

Peter Yetter married Anna Maria Stoever, daughter of Rev John Caspar Stoever. Will transcribed by Willian Brackett 2020 brackettwilliam@yahoo.com

Peter Yetter will:

“In The Name of God Amen I Peter Yetter of Lebanon Township in The County of Lancaster in the State of Pennsylvania Husbandman being sick and weak in Body, but of sound and well disposing Mind Memory and Understanding Thanks be to Almighty God for the same and considering the Mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed for all Men to died do make publish and declare this to be my Last Will and Testament in Manner and Form following that is to say First and principally I recommend my Soul to God who gave it and my Body to the Earth to be decently interred as my Executor shall direct; in humble Hopes of a glorious Resurrection and a happy Admission into Regions of immortal Bliss and Glory in and through the Merits of my Mediator and Redeemer Christ Jesus. And touching and concerning such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this Life I give devise and dispose of the same in the following Manner, to wit, Imprimis it is my Will and I do order and direct that all my just Debts and Funeral Expences be paid off and discharged out of my Estate as soon as conveniently may be done after my Decease by my Executors here after named and appointed. Item I give devise and bequeath unto my beloved Wife Mary the sum of Three hundred Pounds in Specie being the Legacy given and bequeathed in and by the Last Will & Testament of her late father the Rev. John Caspar Stover deceased, to be paid to her as soon as the same shall come to the Hands of my executors. And I do further give unto my said Wife Mary, one Mare with Saddle and Bridle, one Cow, her Bed and Bed Stead with the Curtain and all the Bed Clothes hereto belonging, her Chest with her Clothes, one Spinning Wheel, one Iron Pott, one Frying Pan, one Tea Kettle, one pewter Bason, one pewter Dish, four Plates and Six Spoons, one Book intituled “True Christianity” and one Hymn Book. Item it is my Will and I do order and direct that my Executors do immediately after my Decease rent out and Lett my Plantation and Tract of Land wherein I now dwell in Lebanon Township for such a Time as they shall think proper obligating the Tennant to plow two Acres of good Ground for corn and half an Acre of good Ground more to be plowed and sowed in due Season with Flax Seed, and to deliver Fifty Pounds of Hemp from the Breake to and for the use and Benefit of my Wife, all of which is to be done and performed yearly and every Year as long as she shall remain my Widow, And if my said Wife should be willing and desirous to work & manage my said Plantation she shall have the Preference & may hold & enjoy the same the first Year free from and without paying any Rent thereof but for each and every Year after she shall make good and deliver the one half of all the Produce thereof and I do allow unto my Said wife as long as she works my said Plantation and no longer the use of one Horse, two Cows, ten Sheep, four Swine, one Waggon, one Plough, one Harrow, and Gears complete for two Horses without any Charges to be made to her for the use thereof. But if my said Wife should not choose or be inclined to work the Plantation, then my Executors shall cause the small Stone Messuage on the Place to be out in order and repaired, and she shall have the Liberty & Permission to live and abide therein with the Children and be allowed sufficient Stable Room & to turn into Pasture her Creatures, and receive out of the Rent

of the said Plantation yearly and every Year while she remains my Widow the sum of Four Pounds in Specie the Quantity of Thirty Bushels of good merchantable Wheat or more if she stands in Need thereof and Ten Bushels of Rye, five Bushels of Buckwheat and two Ton of second crop Hay, but if my Family should decrease in Number, then my Wife is to receive only a proportionable Part of the above Quantity of Grain. And I do further allow unto my said Wife during her Widowhood the use of the small Garden, and the one half of the large Garden with ten Rows of Apple Trees crossway in one End of the Orchard, two more Cows, the Clock, one Close Press, one large Copper Kettle, one Loom, and as much Kitchen Furniture and Pewter ware as my Executors shall judge necessary. And I do further order & direct that my Executors cause my Children to be educated in a descent Manner and defray the Charges thereof out of my Estate. Item it is my Will and I do further order and direct that my Executors or the Survivor of them do as soon as they shall deem expedient, consult and advise with four honest and indifferent Men to be appointed by the Orphans Court home at what Time in what Manner and whether it might be possible or advantageous to allot and apportion my said Plantation and Tract or Parcel of Land with the Appurtenances to one or more of my Children and if after mature Deliberation they shall conclude and determine that some should be allotted & apportioned to one of my Children they my said Executors and the said four Men shall value and appraise my said Plantation and Tract of Land to the best of their judgement and divide & lay out the same in as many Parts and allot the same to such a Child or Children as they shall think proper such Valuation Money or Appraisement to be charged to the Child or Children to whom the said Plantation shall be allotted as aforesaid and to be paid at such Times as shall be determined and agreed upon by my Executors and the said four Men, which Valuation Money shall be divided to & among my Children in equal Shares & Portions such Child or Children possessing the said Plantation & Tract of Land retaining its respective Share of Portion in Hand. And the Child or Children to whom the said Plantation and Tract of Land shall be allotted & Apportioned as aforesaid shall hold the same in Fee Simple hereby authorizing and empowering my said Executors and the Survivors and Survivor of them to make sign and execute a good and lawful Conveyance or Conveyances to such Child or Children to whom the said Tract of Land & Plantation shall be allotted & Apportioned as aforesaid. But if my Executors or the Survivor of them upon advising and consulting with the said four Men shall find determine or conclude that my said Plantation and Tract of Land could not be allotted or divided among any of my Children or if such Child or Children to whom the same shall be apportioned and allotted as aforesaid should refuse to accept of the same, then and in such Case it is my Will and I do further order that my Executors or the Survivors or Survivor of them do sell and dispose of all my said Plantation and Tract of Land with the Appurtenances by Way of Public Vendue or Outcry at and for the highest and best Price that can be gotten for the same. And I do fully authorize and empower my said Executors and the Survivors and Survivor of them (in such a Case) to make sign and execute such Title or Conveyance for the same as will vest a Free Simple Estate in the Purchase or Purchasers thereof. And the Monies arising from the Sale of my said Plantation (if Sold) shall be divided to and among all my Children Share and Share alike, each Childs Share to be placed at Interest & paid with the interest thereon accruing to each Child as it comes to lawful Age. And it is my further Will and I do order that my Executors shall as soon as they see Cause after my Decease sell at Public Auction all my Personal Effects not herein before disposed of (reserving & saving two

Beds for my Children and Grain sufficient to serve my Wife and Children until the next Harvest is put in) and the Monies arising from such Sale to be applied for and towards discharging my Debts. And all Residue and Remainder of my Estate not herein before disposed of, I give and bequeath unto all my Children to be divided to and among them in equal Shares and Portions. And I do further order and direct that if the Child wherewith my Wife is now pregnant should be born & prove a Male and such Male Child should live, then & in such Case I give & bequeath unto the said Child the sum of Ten Pounds in Specie over and above his equal Share with the Rest of my Children. And it my further Will that if my said Wife shall marry again or in Case my Plantation be sold as aforesaid then she shall remove from and leave the Place immediately. And I do hereby expressly declare that the Legacies and Bequests to my said Wife herein & hereby given shall be deemed and taken for and in Lieu and in full Satisfaction of and for her Dower or Thirds at Common Law and all Claims and Demands whatsoever of into and out of my Estate. And I do hereby constitute and appoint my good and trusty Friends Jacob German and John Feyerabend to be the Executors and my beloved Wife Mary Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament. And lastly I do hereby utterly revoke disannul and make void all other and former Will and Wills by me heretofore made and declared ratifying allowing confirming and declaring this and no other to be and contain my Last Will and Testament. In Witness where of I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the Twenty fourth Day of February in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Eighty one.

Signed Sealed and published pronounced and declared
by the above Testator Peter Yetter as and for his Last Will
and Testament in the Presence of us

Peter Yetter [SEAL]

Adam Stover Hans Ulrich Schnebel Michel Greider

Lancaster County The Twelfth Day of October Anno Domini 1781 Before me the Subscriber personally appeared Adam Stever and Hans Ulrich Schneble two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within Writing and the said Adam Stever on his Corporal Oath and the said Hans Ulrich Schneble on his Solemn Affirmation according to Law did severally and respectively declare & say that they were present and saw and heard Peter Yetter the testator within named sign seal publish pronounce and declare the within Writing as and for his Last Will and Testament and that at the doing thereof he was of sound and well disposing Mind Memory and Understanding to the best of their Observation Knowledge and Belief

J. Hubley D.R.

Be it remembered that on the Twelfth Day of October Anno Domini 1781 the Last Will and Testament of Peter Yetter late of Lebanon Township in the County of Lancaster Yeoman Deced. Was proved in due Form of Law & Letters Testamentary thereon were granted to John Feyerabend and Mary Yetter two of the Executors therein named (Jacob German the remaining Executor having by his certain Deed of renunciation duly executed and filed in the Registrar's Office at Lancaster relinquished and removed all his Rights & Title to the Executorship on the Estate of the said decd.) they being first duly qualified well & truly to administer the Estate of the said deced. And to exhibit a perfect Inventory thereof into the Registrar's Office at Lancaster

on or before the Twelfth Day of November next, and to render a just account of their Administration of the said Estate when thereto lawfully required. Given under the Seal of the said Office & me.

J. Hubley D. R.

Recorded & examined John Hubley Reqr.”