

William Hoogland's Will

In the name of God Amen. I William Hoogland 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 recommend my soul into the Hands of Almighty God who gave it 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 herein after named, in hopes of a joyful Resurrection through 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 herein after Named as soon as convenient after my Decease to sell the whole of my Estate both real and personal to the best advantage, by vendue or otherwise empowering 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 Decease; Item I give and bequeath to my Grand son William Hogland son of my son Isaac Hogland Deceased, the Sum of Thirty pounds to be paid to him in two years after my Decease, and likewise one Wind mill 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 in eighteen months after my decease. 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 Decease. 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 Rebecca 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 Grandson Samuel Hogaland son of my son Edmond Hogaland deceased the sum of five pounds to be paid to him when he arrives to the age of twenty one years. Item I give and bequeath to my Grandson John Hogaland son of my son Edmond Hogaland deceased the sum of five pounds to be paid to him when he arrives 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 Legatee or Dividen agreeable to this my Will then and in such case I order and direct such Legacy 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 sole Executor of this my Testament and last Will Disallowing Disanuling and revoking all former or other Testaments Wills, Bequests Legacees and Executors Ratefieing 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. William Hoogland {seal} 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 Doughty Stockton, John Bray, William West. The foregoing Will being proved in the usual form before Jacob Benjamin Esqr. Surrogate for the County of Hunterdon on the 5th day of February 1800 by John Bray and William West two of the subscribing witnesses to the said will. Probate was granted by his Excellency Richard Howell Esqr. unto Richard Opdycke sole Executor in the said will named, he having been first duly sworn, well and truley to perform the same, Exhibit a true and perfect Inventory and render a just and true account when thereunto lawfully required. Given under the Prerogative Seal the Day and year last aforesaid. John Beatty Reg. Compared.

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- Original archaic and erroneous spellings have been preserved. Capitalization and punctuation may differ slightly from the original.