

96 Joshua Carpenter, Will

In the name of God Amine
I, Joshua Carpenter being in a declining state
of health but of sound and disposing mind and
memory, I do make and constitute this my last
will and Testament. - I give my body to the
earth from whence it was taken to be returned
directly at the discretion of my family, & I recom-
mend my soul to God who gave it, I dispose
of my worldly goods in the following manner
(viz) I bequeath to my beloved daughter Susannah
Hammond and her heirs one dollar, I give and
bequeath to my beloved daughter Betsey Kilan,
to my son James Carpenter and my daughter
Elizabeth Boulright & my sons Abner and
Joshua S. Carpenter and my daughter Rhoda
Hammond and Leah Bond one dollar each
after my Just debts being paid they all having
previously received their portions of my estate -
I bequeath to my beloved wife Agnes Carpenter
two negroes one by the name of Charity and the
other by the name of Willis during her natural
life or widowhood and if remarried then
the two negroes before mentioned shall belong
equally to Martin and Hester Ann and their
increase - money lent out for the benefit of the
house of the said Joshua Carpenter the interest
to be paid yearly one third of the same interest
is to be paid to the widow and wife of the
said Carpenter and the balance to go
towards schooling Martin & Hester Ann -
I give and bequeath to my beloved wife
and daughter Agnes Carpenter & Hester Ann
Carpenter four hundred acres of land
to be divided equally between them it being
the place where I now live, and to my
beloved son Martin I give & bequeath

two hundred acres of land lying on Red
Creek & on Hattingsford Road. And lastly
I constitute make and ordain my friends
John B Wade Thomas Asker and Asa
Carpenter the sole Executors of this my Last
Will and Testament. And I do hereby
disallow and disannul all the former
wills by me made, hereby ratifying and
confirming this and no other to be my Last
Will and Testament. In witness whereof
I the said Joshua Carpenter have hereunto
set my hand and seal this the 29th of
July 1841

Signed sealed & delivered
in presence of
Alexander Graham
John ^{his} T. C. Doughty
William C Wright

Joshua Carpenter *(initials)*

GRANTED Court of Ordinary
Franklin County Novr Term 1843

Personally appeared an open
Court John T. C. Doughty who being duly sworn
deposes and saith that he saw the within
named Joshua Carpenter sign and seal
the within will for the purposes therein
mentioned when in his proper mind
that he deponent subscribed the same as a
witness and saw Alexander Graham
& William C Wright do so like wise
Sworn to & sworn 1843

The King C. C. O.

John ^{his} T. C. Doughty
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