Allegheny Township, Somerset County, Pennsylvania

Will of Johannes Detrich (John Deeter), 1760-1828  
(Information contributed by John Oester.)

In the name of God amen, I John Deeter of Alegany Township Somerset County and State of Pennsylvania being unwell but of sound disposing mind Memory and understanding thanks be given unto God calling into mind the mortality of my Body and Knowing that it is appointed for all meant once to die do make and ordain this my Last will and Testament that is to say in Principally and first of all I Give and Recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God that Gave it, and my Body I Recommend to the earth to be Buried in decent Christian Burial at the discretion of my Executor hereafter mentioned, and as Touching Such worldly Estate wherewith it hath Pleased God to bless me with in this Life, I give devise and dispose of the Same in the Following manner and form. It is my will that my Just and Lawful debts and funeral and other Expenses Shall be first paid off as soon as conveniently may be after my Decease.

It is my will and do order and direct the my Son Samuel Deeter Shall Give unto my beloved wife Catharina the use of the two Back rooms where she now lives at present and part of the Seller the stove is to stand in said room where it stands at present for her use and part of the gartin and must keep two cows for her and Shall feed the said two cows as he feeds his own cows and to be in the same pasture with his own cows, and is to give her fifteen Bushels of wheat a year and he is to get said wheat ground into flower and to deliver the flower and brann into her house, and must give her one hundred weight of pork, and fifty weight of beef, on bushel of Salt bushels of potatoes, and cabich coffee tea and sugar as much as she Shall want for her own use, and apples and cider as much as she Shall want, one bed and bedstead one chest and spinning wheel and the loom with the geers and cubert one pot one tea kettle, and the third part of the rest of my household Furniture Shall be for my wife Catarina during her Life and my Son Samuel Shall give her every year during her Life Six pounds of neckled flax Six pounds of tow and Six pounds of good wool. She Shall keep six chickens for her use or more, and her fire wood Shall be hauled to the house and cut Small for the Stove and Shall have her Share of the Kitchen fire, and the two remaining parts of my household Furniture Shall be Equally devided among my six children Except the Stove and the Blacksmith tools and all the Stock of cattle which I bequeath to my Son Samuel Deeter, and the Stove after the death of his mother. It is my will and I do order and direct unto my Son Samuel Deeter the Plantation where I now Live on with all the buildings and thereto belonging situate in Allegheny Township Somerset County and State aforesaid for the Sum of Four Hundred and Seventy five dollars. Said Land Laying and being on the turnpike road Containing two hundred and Sixty nine acres and is to pay as follows, To my Daughter Magdalena Deeter now Magdalena Grove two hundred dollars Lawful money of the United States one year after the Death of my Wife Catherina. The third year he Shall pay unto my Daughter Elizabeth Deeter now Elizabeth Brant Fifty dollars Lawful money of the United States, and the fourth year he Shall pay unto my Son Jacob Deeter the Sum of Seventy five dollars Lawful money of the United States, and the Fifth year he Shall pay unto my daughter Catherina Deeter now Catherina Miller one hundred dollars Lawful money of the United States and the Sixth Year he Shall pay unto my Daughter Mary Fifty dollars Lawful money of the Untied States and Shall Give her the said Mary two cows and two sheep Two pigs and one bed and bedstead on Chest and Spinning wheel and She Shall Stay with her Mother till of age, and When my Wife Catherina Shall be Ill or Sick my Son Samuel Shall attend her During her life, further I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Magdalena Deeter n Magdalena Grove one hundred and five and one fourth acres of Land where they now Live on Lying and being in Allegany Township Somerset County and State aforesaid, with the Patent, I Give and bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth Deeter now Elizabeth Brant three hundred and ninety acres of Land with the Warrant thereof being the land What She now Live on Lying and being in Allegany Township Somerset County and State aforesaid, I Give and Bequeath unto my Son Jacob Deeter the Land Where he is now Living on Situate in Allegany Township Somerset County and State Aforesaid.

I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Catherina Deeter now Catherina Miller Seventy Eight acres of Land where they are now Living on Lying and being in Allegany Township Somerset County and State aforesaid with the Patent thereof. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary three hundred and two acres of Land Lying and Being in Allegany Township Somerset County and state aforesaid with the Patent thereof, and Lastly I do nominate and appoint Samuel Deeter Sole Executor of this my Last Will and Testament and do hereby utterly disanull Revoke

and disallow all and every other former Testament Will Legacies bequests and Executors by me in any wise before named willed or bequeathed Ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my Last Will and Testament, In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this thirty first day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and twenty three.

Signed Sealed Published Pronounced and declared by the said John Deeter as his Last will and Testament in the Presence of us who In his Presence have hereunto Subscribed our Names

Tobias Musser  
M Hugus George Shaver  
(Signed in German by John Deeter)

This notation in German signed by John Deeter and in English by Samuel Deeter. N.B. I hereby bequeath to my Daughter Polly all My Kitchen knives, a loom with all the cutters, and thirty six dollars owed me by my son Samuel. Signed and Sealed by my own hand the 25th of November 1825.

John Deeter

Witness: Samuel Deeter

Somerset County SS: Personally appeared Tobias Musser and George Shaver before me register for the probate of Wills and Granting Letters of Administration in and for the County who their oaths duly administered saith they were present and saw and heard John Deeter the Testator, sign, seal, publish, pronounce, and declare the foregoing Instrument of writing as and for his Last Will and Testament, and that at the time of so doing he was of perfect sound mind memory and understanding to the best of their knowledge and belief and that the witness Michael Hugus the other subscribing witness to said Will is in the Proper hand writing of the said Michael who is since deceased. They further state that the name John Deeter signed to the within Nota Bene or codicil they believe to be the hand writing of the said Testator. Affirmed Sworn and Subscribed

Me 5 Sept. 1828  
A. Ogle Jun. Reg  
Tobias Musser  
George Shaver

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