

Michael Neff's Will

In the Name of God Amen; I Michael Neff of the County of Montgomery and State of Ohio do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in the manner following to wit -

First It is my will that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be fully paid

Second It is my will that my beloved wife at my death shall return to and reside on the farm her residence at the time I married her And I do give devise and bequeath unto my said wife Lydia all the personal property I owned by her in marriage - Also her choice of one among my horses - also one cow to be selected by her - also six sheep of her own selection - also two Hogs of her own choosing - also bread stuff and meat sufficient for her own consumption for the duration of one year Also I do give unto my said wife Lydia the sum of One Hundred Dollars in money - Third It is my will that my son Abraham Neff reside upon the farm which I now occupy until such time as my son Jonathan Neff shall arrive at the age of twenty one years. And that the said Abraham Neff shall have the privilege of granting residence upon said farm to one half of my children excepting the children I have had with my present wife Lydia. Also that all the wild land now owned by me may be sold or otherwise disposed of at any time and upon such terms as my Executor shall see proper And that my said son Abraham Neff shall retain upon said farm his own farm at the appraised value all the farming utensils - Blacksmith tools together with all the other implements which in his judgment shall be needed to carry on the farming business And keep up a blacksmith shop - the balance to be disposed of to the best advantage by my Executors

Fourth I do give devise and bequeath unto my eight oldest children viz Abraham Neff Margaret Neff Michael Neff Elizabeth Neff Frederick Neff David Neff Joseph Neff and Jonathan Neff the property not heretofore devised to be equally divided among them with the exception of the sum of One Hundred dollars to each of my children of the full age of majority with my present wife Lydia Neff

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5th It is my will that Abraham Neff be guardian for my daughter Susannah Neff Also that Henry Neff be constituted guardian of my son George Neff - And it is my will that the above named words shall be brought up in the families of their respective guardians And receive so much education as will qualify them to a station of usefulness

6th It is my will that my son Abraham Neff be constituted guardian of my three children Eve Neff Joseph Neff and Jonathan Neff And that they receive sufficiently education to qualify them to a station of usefulness in the Society in which they shall be placed And that the said Abraham Neff shall as a compensation for his services have the privilege of retaining the use of said farm at a rent of one third of all the grain which may be raised upon said farm leaving two thirds of the value to said Abraham Neff as also the proceeds of my said farm provided said Abraham Neff shall keep said farm well improved And I hereby constitute my sons Abraham Neff and Michael Neff to be the Executors of this my last Will and Testament revoking and annulling all former wills by me made and ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 5th day of March A.D. 1848

Michael Neff Test.

Signed Sealed and Acknowledged by Michael Neff to be his Last Will and Testament

And witnessed by us at his request

Guignard Myers

Jonathan Neff

The State of New Hampshire County of

Court of Common Pleas August Term 1851