

Gloucester County, New Jersey

Will of John Rodgers

(17?? - 1797)

Transcribed October 2003 by R Stoy

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

Eve (Rodgers), wife
John Rodgers, eldest son
Samuel Scull
Thomas Rodgers
Acquila Jones
Joseph Hugg
James M^cClain [*M^cLean*], executor & son-in-law
Margret (Riddle), daughter
Mary Rodgers, daughter
Catherine (Stoy), daughter
Eve (M^cClain), daughter
Elizabeth Rodgers, daughter
Sarah Rodgers, daughter
Patience Rodgers, daughter
Thomas Thorn, named executor
Joseph Flemming [*Fleming*], named executor
Philip Stoy, executor & son-in-law

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John Rodgers died between 8 October 1797 (writing of will) and 11 Nov 1797 (proving of will).

Let it be Recorded this Eighth day of October 1797 that I John Rodgers of the Township and County of Gloucester in the State of New Jersey [?] being at this time Sick and Weak of Body but of Perfect and Sound Mind and Memory, Thanks be given to Almighty God therefor, Do think fit to Make this my Last Will and testament in Manner following -

First my Will is and I hereby Order that all my Just Debts and funeral Charges be fully paid and Satisfied by my Executors hereafter named as Soon as Conveniently may be After my Decease -

Item I give and Bequeath unto my Beloved Wife Eve Rodgers One Bed and furniture one Pair Chest of Drawers ^one table^ one Chest and one Cow one Heipher, at her Choiss two fat Hogs, thirty bushels of Indian Corn Twenty bushels of rye and I also give my Said Wife the Rent of my House in the fork of the Road Near the Meeting House and five Pounds a year to be paid her Out of the Rent of Land, and Should She Survive and Remain to be my Widdow untill my Sons Arrve to the age of Twenty one Years then Each of them to pay her five pounds a Year During the time She Remains my Widdow and No Longer and Also five Acres of my Green Corn the Rent of the Aforesaid House and the Five Pounds a Year to be paid out of the Rent of Land Yearly So Long as She Remains my Widdow and No Longer the Which I Give her in leu of her Dower, I give and Devise Unto my Son John Rodgers the Plantation that I Purchased of Samuel Scull to him his heirs and Assigns for Ever. I Give and Devise unto my Son Thomas Rodgers that Plantation and Tract of Land that I Purchased of Acquila Jones to him his Heirs and Assigns for ever and my will is and I hereby Order that my Executors build a House on the Land that I Give to my Son Thomas the Cost of Which to be paid out of my Moveable Estate And I Hereby Give and Devise All my Other Lands, Except my Land at Repoppa [*Repaupo, near Gibbstown*] ^and that Land which I bought of Jo^s Hugg^ Unto my two Sons John and Thomas Rodgers to them their Heirs and Assign to be Equally Divided between them Share & Share Alike, and my Will is and I hereby Order that if Either of my aforesaid Sons Should Die before he Arrives to the Age of twenty one then the Survivor of them to have his brothers Share of the Land that I have hereby Given him, I Give and Devise Unto James M^cClain that tract of Land that I bought of Joseph Hugg, he the Said James M^cClain taking up my Obligation that I gave to Joseph Huggs Executor to him His Heirs and Assigns, and if he the Said James M^cClain Should Neglect or Refuse to take up the Said Obligation then my Executors To Sell the Same out in Lots and Apply the Money Arising therefrom as is hereafter Ordered And my Will is and I hereby Order and Authorise my Excutor to Sell my Land & Meadow at Repoppa and to Make a good and Sufficient [?] for the Same and all my Moveable Estate that is not heretofore bequeathed to be Sold and the Money Arising therefrom After my Debts & funeral Charge is Paid to be Equally Divided between my Daughters, and my Elder Son John Rodgers, Namely Margret Riddle Mary Rodgers Catherine Stoy Eve M^cClain Elizabeth Rodgers Sarah Rodgers Patience Rodgers, Share and Share Alike Lastly I Nominate Constitute and Appoint my Trusty Friends Thomas Thorne and Joseph Flemming to be Executors of this my Last Will and Testament hereby Revoking all Other Wills by me heretofore Made Witness my hand and Seal the Day and Year Above Written -

Signed Sealed and Declared by the
Within named John Rodgers to be his
Last Will & Testament in the Presence of
[signed] Rachel Fowler
John [?]
Isaac Tomlinson

[signed] John Rodgers

Notes: One of the witnesses, Isaac Tomlinson, swore to the signing of the will on 11 Nov 1797.

Isaac Thorn declined to be an executor of the will on 24 Nov 1797.

Joseph H Fleming declined to be an executor of the will on 30 Nov 1797 - this communication came from Philadelphia.

On 24 Nov 1797, James McLean and Philip Stoy became the executors of the will of John Rodgers. They carried out the approval of the inventory. Philip Stoy signed

documents in two places, and we can compare his signature with that of other instances of his writing.

Robert Stoy Document