

Joseph Rhoads' Will

In the name of God Amen.

I Joseph Rhoads of the county of Muhlenberg being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given unto God, calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hand of God that gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in decent christian burial at the discretion of my executors, nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive

the same again by the mighty power of God. And as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give demise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

First I give and bequeath to Elizabeth my dearly beloved wife this plantation that I now live on to be hers her life time together with my household goods and stock.

Secondly to my eldest sons Jacob and Henry Rhoads I give and bequeath that plantation on Mud River freely to dispose of as they see cause.

Thirdly to my two sons John and Daniel Rhoads I give and bequeath that plantation adjoining this that I now live on which I bought of Roberson to be theirs freely to dispose of as they see cause.

Fourthly to my daughters, Mary and Andrew Hunsaker I give and bequeath that 200 acres of land adjoining Jacob Severs, Sr., to be theirs freely to dispose of as they see cause.

Fifthly to my daughters Hannah, Elizabeth, Catharine and Rachel Rhoads I give and bequeath the plantation that I now live on to be theirs after my wife's death to be equally divided amongst them.

Sixthly I give and bequeath to my

two oldest sons to Jacob and Henry Rhoads 20 acres
 of land in Pennsylvania Fayette County to be
 theirs freely to dispose of as they see cause
 this being my last will and testament all
 freely to be possessed and enjoyed. and I do
 hereby utterly disallow revoke and disannul
 all and every other former testaments wills
 legacies bequests and executors by me in
 any wise before formed willed and bequeathed
 ratifying and confirming this and no
 other to be my last will and testament
 In witness whereof I have hereunto set
 my hand and seal this seventeenth
 day of September In the year of Our Lord
 One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety
 Nine.

The above will and my last
 testament I appoint Solomon Rhoads
 and Daniel Rhoads and my wife
 Elizabeth to be the executors of my will
 Signed in the presence and sealed.

Joseph Rhoads *Seal*
 Tested in presence of us. Henry Rhoads
 Henry ^{his} Right Andrew ^{his} X ^{mark} Hunsaker Solomon
 Rhoads.

Muhlenberg County Sch.

November Term 1799.

The last will and testament of Joseph
 Rhoads Dec'd was produced in court
 and proved by the oaths of Henry Rhoads
 and Solomon Rhoads subscribing witnesses
 thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Att. Chs. F. King.