

Will of Thomas T. Potter

In the name of God Amen!

I, Thomas T. Potter of Princeton in the County of Mercer and State of New Jersey do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following, that is to say.

First. It is my will and I do hereby order and direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be duly paid and satisfied as soon as conveniently can be after my decease.

Second. I give and devise all my mezuages lands and tenements with the appurtenances situated in the county of Mercer, and State of New Jersey unto my beloved wife Sarah Jane Potter, during her natural life and after her decease to my son John Potter his heirs and assigns forever.

Third. I give and bequeath to my said wife Sarah Jane Potter an annuity of six thousand dollars, to be paid to her by my executors herein after named, yearly and every year, during her natural life, and to secure the punctual payment of the said annuity, I do hereby direct my said executors to set apart and appropriate such part of my estate, as will yield the said sum of six thousand dollars which is to be reserved as a fund for the payment of the said annuity. The above bequest and devise to my said wife to be in lieu of her dower in my lands.

Fourth. I give and bequeath unto my executors hereinafter named, and the survivors or survivor of them, the sum of fifty thousand dollars in liquid nevertheless and for the use of my son James Potter in order to put him upon a footing of equality with my other children, for whom provision has been made by the will of their grandfather, the said sum of fifty thousand dollars to be paid to him when he arrives at the age of twenty one, the interest in the mean time or so much thereof as may be necessary for that purpose, to be applied to his education and support.

Fifth. All the rest and residue of my estate real and personal, wherever it may be situated and of whatever it may consist I give and devise unto my said executors and the survivors and survivor of them, in trust nevertheless and for the use of my children John Potter,

William Hubby Potter, Elizabeth Potter, Alice Potter and James Potter and to be equally divided between them share and share alike; the shares of my said sons to be paid to them, respectively as they attain the age of twenty one, the interest in the mean time or so much thereof as may be necessary for that purpose to be applied by my said executors to their education and support but in the case of my said daughters, my will is that the interest of their respective shares is to be paid to them yearly during their lives, and in case they should marry, not to be under the control of their husbands or liable for their debts and upon the death of my said daughters, their respective shares are to be equally divided among their children; but if either of them die without issue her share is to go to her surviving brothers and sisters equally to be divided between them.

Sixth. I do hereby give to my executors hereinafter named and the survivors or survivor of them full power and authority to sell and convey in fee simple, the whole or any portion of my real estate, not herein specifically devised, and also to sell and dispose of any part of my personal estate, whereafter in their judgment it may be advisable to do so, and the proceeds of all such sales, to invest from time to time in bonds and mortgages or in productive stocks as they may deem best for the interests of my estate.

Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my brother James Potter, my brother in law Robert H. Stockton and my friend Richard S. Field executors of this my last will and testament and guardians of my children until they attain the age of twenty one years.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty first day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty one.

Signed sealed published
and declared by the said
Thomas P. Potter to be his
last will and testament
in the presence of us
Jas T. Olmsted
Philip Hendrickson
Peter L. Worcester

Thomas P. Potter

