

George Parker Will

I George Parker of the county of Pittsburgh do make and publish my last will & testament as follows:

1. I direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses shall be paid as soon after my death as possible.

2. After the payment of my debts and funeral expenses I dispose of the residue of my estate real & personal as follows:

3. I bequeath to my daughter Frances Snow one seventh part of all my personal estate after accounting for the sum of nineteen hundred and fifty five dollars which she has heretofore received by me by way of advancements.

4. I give & bequeath to my son Eli Parker a negro man, slave named Edom and one thousand dollars in money & no more of my estate real or personal.

5. And all the residue of my estate real & personal I give & devise to my children David Parker, Ammon Parker, Polly Snow (wife of Richard Snow), Eliford Parker, Joseph Parker and Emily Johnson (wife of Joseph Johnson) to them & their heirs forever to be equally divided amongst them. but on the division of the property and estate herein given and devised to the said David Parker, Ammon Parker, Polly Snow, Eliford Parker, Joseph Parker & Emily Johnson they shall account for advancements made to them by me as follows, that is to say the said David Parker shall account for the sum of Twenty one hundred and five dollars. Eliford Parker shall account for three thousand five hundred & five dollars. Joseph Parker shall account for the sum of two thousand three hundred and five dollars. Ammon Parker shall account for

thousand three hundred and five dollars Polly Snow shall account for the sum of two
of twenty six hundred & thirty five dollars and Emily Johnson for the sum of
three thousand and five dollars. Having heretofore given to my deceased son
Alexander B. Parker in his life as much of my estate as I consider he was entitled
to receive. I here declare that his children shall receive no portion of my estate real or
personal. I nominate and appoint my sons David Parker & Joseph Parker executors of
this my last will & testament. Witness my hand this 4th day of April 1854.
Signed published & declared ^{his} George X Parker
in our presence mark

Witness

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and his motion he is made a party contestant & on the further motion of the said Eli
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ker Joseph Johnson & Emily his wife Darius Johnson & Mildred his wife John Graves
& Sabitha his wife Joseph. Sally Ann Parker Isaac Crenshaw James M & Crenshaw
children of the said Isaac Crenshaw Mary Snow the children of George Snow dec'd

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& Sabina his wife, Joseph, Sally Ann Parker, Asa, Lewis, James M & *Crem*
children of the said Asa Lewis, Mary Snow the children of George Snow dec'd
whose names are unknown, Thomas Miller & Eliza his wife, Wm Snow & *John*

Fitzpatrick & Indiana his wife Richard Hance Sally his wife being all the persons
except the said Joseph David & Eli Parker interested in the probate of said will
summoned to appear here on Tuesday week next to shew cause why the said will
should not be admitted to record.

And at another day to wit At a Circuit Court continued held for said county
at the courthouse thereof on the 7th day of June 1859. On the motion of Joseph Parker
who made oath & together with Richd Snow David Parker & Bluford Parker as he
sworn & entered into & acknowledged a bond in the penalty of twenty four thousand
dollars conditioned as the law directs he is appointed to collect & preserve the goods
chattels of the estate of George Parker dec'd until the Exors named in the will of said
decedent shall appear & qualify or until the further order of the court.

And at another day to wit At a Circuit Court continued held for said county at
the courthouse thereof on the 18th day of June 1859. A paper purporting to be the last will
& testament of George Parker having been offered on this court for probate during the pre-
sent term by Joseph Parker a party in interest & one of the Exors therein nominated to
which motion Eli Parker another party in interest has been entered as contestant & by
appearing to the court that the said Joseph Parker Eli Parker David Parker Henry
H Parker Bluford Parker Richd Snow & Mary his wife Hm^d Snow Thomas Shull
& Eliza his wife Thos F Fitzpatrick & Indiana his wife Edwin T Hance Sally
his wife Sally F Crew James Mc Crew Sally Mc Snow Martha V Snow Emily
Snow Tabitha F Snow Catherine D Snow Lavina S Snow George T Snow Devis
Johnston & Mildred W his wife Mrs Graves & Tabitha E his wife Joseph A Parker
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Joseph to Johnston & Emily to his wife & Mary Mc Snow are all the persons interested in the estate of said George Parker. On motion of the said Joseph Parker it is ordered that all of the other parties in interest herein named be summoned to appear at the next term of this court on the first day thereof to shew cause if any they can why said will should not be admitted to record.

And at another day to wit At a Circuit Court continued held for said county at the courthouse thereof on the 29th day of Octo 1859. For reasons appearing to the court it is ordered that this cause be continued till the next term at the cost of the defendants & a rule is awarded against Walter Stangle & his son Tatisha Ward & John H. Shad witnesses for the defendants returnable to the next term to shew cause if they can why they should not be fined & attached for failing to appear at the first term. And at another day to wit At a Circuit Court continued held for said county at the courthouse thereof on the 31st day of May 1860. This day came the parties by their attorneys & a jury to wit Mrs L. Ramsey, Wm St. Hicks, Richard H. Wadon, Preston Gilbert, Jas W. McManey, Jos. S. Thompson, Mrs G. McNeill & C. J. Perick & Stokely Farthing Wilford G. Ponder Harmon Cook Jr & David Cook being selected by ballot & sworn well & truly to try the issue joined & having fully heard the evidence were adjourned till to morrow morning nine o'clock.

And at another day to wit At a Circuit Court continued held for said county at the courthouse thereof on the 1st day of June 1860. This day came again the parties by their attorneys & the jury sworn in this cause on yesterday appeared at court pursuant to adjournment & having fully heard the evidence & arguments of counsel were sent out of court to consult of their verdict & after some time returned into court & returned the following verdict to wit

writing in the issue mentioned, dated April 11th 1854 & purporting to be the last will & testament of George Parker died is the true last will & testament of the said Parker. Therefore it is considered by the court that the said will be admitted to record as the true last will & testament of George Parker died & that the defendant do pay to the plaintiff his costs & by him about his suit in this behalf expended. On the motion of Joseph Parker one of the Exors named in the last will & testament of George Parker died which will was this day ordered to be recorded who came into court & took the oath prescribed by law & together with David Parker Bluford Parker Joseph Johnson as his securities entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of twenty five thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs certificate is granted him for obtaining a probat of the said will in due form. liberty being reserved to the other Exors named in the said will to join in the probat when they shall think fit.

Teste

J. White Clerk

Account of sales of property held jointly by Henry Robertson and Mourning Robertson deceased sold on the 17th & 18th days of December 1854 by Henry Robertson surviving partner

Purchasers Names

Henry Robertson

List of Articles

2 washing tubs

\$ 12⁴

1 lot cotton blanket

25

1 lot leather

50

1 lot iron

\$ 66