

Did you or not serve with him after as in ^{during the war that terminated in the establishment} his Army of these United States of American Independence; and have you or not seen ~~and~~ known him at sundry periods since? If yea do you ~~not~~ do you not doubt that he sustains and deserves the reputation of a disinterested honest and liberal man? I have personally known John Brown Cutting when he resided in Boston previous to the battle of Lexington and served with him in the revolutionary war to its termination, during which time he sustained and in my opinion preserved the Character of an honest liberal minded man, subsequently to the revolutionary war Mr. Cutting has generally been absent from the place of my residence and of course not within the sphere of my personal observation or intercourse - when we have occasionally met, I have received and considered him the same honorable man I ever knew him to be

Washington D. Columbia

December 4. 1811

W. Rush

District of Columbia City of Washington Dec 4. 1811 The Honble Wm. A. Rush made oath before me the undersigned that the foregoing statement is true to the best of his knowledge and belief the foregoing Deposition was taken before me agreeable to an order from the Orphans Court of the County of Alexandria hereunto annexed at the Office of the Secy. at War in this City between the Hours of one and two o'clock on the day before written - Given under my hand the day and year before written

Robert Brent Mayor of the City of Wash.

This deposition was returned 4th Decem 1811 and ordered to be signed

A. Moore Secy

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Margaret Hooff widow and relict of Lawrence Hooff late of the town of Alexandria deceased do make and ordain this to be my last will and Testament Whereas the said Lawrence Hooff died by his last will and Testament devise unto me the said Margaret Hooff all his Estate both real and personal with power to dispose of the same at my death among his Children in such divisions as I might think proper therefore -

I give and devise unto Lewis Hooff and John Hoof, sons of the said Lawrence Hoof by a former marriage the sum of five shillings Virginia currency each

Item I give and devise unto Catherine Elizabeth Donald wife of Alexander Elizabeth Donald and Barbara Pollard wife of Michael Pollard daughters of the said Lawrence Hoof also by a former marriage the sum of five shillings Virginia currency each

Item I give and devise unto Henry Darnen son of Elizabeth Darnen another daughter of the said Lawrence Hooff the sum of five shillings Virginia currency

Item as to the Lot of ground in the town of Alexandria and the improvements thereon of which the said Lawrence Hoof died seized I dispose of in the following manner the said Lawrence having had a son and two daughters born to him by me who lived with him until they grew up and by their labor enabled him to improve that Lot without any aid or assistance from his other Children. It appears to me but just that they should enjoy the fruits of their own labor, but it not being possible to divide so small a piece of ground into three portions without rendering in a manner useless to each of the persons interested in it I do therefore order and direct my Executor herein after named as soon after my death as can be (in case such power be vested in me by the aforesaid Will) to sell the same for the highest price which can be got for it and the money arising therefrom I give and devise in the following manner that is to say I give and devise one third part thereof unto my son Lawrence Hooff to him his Executors and Administrators forever, one other third part thereof I direct my Executor to lay out to the best advantage in the purchase of a piece of ground and a small house either in town or country as to them

shall seem most advisable for the use of my daughter Mary Doyle wife of Amos Doyle during her natural life and after her death for her Children Margaret Henry Lawrence John & George their heirs and assigns forever as tenants in common to be equally divided among them, ~~but in case my authority under the afore-
said Will and Testament is not so extensive as to enable me to direct a sale of the said~~
~~Lot of ground and the other third part of the money arising from the sale of the~~
~~said Lot of ground to be put in interest upon good security or laid out in the purchase of~~
~~ground as to my Executors shall appear most advisable, if the money be put to~~
~~interest I direct the same to be paid in equal proportions unto George Elizabeth Lawrence~~
~~and Peter Latzbaugh Children of my daughter Margaret Latzbaugh as they shall~~
~~severally become of age but if my Executors shall deem it more advisable to lay that mo-~~
~~ney out in the purchase of ground, I direct the purchase to be made in the name of the afore-~~
~~said Children their Heirs and Assigns but in case my authority under the afore-
said Will and Testament is not so extensive as to enable me to direct a sale of the said~~
~~Lot of ground then I do give and devise one third of the said Lot of ground and all the~~
~~improvements thereupon unto my said son Lawrence Hooff and to his Heirs and Assigns~~
~~forever one other third part of the said Lot of ground and the improvements thereupon I give~~
~~and devise unto my daughter Mary Doyle wife of the said Amos Doyle during her na-~~
~~tural life, and after her death I give and devise that third part of the said Lot and im-~~
~~provements unto her Children Margaret Henry Lawrence John and George their heirs~~
~~and assigns forever to be equally divided among them, and the other third part of the said~~
~~Lot of ground and improvements I give and devise unto George Elizabeth Lawrence and~~
~~Peter Latzbaugh Children of my daughter Margaret Latzbaugh to them their heirs and as-~~
~~signs forever to be equally divided among them Lastly, I nominate Adam Conditate~~
~~and appoint my son the said Lawrence Hooff and my friend Peter Wise Executors of~~
~~this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and annulling all former and~~

other wills by me heretofore made declaring this and no other to be my true last will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this 22^d day of October 1793

Signed Sealed published and declared
by the said Margaret Hooff to be her
last Will and Testament in presence of
a Justice being first made from the word (them)
in the sixth line of the second page to the
word (and) in the eighth line of the same page and the words
(the same) and the word (it) in the first page
intended In Her m

Margaret Hooff
made

William Anst junr
Charles W Wright
William Keesh

At a Session of the Supreme Court for the County of Alexandria in the District of Columbia the 20th day of December 1811. The last Will and Testament of Margaret Hooff ^{deceased} presented to Court by Lawrence Hooff one of the Executors therein named and proved in due form of Law by Ja. Smith and Charles W Wright her of the subscribing Witnesses and ordered to be recorded

Wm. H. Hooff

Philadelphia City and County Co.



By the Tenor of these presents I Samuel Bryan Esquire Register for the probate of Wills and granting Letters of Administration in and for the City and County of Philadelphia in the Common Pleas of Pennsylvania

Do make known unto all men that on the day of the date hereof at Philadelphia before me was proved and approved the last Will and Testament of Robert W. Smith Farmer deceased a true copy whereof is to these presents annexed having which he lived and at the time of his death devised goods Charles Smith and others

be made to the said Judge and his Successors in Office we bind ourselves our heirs Executors and Administrators jointly and severally jointly by these presents. Sealed with our seals and dated the 8th day of February 1812

The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound Margaret Hutchens Guardian of the said Hutchens orphan of Thomas Hutchens deceased her Executors and Administrators do and shall well and truly pay and deliver unto the said orphan all such Estate and Estates as now is or shall come to the hands and possession of the said Guardian when the said orphan shall attain law full age and when thereto required by the said Court and shall well and truly save harmless and indemnify the said Judge of the said Court and his Successors in Office from all trouble and damage that shall or may arise about the said Estate then this obligation to be void else to remain in full force

Scaled & Delivered
in presence of
Alex. Moore

Margaret Hutchens (Seal)
Benth Baden (Seal)
Thos. Jacob (Seal)

At a Session of the Orphans Court for the County of Alexandria in the District of Columbia on the 8th day of February 1812. The parties to this bond acknowledged the same to be their act and deed and it was ordered to be recorded

Teste & Alac. et Nov. Reg.

Know all men by these presents that we Lawrence Hooff and Peter Wier are held and firmly bound unto George Gypson Esquire Judge of the Orphans Court for the County of Alexandria in the District of Columbia and his Successors in Office in the sum of three thousand dollars to which payment well and truly to be made to the said Judge and his Successors in Office we bind ourselves our heirs Executors and Administrators jointly and severally jointly by these presents. Sealed with our seals and dated the 8th day of February 1812

The Condition of the above obligation is that if the said Lawrence Hooff Receiver of the last Will and Testament of Margaret Hooff deceased do make a true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the goods Chattels and Credits of the said deceased which have or shall come to the hands possession or knowledge of the said Executor or to the hands or possession of any other person or persons then and the same so made do

exhibit unto the said Orphans Court ^{at such times} as he shall be thereto required by the said Court and the same goods Chattels and Credits do well and truly administer according ^{to law} and make a true and perfect account of his acting and doing therein when the same are required by the said Court: and further do well and truly pay and deliver all the Legacies contained and specified in the said Will as far as the said goods Chattels and Credits will extend according to the Value thereof and the Law shall therein require ^{the} this obligation to be void else to remain in full force

Scaled & Delivered
in the presence of }

Lawrence Hooff (Seal)
Peter Wier (Seal)

At a Session of the Orphans Court for the County of Alexandria in the District of Columbia the eighth day of February 1812. The parties to this bond acknowledged the same to be their act and deed and it was ordered to be recorded

Teste & Alac. et Nov. Reg.

Know all men by these presents that we Elizabeth Kevelin and Matthew Robinson are held and firmly bound unto George Gypson Esquire Judge of the Orphans Court for the County of Alexandria in the District of Columbia and his Successors in Office in the sum of three hundred dollars to the payment whereof well and truly to be made to the said Judge and his Successors in Office we bind ourselves our heirs Executors and Administrators jointly and severally jointly by these presents. Sealed with our seals and dated the 11th day of February 1812. The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound Elizabeth Kevelin Guardian of the said Kevelin orphan of Thomas Kevelin deceased her Executors and Administrators do and shall well and truly pay and deliver unto the said orphan all such Estate and Estates as now is or hereafter shall come to the hands and possession of the said Guardian when the said orphan shall attain law full age or when thereto required by the said Court and also shall well and truly save harmless and indemnify the said Judge of the said Court and his Successors in Office from all trouble and damage that shall and may arise about the said Estate then this obligation to be void else remain in full force

Scaled & Delivered
in presence of

Elizabeth Kevelin (Seal)
Matthew Robinson (Seal)