

Washington County, Pennsylvania

Will of Samuel Sayres

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

Daniel (David) Sayre, son & executor
Israel, son
Mercer, son
Samuel, son
Lydia, wife
Montgomery, son
Mary, daughter
Lydia, daughter
Thomas Brice, executor
John Harris, witness
Ezekiel Sayre, witness
Rev^d Cephas Dodd, witness
Isaac Kerr, Register of Wills

Will of Samuel Sayres deceased

In the name of God Amen I Samuel Sayres of the County of Washington, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania being in a low state of health but in perfect soundness of mind and understanding, do make and ordain this my last will and Testament, as follows Viz 1st It is my will that after my decease my body be decently interred and my funeral expences and all my just debts be paid out of my estate. Item) that my son Daniel having already received a considerable portion it is my will that he receive nothing more except his part of the money arising from the sale of my real estate herein after to be mentioned. Item) that my son Israel receive my black mare and the saddle purchased for him. Item) that my son Mercer be bound for the purpose of learning a trade as soon as may be convenient. Item) that my son Samuel continue to live with his mother till he be sixteen years of age; at which time it is my will that he be bound for the purpose of learning a trade. Item) to my beloved wife Lydia I do give and bequeath my pied cow and the choise of my horses with my best bed bedding with a stand of curtains that she also have privelege of purchasing herself a suit of clothes to be paid for out of my estate that my farm and such property as shall remain after paying my debts and the above named legacies be and remain in the possession of my widow during her continuing in that state for the purpose of maintaining herself and my minor children. Item) that when my son Samuel shall have arrived to the age of twenty one years my farm and such property as shall remain thereon be sold that from the proceeds of said sale my son Montgomery receive fifteen dollars, and the remainder be equally divided between

my widow and my sons Daniel, Israel, Mercer, and Samuel and my daughters Mary and Lydia. Lastly) I do hereby constitute and appoint Thomas Brice and my son Daniel Sayre sole Executors of this my last will and Testament. In confirmation of which I have hereto set my hand and seal on the twenty third day of may in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight hundred and eleven.

Samuel Sayre

In the presence of John Harris Ezekiel Sayre Cephass Dodd _____
Washington County ss. Be it remembered that on the third day of April in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and twelve, before me, Isaac Kerr Register for the probate of Wills and granting Letters of Administration, in and for said County came, John Harris, Ezekiel Sayre and the rev^d Cephass Dodd, the subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing last Will and Testament of Samuel Sayre, late of the County aforesaid, deceased, who being duly sworn as the law directs do depose and say that they were personally present and did see the Testator therein named sign this Will and did hear him publish, pronounce and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament That at the time of his doing he was to the best of their apprehensions of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding, and that they respectively subscribed their names as Witnesses to this Will, in the presence, and at the request of the Testator, and in the presence of each other. _____

And Sworn to and Subscribed Cephass Dodd John Harris
before me. Isaac Kerr Register Ezekiel Sayre
April 3^d 1812. Letters Testamentary with Copy of the will and probate annexed issued to Thomas Brice and David Sayre, Executors within named, who on same day were duly Sworn. _____ Isaac Kerr Register

Registered and Compared with Original, the 3d day of April, Anno Domini 1812
Isaac Kerr Register