

**Gloucester County, New Jersey**

**Will of Alexander Rowand**

(?? - 1743)

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Names listed with relationship or function as indicated in the document (surnames in parentheses are married names of females):

John, son & executor  
James, son  
Abigail (Rowand), wife & executor  
Isaac, son  
Thomas, son  
Margaret, daughter  
Ann, daughter  
Hannah, daughter  
John Hillman, witness  
Jeremieh Matlack, witness  
Thomas Lawrance, witness  
David Stout, surrogate

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The Will and Inventory of  
Alexander Rowand  
Gloster 1743

To All Christian People To Whom their presents may Come or concern Salutation I Alexander Rowand of y<sup>e</sup> Township of Waterford in y<sup>e</sup> County of Glocester and Province of west New Jersey Yeoman being very Much indisposed in body but of perfect Sence and Memory Do Constitute this my last will And Testament in Manner Following. Imprimus I give and bequeath unto my Son John All my land and houses thereunto belonging And my Son John is to Maintain his Mother with Sufficient Maintenance During her being my Widow and my wife ?? Have the best bed in y<sup>e</sup> House and furniture thereunto belonging And my Wife to have y<sup>e</sup> best or Choice of ?? a Room in House, and Six Chaires and Pewter Convenient for her use and her Mare Bridle and Saddle, Item I give to my Son James A Young Horse Colt that goes With His Mothers Mare Together with A New Saddle and Bridle and his part of the Sheep. Item I Desire that my Moveable Estate May be Praised and out of the

Appraisement my Son James To have fifty pounds in Mony, and the over Plus of the Moveables to be Equally Divided Amongst my five other Children Viz, Margaret Ann Hannah Isaac and Thomas However, And if my Moveable Estate Should Amount to Above twenty pounds Apiece to Each of ye affor Said Children Margaret Ann Hannah Isaac and Thomas, Then ye overplus To go to my Son James as an addition to his fifty pounds But if itt Should not Amount to Twenty pounds Apiece to Each of ye affore Said five Children, then James to have But his fifty pounds, and the others to have What itt Amounts too Equally Divided Among them if itt is not Above Twenty pounds Apiece, But if Either of my five Children Should Die before he Comes of Age, Then his part to be Equally Divided Amongst the other four Children Item I give and bequeath unto my Dear and loving Wife Abigail after all my Debts and Funeral Charges is Defray<sup>d</sup>, one Third of my Reall Estate, whom I ordain Excatrix together with my Son John Excutor of this my last Will and Testament -----  
 And to the Care of these Two I Committ my Two Sons Isaac and Thomas and my Desire is that they may be put to School and Taught to Read and Write and Cypher as farr as the Rule of Three Perfectly Well and at the Age of Sixteen or Seventeen at ?? to be ?? but to good Trades Such as they Shall Like ??, And this I Acknowledge to be my last Will and Testament and Desire That itt may be Received as the Same ----  
 In Wittness Whereof I have hereunto Sett my Hand and Seal This Sixteenth Day of August in y<sup>e</sup> Year of Our Lord One thousand Seven Hundred and forty three  
 Sign<sup>d</sup> Seal<sup>d</sup> and Acknowled<sup>g</sup>,  
 In y<sup>e</sup> Presence of

[signed]	John Hillman		
	Jeremieh Matleck	[signed]	Alexand Rowand
	Tho <sup>s</sup> Lawrance		

Be it remembered that on the Seventh Day of November Anno Domin 1743 before me David Stout Surrogate of the wester Division of New Jersey -- duely Commisioned a John Hillman one of the witnesses to the within written Instrument who being of the people Call<sup>d</sup> Quakers on his Solemn Affirmation according to Law did declare and affirm that he Saw Alexander Rowland the Testator herein named Sign and Seal the same and heard him publish pronounce and declare the before written Instrument to be his Last Will and Testament and that at the Doing thereof the said Testator was of Sound and disposing mind memory and understanding to the best of his knowledge and Belive and that at the same time Jeremiah Mcleech? [Matlack] and Thomas Lawrance the other subscribing witnesses were present & subscrib<sup>d</sup> their names as witnesses to the said will together with this affirmment in presence of the s<sup>d</sup> Testator. Affirm<sup>d</sup> at Burlington the Day and year above said before me  
 [signed] David Stout Surr

Be it Remembered That on y<sup>e</sup> Seventh Day of November anno Dom 1743 before me Dav<sup>d</sup> Stout Surr duely authorized come Abigal Rowland and John Rowland Execatrix and Excutor to the within will of Alex<sup>r</sup> Rowland who being of the People Call<sup>d</sup> Quaker upon their Solemn affirmation did declare that the within Instrum<sup>t</sup> Contains the true Last Will and Testament of the said Alex<sup>r</sup> Rowland so far ?? as they know and as they verily believe and that they will well and truly perform ?? by paying first the Just Debts of the Deceased and then y<sup>e</sup> Legacys in the said Will Specify<sup>d</sup> as far as the goods Chattles and Credits of the said Decd will thereunto Extend

Affirmed at Burlington  
The Seventh Day of Novr  
D 1743 before me

[signed] Davd Stout Surr