

John Dickens and Wife
In the Name of God Amen I John Dickens of the City
of Philadelphia in unworthy apprehension of the Gospel of Jesus Christ being at this
time through the amazing Mercy of my Gracious & merciful Father of the usual
Command of my uncollecting powers and considering the great uncertainty of
human life do make this my last will and Testament that is to say, First I commend
my immortal soul to the arms of Jesus Christ who by the grace of God tasted death
for my salvation and my body to rest in the earth till the General resurrection
Secondly after all my just debts are paid I will & bequeath to my affectionate wife
Elizabeth Dickens in whose piety & prudence I have great reason to place the fullest
Confidence all my property & Estate both real & personal to be used at her discretion for
the purpose of supporting herself and our dear Children and as they attain to the age
of maturity if she has any thing to spare I desire that she may use her discretion
to bestow on them such portions as she thinks her ability will afford though
I am deeply convinced that all I now possess would not be sufficient without im-
provement to Educate & support them till they are capable of acting for themselves
I also here by nominate & appoint my beloved wife Elizabeth Dickens together
with my trusty friend Mr Thomas Warkens of the City of Philadelphia Grace my legal
Executor & Executor to fulfill this my last will and Testament and I further
desire that no flaw which any Law may find in this my will and Testament
may annul my desire knowing to the better hereof and disclaiming all others
thereby declare this to be my last will & Testament In witness whereof I have
hereunto set my hand & seal this 10th day September in the year of Our Lord
one thousand seven hundred & ninety three
Witness &

John Dickens

The foregoing will is proved by Caleb North & Henry Manly by proving the hands
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Philadelphia City & County

Essex

Manly & R. B.

By the order of these presents George Campbell Esq
Register for the probate of wills & granting letters of administration in and for the
City and County of Philadelphia in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Do make known unto all men that on the day of the date hereof at Philadelphia
before me was proved & approved the last will & Testament of John Dukens deceased a
true Copy whereof is to these presents annexed having whilst he lived and at the time
of his death & assets, Goods, Chattels, Rights & Credits within the said Commonwealth by
reason whereof the approbation & Insinuation in the said last will and Testament
and the committing the administration of all and singular the Goods & Chattels Rights
& Credits which were of the said deceased and also including the accounts, calculations
and reckonings of the said administration and a final Assumption from the same
to me are manifestly known to belong and that administration of all and singular
the Goods, Chattels, Rights, & Credits of the said deceased any way concerning his last
will & Testament was committed to Elizabeth Dukens & Thomas Hiskins Executors
in the said Testament named they having first been duly affirmed will strive
to administer the Goods, Chattels, Rights & Credits of the said deceased and make a
true & perfect Inventory thereof & Exhibit the same into the Registers office at
Philadelphia on or before the thirtieth day of December next and to render a
true & just account, calculation & reckoning of the said administration on
or before the thirtieth day of Nov: 1799 or when thereunto lawfully required
In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal of office at Philadelphia
the thirtieth day of November in the year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred
& ninety Eight

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Halifax County
May Session 1860. It is then this Certified Copy of the Last Will and Testa-
ment of John Dickens dec'd was exhibited in Open Court under the act
of Assembly and on motion ordered to be Recorded

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Elizabeth Mitchell Coe's Will

In the Name of God Amen I Elizabeth Mitchell of Halifax County
State North Carolina being now very sick but of a perfect and sound mind
& memory and understanding but willing to mind the uncertainty of life & the certai-
ty of death do make & constitute this my last will & Testament in manner
& form as following- I promise I give my soul to God that gave it to me in hopes
that the Lord will receive it thro' the death of my gracious Redeemer, as to my
body I give it to the earth from whence it was taken and then to be ready
to rise at the direction of my Heavenly Father hereafter men know and as to my
earthly goods which it hath pleased God to give me I will & bequeath in
manner & form as following- I give I bequeath to my daughter Dorothy Williamson
the Land plantation wherein I now live to her & her heirs forever also I give to
my said daughter Dorothy my mare Scott to her and her heirs forever, and my
further wish & desire is for all the rest & residue my Estate to be sold when
the money arising therefrom to be equally divided between my two daughters
Dorothy & Mary and for her more I constitute and appoint my son in Law
George Williamson & Andrew Wiley Executors of this my last will and
Testament utterly revoking & annulling any other will & Testament ^{that} might
have formally been made by me In witness whereof I have hereunto set
my hand this 11th day of August in the year of Our Lord Christ one