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William Hoogland
Will & Inventory
Compared
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Hunterdon 1800
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In the name of God Amen. I William Hogaland of the township of Kingwood County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey: Being weak in Body but in perfect mind and memory (Blessed be God therefore) Do this twenty-fifth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety nine; make and publish this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say) first and principally I command my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave of me and my Body to the Earth from Whence it came to Be Buried in a decent Christian Like manner at the Discretion of my Executor herin after named, in hopes of a Joyfull Resurrection throug the Merits of my Saviour Jesus Christ, And as for that Worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this Life; I Dispose thereof as follows: first my Will is that my Wearing apparel be Equally Divided by and between my four sons Derick, William, John and Joseph; as they may Best agree by Casting Lots or otherwise. Second I order and Direct my Executor herin after named as soon as conveniant after my Deceas to sell the whole of my Estate Both Real and personal to the Best advantage by Vendue or otherwise impowering my said Executor to Execute a good Deed of Conveyance for my Real Estate to the purchaser and to pay my funeral charges and Just Debts out of the sale of my Estate; third the Residue and Remainder of the moneys arising from the sale I order and Direct my said Executor to Dispose of in the following manner (that is to say) Item I give to my son William Hogaland twenty pounds to be paid to him in one year after my Deceas; Item I give and Bequeath to my Grand son William Hogland son of my son Isaac Hogaland Deceased the sum of thirty pounds to be paid to him in two years after my Deceas and Likewise one Windmill and one Irontooth Harrow that is now in his possession; Item I give and Bequeath to my Daughter Mary the Wife of William Allen the sum of fifty pounds to be paid to her Eighteen months after my Deceas. Item I give and Bequeath to my Daughter Sarah the wife of William Taylor the sum of fifty pounds to be paid to her in two years after my Deceas.

Item I give and Bequeath to my Daughter Rachel the Wife of Thomas West the sum of fifty pounds to be paid to her in two years after my Deceas.

Item I give and Bequeath to my Grand Daughter Rebeckah Hogland Daughter of Edmond Hogland Deceased the sum of five pounds to be paid to her when she Becomes of age.

Item I give and Bequeath to my Grand Son Samuel Hogaland son of my son Edmond Hogland Deceased the sum of five pounds to be paid to him when he arives to the age of twenty one years.

Item I give and Bequeath to my Grand Son John Hogaland son of my son Edmond Hogland Deceased the sum of five pounds to be paid to him when he arives to the age of twenty one years;

Item I give and Bequeath to my three sons Derick Hogland, John Hogland and Joseph Hogland the Residue and Remainder of the moneys arising from the sale of my Estate not heretofore Disposed off to be paid to them Equally shear and shear alike as soon as the moneys arising by the sale can be collected and the specific Legacies paid

And if either of my children should die before they should have received his or her Legacee or Dividen agreeable to this my Will then and in such case I order and Direct such Legacee or Dividen to be paid to the children of such Deceased Legatee shear and shear alike or to their Legal Representative.

And I do make ordain constitute and appoint my friend Richard Opdyke Estate Executor of this my Testament and Last Will Disalowing Disanuling and Revoking all former or other Testaments wills Bequests Legacies and Executors Ratofieing and confirming this and no other to be my Testament and Last Will. In Witness Whereof I the said William Hogaland have to this my Last Will and Testament set my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Signed sealed published and Declared by the said William Hogaland as and for his Last Will and Testament in the presents of us whose names are hereunder who did each of us subscribe our names as witnesses at his Request and in his presents [signatures:]
Doughty Stockton William Hoogland
John Bray
William West

John Bray, William West, two of the witnesses to the foregoing Will, being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, did severally depose & say, that they saw William Hoogland, the Testator therein named, sign & seal the same, and heard him publish pronounce & declare the foregoing writing to be his last Will and Testament; and that at the doing thereof the said Testator was of sound & disposing mind & memory as far as these Deponents know and as they verily believe, and that Doughty Stockton the other subscribing Evidenees, was present at the same time & signed his name as a witness to the said Will, together with these Deponents, in the presence of the said Testator.

Sworn at Flemington this 5th day of February A.D. 1800 before me

[signed] John Bray William West

[signed] Jacob Benjamin Surrogate

Richard Opdycke sole Executor of the foregoing Testament named being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, did depose & say, that the foregoing Instrument contains the true last Will & Testament of William Hoogland, the Testator therein named so far as he knows & as he verily believes; that he will well & truly perform the same by paying first the Debts of the said Deceased and then the Legacies in the said Testament specified, so far as the Goods chattels & Credits of the said Deceased can thereunto extend; and that he will make and exhibit into the Prerogative offices at Trenton as true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the Goods chattels and credits of the said Deceased, that have or shall come to his Knowledge or Possession, or to the Possession of any other Person or Persons for his use, and render a just and true account when thereunto lawfully required.

Sworn at Flemington this 5th Day of February A.D. 1800 before me

[signed] Richard Opdycke

[signed] Jacob Benjamin

Surrogate

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Notes:

- (1) Original archaic and erroneous spellings have been preserved. Capitalization and punctuation may differ slightly from the original.
- (2) Doughty Stockton is probably the same person whose own will was "Sworn to by witnesses, Dec. 28, 1811." He was from Amwell, Hunterdon Co., NJ. (New Jersey Calendar of Wills—1810-1813, p.361)
- (3) William's daughter, Rachel, who married Thomas West, had a daughter, Mary West, who married Wilson Bray. I don't know where John Bray fits into this but he is very likely related to Wilson.
- (4) William West might be the father of Thomas West (pure speculation).