

# In the Name of God Amen

I Frederick Hower of Paradise Township, County of York and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania being at present weak and sick in body, but of sound and disposing mind and memory, blessed be Almighty God for the same and considering the uncertainty of human life, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, and first and principally recommending my Immortal Spirit into the hands of Almighty God who gave it, trusting through the Merits of my Redeemer for forgiveness of all my Sins and an happy Admission into the Bliss and Immortality, and my Body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in a Christian manner at the Discretion of my Executors herein after named, and as to such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give & dispose of the same in manner and form following, first it is my Will that all my just debts and Funeral Expenses be paid off as soon as Conveniently may be after my Decease by my Executors hereafter named. Item It is my Will that all the money which shall be found after my Decease shall be equally divided amongst my four Children, To Wit, Michael Hower, Adam Hower, George Hower and Christina Hower. —

Item I give and Bequeath unto my son Michael Hower one Mare and the young horse with the Geers thereunto belonging besides a bay Mare and two Cows and one Calf which I have already given him by my life time as also one new Waggon if the same is not finished by my life time, then the said Waggon is to be made out of my personal Estate, Item I give and bequeath unto each of my before named four Children one Cow and two Sheep and if any of my said Children should not get a Cow and two Sheep such a Child shall have in lieu for a Cow four pounds, and for the two Sheep twenty shillings I give and bequeath unto my Son Adam Hower two mares with the geers thereunto belonging, I further give unto each of my Sons Michael and Adam Hower one plow and the Waggin Cloth and Serew they shall keep jointly, I further give unto my Son Adam Hower the old Waggon and to my Son Michael the Windmill. — It is further my Will that all the grain which shall be found after my Decease shall be sold by my Executors the money arising out of the sale thereof, shall be equally divided amongst my four Children namely, Michael, Adam, George and Christina, it is further my Will that four hog head of Apples which are to be still?

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shall be for the use when a barn is build for my son Adam. Item I give, devise, dispose and bequeath unto my two sons Michael Stower and Adam Stower and to their heirs and assigns my now dwelling Plantation whereupon I now live situate lying and being in Paradise Township aforesaid adjoining Lands of Peter Weiser, & Rudolph Blimpeter, Jacob Stower, George Meyer, Henry Spangler and Barnard Spangler containing Four Hundred and Eighty six Acres of Land and Allowance be the same more or less. To have and to hold the said Tract of Land of Four Hundred and Eighty six Acres and Allowance to them my said Two Sons and to their heirs and assigns forever. And yielding and paying therefor unto my children George Stower and Christina Stower the Sum of Eight Hundred Pounds in Real Gold and Silver Money. And it is further my Will that my son Michael Stower shall pay his share of Eight Hundred Pounds which is Four Hundred Pounds to my Daughter Christina and to her heirs and assigns and my son Adam Stower shall pay his Four Hundred Pounds in Real Gold and Silver Money to my son George Stower and to his heirs and assigns. And it is further my Will that my aforesaid Two Sons each of them pay Twenty five Pounds each the first Payment whereof to be made on the fifteenth Day of April One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety five, and so on yearly untill each of them hath fully paid and discharged the Sum of Four Hundred Pounds. It is further my Will and I do order that my said Plantation shall be divided as equally as can be by three honest Freeholders out of the Neighbourhood, provided that my son Michael shall have the Buildings where I now live, and my son Adam the new House where he the said Adam now lives, provided that my son Adam shall be intitled to Four Rows of Apple Trees during the Term of Ten Years, and further It is my Will, and I do order that whosoever of my Two Sons shall get the lower part of the meadow shall be intitled to the water for draining the meadow that is to say Michael who will get the upper part of the meadow shall have the use of the water for Twenty four Hours, and then Adam shall have the use for the same time and so to continue

during the whole Year but the ditches they shall dig and  
 clean together and also the Dam or any water works for the use  
 of watering the meadows they shall make and maintain  
 together, and keep the same in Repair he the said Adam Stowers his  
 heirs and assigns shall have full Liberty for Engrafe and Regrife on  
 the Part of Michael Stowers meadow to lead the said Water for  
 the use of the meadow without molestation or hindrance of the  
 said Michael Stowers his heirs or assigns, I do further order, that in  
 case my Son Adam Stowers should not pay my Son George Stowers  
 according to the Terms within mentioned, and four Gaile should  
 become due to him and the same are not discharged, then it is  
 my will that the said Tract of Land shall as the same is devi-  
 ded from the whole Tract be the Property of my Son George Stowers,  
 he hold the same for himself his heirs and assigns forever  
 he the said George shall pay unto the said Adam Stowers his  
 heirs and assigns the aforesaid Sum of Four Hundred Pounds  
 in the same Payments as before mentioned. Item I give  
and bequeath unto my Sons Nicholas Stowers, Philip Stowers,  
Henry Stowers and Jacob Stovers the Sum of Fifteen Hundred  
Pounds to be equally divided share and share alike which I have  
 already in Words but not due, the first Pound of Three Hundred  
 Pounds will be due the fifteenth Day of April next and there  
 Sixty Pounds the fifteenth Day of April One Thousand Seven  
 Hundred and Ninety five, and so on every Year untill the  
 whole Sum of Fifteen Hundred Pounds is fully paid. —  
 Item, I give and bequeath unto my Son Nicholas Stowers,  
 the further Sum of five Pounds to be taken out of a Pound  
 due from Henry, Jacob about his equal share and the residue  
 of the Pound shall be divided and paid in equal shares unto my  
 Sons Nicholas, Philip, Henry and Jacob, I further give  
 and bequeath unto my Daughter Christina the Sum of  
 five Pounds one and above the Legacy already bequeathed  
 to her. And as to the Rest and Residue of all my Personal Estate  
 of what kind or nature soever which I have not bequeathed  
 before, I do order that the same shall be sold by Executors at  
 Public Vendue the Money arising therefrom shall be equally  
 divided amongst my four Children Michael, George, and Christine  
 And I do hereby declare that all and every the Legacies and  
 bequests herein contained shall be in full of their respective

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Shaves both Real and Personal. And lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my trusty friends Jacob Stover and Peter Buse, Executors of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making <sup>void</sup> all former will and wills by me heretofore made, declaring this and no other my true and Effectual and to be my Last Will and Testament. In Testimony whereof, I the said Frederick Stover have hereunto set my hand and Seal this Second Day of January Anno Domini One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety five (Frederick Stover) Seal.

N.B. The word (then) intined before signing and the word (light) adnot on a Paper. Signed, Sealed, Published, pronounced and declared by the said Testator as and for his Last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have subscribed our names as Witnesses thereto in the presence of, and at the request of the said Testator. Abraham Roth, John Miller, York County, Pa. Before me Jacob Barnitz Reg. Register for the Probate of Wills and granting Letters of Administration in and for the County of York in the State of Pennsylvania, I personally came Abraham Roth One of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing Instrument of Writing, and on his solemn affirmation, (he) confidentially certifying the taking of an oath, doth say that he was personally present and saw and heard the above named Frederick Stover sign his name unto and Seal and publish the foregoing Instrument of Writing as and for his Last Will and Testament. And that at the time of the doing thereof he the Frederick Stover was of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding to the best of his knowledge and belief; and that he subscribed his name thereto as a witness in the presence of the said Testator, and at his request. And further that he also saw John Miller the other witness sign his name thereto as a witness at the same time.

Abraham Roth.  
 Affirmed & subscribed before at York the 2<sup>nd</sup> Day of November A.D. 1795. Jacob Barnitz Reg.  
 A true Copy taken from & compared with the Original at York by Jacob Barnitz Reg.

**Memorandum** That Letters Testamentary in common form were granted unto Jacob Stover and Peter Buse of the Estate of Frederick Stover deceased; Inventory to be exhibited unto the Register of the Probate Office at York on or before the Twenty fourth day of January next. And an Account or Reckoning in a Year or when legally thereunto required. Given under my hand and Seal of Office at York the Twenty fourth Day of November A.D. 1795.

John

Strauss Peter  
 Sarbach Katharine  
Stoner Frederick  
 Stentz Philip  
 Sox Nicholas

Newberry  
 Bernick  
 Paradise  
 Heidelberg  
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Amber 21<sup>st</sup> 1795 Henry Schmier

Amber 24<sup>th</sup> 1795 Jacob Hauer and Peter Bauer

Amay 11<sup>th</sup> 1796 Ludwick Gring and John McGreary

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