

Gloucester County, New Jersey

Will of John Matlack

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Transcribed April 2001 by R Stoy

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

Isaac Matlack, son
John Matlack, son
Hannah (Maxel), Daughter
John Maxel, husband of Hannah
Kezia (Heritage), daughter
Benjamin Heritage, deceased husband of Kezia
Esther (French), daughter
Jonathan French, husband of Esther
Sarah (Browning), daughter
Joseph Browning, husband of Sarah
Jacob Matlack, son deceased
Bathsheba (Lippincott), daughter deceased
Samuel Lippincott, son of Bathsheba
Ezekil Lippincott, husband of Bathsheba
Benjamin Matlack, son
Ephraim Matlack, son
Jacob Huelings
Lydia Matlack, daughter
Mary (Hillman), daughter
Joab Hillman, husband of Mary
Nathaniel Lippincott, executor
Caleb Lippincott, executor & son of Nathaniel
Joshua Stokes, witness
William Bates, witness
Abraham Allen, witness
Jos Read, surrogate

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Will and Inventory
of John Matlack
Recorded in Lib ?? 12 ??
Gloucester County
1765
Engrossed Probated

Let it be Recorded this Twenty Sixth Day of February in the year of our Lord one Thousand Seventeen Hundred & Sixty five 1765 – That I John Matlack^{Sen} of Waterford in County of Gloucester in the western Division of the province of newjersey yeo^m being at This Time Some what weak in Body, But of perfect Sound mind & Disposing memory, thanks be given to almighty God for the Same, and Calling to mind the mortality of my Body, and well knowing that it is appropriate for all men once to Die, and for the Settling of peace hereafter in my family, Do make and ordain this my Last Will & Testament and first and principally I give & recommend my Soul in to the Hands of almighty God that gave it, and my body I recommend to the Earth to be Buried in a Decent Christian like manner at the Descretion of my Ex^{ts} herein after named and as touching Such worldly Estate as it hath pleased God to Bless me with in this Life I give bequeath Devise and Dispose of the Same in the following manner & form –

Impr: It is my will & I hereby order that in the first place all my Just Debts & Funeral Expenses, be Duly paid & Sattisfied by my Ex^{ts} as Soon as conveniently may be Done after my Decease

Item I give & bequeath unto my Son Isaac Matlack the sum of five Shillings

Item I give & bequeath unto my Son John Matlack the Sum of five Shillings

Item I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Hannah Maxel wife of John Maxel the Sum of five Shillings

Item I give & bequeath to my Daughter Kezia Heritage widow of Benjamin Heritage Deceased the Sum of five Shillings

Item I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Esther French, wife of Jonathan French the Sum of five Shillings

Item I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Sarah Browning wife of Joseph Browning the Sum of five Shillings

I having Given the Six above named of my Children their Shares or portions already, and therefore I hereby Will & order that they have no more out of my Estate than the five Shillings Each as above mentioned, I also give to the Heirs of my Son Jacob Matlack Deceased the Sum of five Shillings, he having had his Share in his Life Time -----

I also give to Samuel Lippincott Son of my Daughter Bathsheba Late wife of Ezekil Lippincott the Sum of five Shillings She having had her portion in her Life Time -----

Item I give & Devise to my Son Benjamin Matlack all the plantation and Tract of Land whereon he now Dwells as the Same lyes & was Divided from the place where I now live, by Jacob Huelings Some years ago, according to the Survey in Draft that he made, be the Same more or less. I give & Devise the Same unto my Said Son Benjamin Matlack his Heirs and Assigns forever -----

Item I give and Devise unto my Son Ephraim Matlack all the plantation & Tract of Land whereon I now Dwell to him my Said Son Ephraim Matlack his Heirs and Assigns forever -----

Item I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Lydia Matlack the Chest of Draws & Spinning wheel this are Called here and the Sum of Seven Hundred pounds

Current money of the Said province to be paid to her by my Exts in Six month after my Decease

Item all the rest residue & remainder of my Estate be it what it will or where it will, I give unto my Two Daughter, viz^t Lydia Matlack & Mary Hillman wife of Joab Hillman to be Equally divided between them Share & Share alike -----

and Lastly I Nominate Constitute & appoint my Esteemed friends Nathaniel Lippincott & his Son Caleb Lippincott, to be Executors of this my Last Will & Testament notifying & Confirming this & no other to be my Last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my Hand & Seal the Day & year above written 1765

Signed Sealed published
pronounced & Declared by
the Said John Matlack to be
his Last Will & Testament
in the presence of us

[signed] John Matlack

[signed] Joshua Stokes
William Bates
Abraham Allen

Joshua Stokes and William Bates two of the Witnesses to the within Will being of the People Called Quakers on their solemn affirmation which they respectively took according to Law did declare that they were present and saw John Matlack the Testator therein named sign and Seal the Same, and heard him Publish Pronounce & declare the within Writing to be his Last Will & Testament that at the doing thereof the said Testator was of sound & disposing mind & memory as far as they know and as they verily believe, and that Abraham Allen the other Subscribing Witness was present at the same time and Subscribed his name as a Witness to the said Will together with these Affirmants in the presence of the said Testator.

Affirmed at Burlington

[signed]

Joshua Stokes

March 14, 1765

[signed]

William Bates

Coram [signed] Jos Read Surr

Nathaniel Lippincott & Caleb Lippincott the Executors in the within Testament named being of the People Called Quakers on their respective Affirmations which they took according t Law did declare that the within Writing Contains the true Last Will and Testament of John Matlack the Testator therein named, as far as they know & as they verily Believe, That they will well & Truly perform the same First by pay^g the debts of s^d Deceased and then the ?? in s^d Testament specified so far as the Goods Chattels & Credits of s^d deced can thereunto Extend that they will make a true & perfect Inventory of every part and parcell thereof & Extend the same into the Prerogative Office at Burlington and render a just and true account when thereunto Lawfully Required.

Affirmed at Burlington

[signed]

Nathaniel Lippincott

March 14th 1765

[signed]

Caleb Lippincott

Coram [signed] Jos. Read Surr