

**Fayette County, Ohio**

**Will of Catharine (Etcher) Caylor**

(1781 – 1850)

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

Peter, son  
John, son  
Rebecca, daughter  
Mary Wright, daughter  
Elizabeth Heper[Hesser?], daughter  
Sarah Hoppes, daughter  
Nancy Merchant, daughter  
Samuel Heper[Hesser?], executor and husband of Elizabeth  
Anthony Wright, executor  
James Bridwell, witness  
Sophia Bridwell, witness and wife of James  
Mrs Alcina King, witness  
I S Bereman, clerk  
Amos Wright, surity  
James Vance, surity  
Martin Grove[s], appraiser  
William Richards, appraiser  
Samuel Coffman, appraiser

The following was transcribed from a photocopy of a transcription of the will recorded in the Fayette County Court House, will book C, page 299-300, Fayette County, Ohio. This transcription is rendered as accurately as possible, including any misspellings.

**Catharine Caylor's Will**

January the 22<sup>nd</sup> 1850. We the undersigned being at Catharine Caylor's and heard her express her wish with regard to what she wanted done with her property after her death it is as follows: 1<sup>st</sup>. She wishes all her live property, moneys and credits, dues and demands to be equally devded among her heirs, excepting as follows: She did not want her son Peter nor John nor her daughter Rebecca to have any part of it. 2<sup>nd</sup>. She said she wanted her household good and furniture devided equally among her daughters, Mary Wright, Elizabeth Heper[Hesser?], Sarah Hoppes and Nancy Merchant, except som few articles of her clothing, which she wished Rebecca to have. 3<sup>rd</sup>. and lastly. She wanted Samuel Heper[Hesser?] and Anthony Wright to

attend to settling all her debts and collecting all her dues, and dispose of it as she has herein directed.

James Bridwell [signed]  
her  
Sophia X Bridwell  
mark  
Alcina King

The State of Ohio,  
Fayette County SS

I, James Bridwell being duly sworn according to law in open Court this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March A.D. 1850, depose and say that I was present at the house of Catharine Caylor on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of January A.D. 1850, that said Catharine Caylor was confined to her bed by her last sickness of which she died some six days afterwards, that she was of sound mind and memory, and under no apparent restraint, and that said Catharine Caylor having sent for me, and requested all to leave the room except Samuel Heper[Hesser?] and his wife, she then requested me to have and make a certain arrangement with said Heper[Hesser?], which was done. She then also proceeded to make known to me her wishes in relation to the disposal of her personal estate after her death, and having made known to me her wish to dispose of said property by will, on the next day, the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January about two o'clock I called upon my wife Sophia and Mrs. Alcina King to come forward as witnesses to her said will. Said Catharine Caylor was still at this time in sound mind and memory, and not under any apparent restraint and proceeded again to state over her wishes as to the disposal of her property as aforesaid, and her ill in relation thereto, which were in substance as stated on the night before, and her will as so expressed was on the same day reduced to writing by Anthony Wright and subscribed by myself Sophia Bridwell and Alcina King as witnesses, and the paper hereto attached, with said names as witnesses, is the paper above referenced to and the last Will of said Catharine Caylor dec<sup>d</sup>. I further state I have no interest in this matter.

James Bridwell [signed]

Subscribed and sworn to in open Court I. S. Bereman, clk

The State of Ohio,  
Fayette County, SS

We Sophia Bridwell and Alcina King being duly sworn in open Court this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March A.D. 1850, at the house of Catharine Caylor, that said Catharine Caylor was then confined to her bed by her last sickness, and under no apparent restraint at the time; and being called upon in the presence of said Catharine Caylor by James Bridwell to witness the disposal of her property as her last will the said Catharine Caylor then proceeded to dispose of her personal property, and we to get a correct understanding conversed with her, and the paper now produced in open Court and subscribed by us and James Bridwell as witnesses, and contained a true statement of the wishes and will of said Catharine Caylor made as aforesaid. We further state we are disinterested in this matter.

her  
Sophia X Bridwell  
mark  
Alcina King

Subscribed and affirmed to in open Court March 30, 1850 I. S. Bereman, Clerk

Thereupon "It is ordered by the Court, That said non cupative Will and Testimony be recorded; Whereupon Samuel Hepper[Hesser?] and Anthony Wright, the Executors in said Will named, appeared in open Court and signified their acceptance of the trust of executing said Will. It is therefore further ordered That Letters Testamentary be issued to them on their giving bonds in the sum of fifteen hundred dollars with Amos Wright and James Vance as sureties, conditioned according to law, and bonds entered into accordingly. The Court appoint Martin Groves, William Richards and Samuel Coffman appraisers of the personal estate of the said Testator."

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