

Last Will & Testament

John T. Jackson Decd.

I John T. Jackson being in feeble health, but sound in mind in the name of God doth make and publish this as my last Will and Testament, first I will my spirit to God who give it & my body to the earth from whence it came & being blessed of the goods of this world first I will to my wife Priscilla Jackson Thirty Dollars a year out of the proceeds of my farms so long as she may live and said Thirty Dollars to be a lien on said farm from Year to Year as perches money of not paid as here after provided & said Thirty Dollars beginning with the Year 1891, & it is my Will that fifty dollars be paid to my half sister Sarah Lane out of an land, & it is my will & desire, that my three Grand Children or that is my son W. D. C. Jackson Decd. Children is to have twenty five Dollars each when every Da Marry & to be paid as here after provided & I will & bequeath my land to my two sons viz: P. H. W. & John E. C. Jackson after paying Sarah Lane fifty out of same, said land lying & being in the State of Tennessee & Sullivan Co. & State of Va Scott Co. but said two sons are to pay to my wife Priscilla Jackson Thirty dollars per Year as long as she may live for which said Thirty Dollars is to be a lien on said land provided my sons shall fail to pay it & then are to pay to my son W. Jacksons Three Children twenty five dollars a piece when ever or as they marry & the fifty Dollars to Sarah Lane at once & it is further my will & desire that my wife Priscilla Jackson own half of the Corn that is on hand & all fruits that is on hand & all the property that she brought here & such other things out of the House as she may need but A. L. C. Snapp is to see that she dont take any thing that she dont need & then it is my Will & desire that the remainder of my House hold property be equally divided between my two sons & it is further my Will & desire that A. L. C. Snapp take possession of my old Gray Mare & Yearling Colt & my Hogs & what Corn is left after my wife gets her half & A. L. C. Snapp is paid what I owe him sell the same at private sale if he can & not to sell the same at public sale on such time as he may think best & it is further my Will that my wife have what Bacon that is on hand & it is further my Will that all just debts shall be paid including the fifty dollars to Sarah Lane & Funeral Expence to be paid & that A. L. C. Snapp shall receive

the rents off of all of my lands for the Year 1891 & after paying of my widow the balance to be applied to paying my debts & if my two sons do not Except this my last Will & Testament my Widow is to have & hold my lands as long as she may live provided she pays Sarah Lane her fifty dollars & I hereby appoint A. L. C. Snapp as my Executor in this Will & without Bond.

Given under my hand & seal this 13th day of April 1891.
attest
Thos. H. Snapp
James H. Snapp

J. T. Jackson - seal

Proven in open Court by the Oaths of Thomas H. Snapp and James H. Snapp, subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will & the same was adjudged & declared to be the last Will & Testament of John T. Jackson decd. & ordered to be recorded in the book of wills June 1. 1891

W. D. Buchanan Clk.

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Schuylkill County Pa.

Peter W. Sheaffer

By the tenor of these presents, I, Samuel Beane, Esq., register for the probate of wills and granting letters of administration in and for the County of Schuylkill, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do make known unto all men, that on the day of the date hereof, at Pottsville, before me now present, appeared and insinuated the last will and testament of Peter W. Sheaffer, late of the Borough of Pottsville, in the County of Schuylkill, deceased, (a true copy whereof is to these presents annexed) having whilst he lived and at the time of his death, diverse goods, chattels, rights and credits within the said Commonwealth; by reason whereof, the approbation and insinuation of the said last will and testament, and the committing the administration of all and singular the goods, chattels, rights and credits, which were of the said deceased, and also the auditing the accounts, calculations and reckonings of the said administration, and a final dismission from the same, & we are manifestly known to belong, and that administrations of all and singular the goods, chattels, rights and credits of the said deceased any way concerning his last will and testament was committed to Walter S. Sheaffer, Arthur W. Sheaffer, W. Lehigh Sheaffer and Henry Sheaffer, in the said testament named, they having been duly sworn with and truly to administer the goods, chattels, rights and credits of the said deceased, and make a true and perfect inventory thereof, and exhibit the same into the

Registers Office, at Pottsville, aforesaid, within thirty days from this date, and to render a true and just calculation and reckoning, of the said administration within one year from this date, or when thereof lawfully required, and that they will ~~well~~ and truly comply with the laws of this Commonwealth relating to collateral inheritances.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the seal of the said office, Dated Pottsville, the second day of ~~April~~, in the year of our Lord, One thousand eight hundred and ninety-one.

Samuel Beard
Register.

I, Peter W. Sheaffer, of the Borough of Pottsville, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, Engineer and Geologist, being of sound and disposing mind, Memory and understanding, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and making void all former wills, by me at any time heretofore made.

First - my will is, that all my just debts and funeral Expenses shall be paid by my Executors, hereinafter named and appointed, as soon after my decease as conveniently may be.

Second. I give and bequeath to my dear wife, Harriet N. and to her heirs and assigns, my present residence, Messuage and buildings appertenant thereto, known as No. 500 South Centre Street, Pottsville and the use and benefit of all the furniture, plate, library, pictures, and all and every other article, contained in, and used in said dwelling house, during her natural life without rent, and without responsibility for the wear and tear, or damage to said articles, loss, or destruction of any article of personal property that may be in said dwelling and at her death, the said furniture, plate, library, pictures and other chattels, to be divided among my children, in equal proportions - And I further give and devise to my said wife, Harriet N. her heirs and assigns, the three lots and a stable lot, on South Centre Street, Pottsville, with all the horses, stock, vehicles, harness and other chattels therein at the time of my death; (These bequests to be in lieu of dower).

Third. I give and bequeath the following sums in cash, to be paid by my Executors, as soon after my decease, as can reasonably be accomplished, without detriment to my estate - say, within one year - to the following named persons, viz:

1. To each of my four sisters; Sue W. - M. Emma - Amanda C. - and Annie L. Sheaffer, the sum of five thousand Dollars.
P. W. Sheaffer.

11. And to pay to each of my brothers, William H. of Philadelphia, and Walter S. Sheaffer, of Pottsville, for past and future services to me, and to my Executors and heirs in the settlement of my Estate, the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars, as they may need it, or as my Executors can arrange to pay the same.

11. To each of my nephews, Henry C. Sheaffer of Philadelphia and Frank J. Sheaffer, of Pottsville, the sum of Five Thousand Dollars.

14. To each of my Cousins, Theodosia Burr, and Lizzie Lewis, of Battiswissa, the sum of Five Hundred Dollars.

Fourth. I give, devise and bequeath, all the rest, residue, and remainder of my Estate, Real Personal and Mixed, of which I may die seized, or possessed, or in which I may have an interest, at the time of my death, to my Executors hereinafter named, and to the survivors and survivors of them;

In Trust Nevertheless, to and for the several uses, intents and purposes, hereinafter limited and expressed, and declared, of and concerning the same, -

1. To pay, out of the rents, profits and income from whatever source, all my just debts and funeral expenses, as soon as practical, after my decease.

11. To pay to my dear wife, Harriet N., an annuity of Three Thousand Dollars, in quarterly installments, during her natural life, (which shall be in lieu of dower in any of my real Estate) and at her death, the payment of this annuity is to be continued, and distributed share and share alike, amongst my children and grand-children.

11. To pay to each of my children an annuity of Ten Thousand Dollars, in quarterly installments, until such time hereinafter specified; and in the event of the death of any of my children, the share or annuity of such deceased child or children, to be paid - P. W. Sheaffer, in equal shares, to the child or children of such deceased child.

14. To pay to Mrs. B. N. Hyde, wife of Colonel B. N. Hyde, an annuity of Five Hundred Dollars, during her natural life, or until as hereinafter specified, for her sole and separate use, and in such installments as my Executors may deem best.

15. To pay to my Cousins, Louise Tracy, of Northumberland, Pennsylvania, Anna Tracy, of Arizona, and Helen A. Kellar, wife of William Kellar, an annuity of One Thousand Dollars each, during the term ^{my} estate remains in the hands of my Executors, in monthly installments, or otherwise, as they may require it.

VI. To care for my other poor or needy relatives, according to the best judgment of my Executors.

VII. To pay an annuity for such time as hereinafter specified, of Two Hundred Dollars, to the Poor of Pottsville, including the Benevolent Association, and the Childrens Home, in such installments as my Executors think best.

I ask in this connection, that my Executors kindly care for the Poor, and help all other good causes.

VIII. To pay for such time as hereinafter specified, an annuity of Two Hundred Dollars, to the Methodist Episcopal Church of Pottsville, for its various benevolent collections, such as Missionary, Bible, Tract, Temperance and other good causes, and in such proportions and at such times as my Executors deem best.

IX. To pay an annuity, for such time as hereinafter specified, or as long as they may remain unmarried, of One Hundred Dollars each, to Caroline and Mercier Hyde, to be paid yearly.

X. To pay an annuity of One Hundred Dollars, to my niece, Josephine Boston, wife of James L. Boston, of Washington, for her sole and separate use and benefit.

Fifth. It is my will and desire, that my estate, during the natural life of my wife, Harriet H. be managed as I am now doing, and P. M. Shaffer that the service in the office remain unchanged; that the Method of keeping the accounts be continued as is now done; that the income, from whatever source, whether Coal rentals, rents, interest, or other collections, be charged to Profit and Loss Account, and the same account be credited with the payment of the expenses of Management, Commissions, traveling expenses and household expenses; (for which latter account, namely house expenses, I hereby allow the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars, yearly, so long as the household remains together - In the event of the Marriage or separation of any of my Children, from the household, then this sum is to be reduced Two Thousand Dollars, for each such Marriage, or separation and the said Two Thousand Dollars paid to each Child so separating;) and at the end of every year, the balance if any be divided share and share alike, between my wife and Children; and in the event of the death of any of my Children, this share of such deceased Child, or Children, to be paid to the wife or wives of such deceased Child, or Children, so long as they remain unmarried, and then to the Child or Children of such deceased Child or Children share and share alike.

After the death of my wife, I desire the estate to be equally divided among my Children, or Childrens Children, share and share alike; the Children of deceased Child or Children, to take the share the parent would have taken, if living, in such a manner as can be mutually agreed upon by them and my Executors - Until then, I desire my Coal lands in Colburnton and Shenandoah, to remain unsold; (but the surface of such portions as my Executors, or the survivors or survivor of them may elect, may be sold, and the proceeds charged to Profit and Loss, as heretofore mentioned.) All my other Real Estate may be sold at any time, by my Executors, or the P. M. Shaffer survivors or survivors of them, when they think best; and the proceeds considered as income, and divided as heretofore directed, or re-invested in good securities, as my Executors may elect.

Upon the death of my wife, or thereafter, when the estate is divided, the several annuities heretofore named shall cease; or, at the option of my heirs, such as they deem necessary, may continue, until they think best to discontinue them.

Payments of the debts due to me by my brother William H. Shaffer, of Philadelphia, and my brother-in-law, W. H. Whitecomb, of Boston, is not to be urged, nor are they to be distressed for payment of the same; but it is to be optional with them to pay, as their will, or ability dictates.

I further order and direct, that in lieu of the annuity of One Hundred Dollars, heretofore bequeathed to Louise Tracy, the same be increased to an annuity of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars, so long as she remains unmarried, or as my Executors may deem best.

I desire my brother, William H. Shaffer, to be consulted about the management of my estate, and his advice to be always seriously considered; and at such compensation as they can mutually agree upon.

I desire my Executors to have discretionary power as to the payment of the several annuities here before given to Mrs. Hyde to her several daughters, and to my several cousins - to pay them at such times as they may deem most convenient, and to increase, or to diminish them, as the necessities of the said annuitants demand.

I hereby nominate and appoint my brother, Walter S. Shaffer of Pottsville, and my sons, Arthur H. Shaffer, W. L. Shaffer, and Henry Shaffer, of Pottsville, and the survivors and survivor of them, to be the Executors of this my last will and testament; and hereby giving to them, and to the survivors and survivor of them, full power and

authority to sell and to convey, by good and sufficient deed or deeds for the same, any and all of my Real Estate, and apply the proceeds of such sale or sales in the manner hereinbefore directed.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, to this my last Will and Testament, contained on five sheets of paper, by signing the same at the end thereof, and on the margin of each of said sheets of paper, this fourth day of November, in the year of our Lord, One thousand eight hundred and Ninety.

P. W. Sheaffer. Seal.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the Testator, as and for his last Will and Testament, in the presence of us, who, at his request, have signed the same as witnesses thereto, in his presence, and in the presence of each other the day and year aforesaid.

H. K. Weston.

J. G. Lowrey.

Pottsville, Pa. Nov. 20. 1890.

Now being in sound health and mind I further desire and so order that whatever interest I may have through my Father's or Mother's Will or otherwise in the Wisconsin farm, or home or Store Rooms or tenant houses or otherwise therein appertaining I hereby bequeath all of my said interest in full to my sisters, in equal shares alike, to Susan W. Sheaffer, Mary Emeline Sheaffer, Amanda E. Sheaffer and Annie C. Sheaffer, all now residing in said Homestead in Wisconsin, Davenport Co. Wis. In the event of the death of either, her said Sheaffer will then become the property of the other sisters.

It is also my special desire and command that in addition to my former bequest to my brother Walter C. Sheaffer of \$50,000.- I now wish him to have an additional \$50,000. from my estate when the same can be well spared to him out of said estate.

Witness-

J. G. Lowrey.
H. K. Weston.

P. W. Sheaffer

State of Pennsylvania }
County of Schuylkill. } ss.

Before me, Samuel Beard, Register for the Probate of Wills and granting Letters of Administration, in and for Schuylkill County, personally appeared H. K. Weston and J. G. Lowrey, subscribing witnesses to the above, and foregoing instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament & Codicil, thereto of Peter W. Sheaffer, late of the Borough of Pottsville, in said County, deceased, who being by me duly sworn, according to law, did depose and say that they were present, and did see the testator, Peter W. Sheaffer now deceased, sign, seal and heard him publish, pronounce and declare, the above and foregoing instrument of writing as and for his last will and testament & Codicil thereto and at the time of the doing thereof, the said Peter W. Sheaffer, was of sound mind, memory, and understanding, to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Sworn and subscribed before me
this 2nd day of April, A.D. 1891.

Samuel Beard
Register of Wills.

J. G. Lowrey
H. K. Weston.

Estate of Peter W. Sheaffer, deceased.

State of Pennsylvania }
County of Schuylkill. } ss.

You and each of you do swear that as Executors of Peter W. Sheaffer, deceased, you will well and truly administer the goods and chattels, rights and credits of the decedent according to law, and diligently and faithfully regard and well and truly comply with the provisions of the law relating to collateral inheritances.

Sworn and subscribed before me
this 2nd day of April, A.D. 1891.

Samuel Beard
Register of Wills.

Walter S. Sheaffer Seal
Arthur W. Sheaffer Seal
W. Lesley Sheaffer Seal
Henry Sheaffer Seal

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania }
Schuylkill County. } ss.

Register's Office, April 9th, 1891.

I, Samuel Beard, Register of Wills and ex-officio Clerk of the Orphans Court for the County of Schuylkill, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and accurate copy of the last Will, Testament and Codicil.